

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

**First Reading** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean.

The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11. R. v.7*

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation**

### Second Reading<sup>1</sup> Cor 10:31 – 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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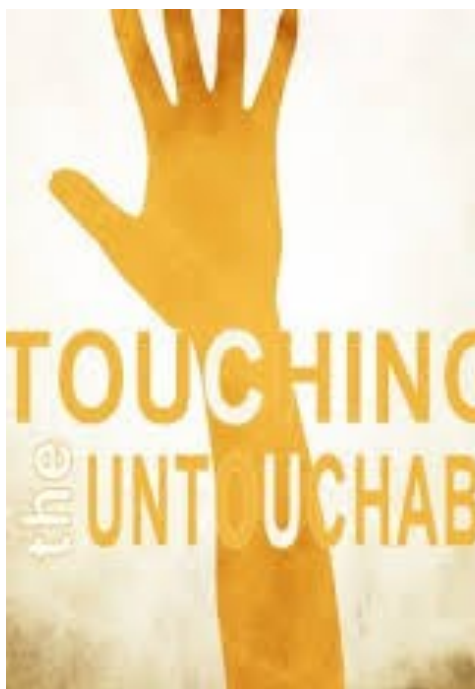
## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### Jesus outcast for us

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper! This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, outside the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, insiders with God. We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'.

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**For The  
Celebration of the  
Word and The  
Eucharist**



**Cenacle Prayer:** Tues at 4.45pm in Church  
**Lenten Program—**  
After 9 am Mass starting  
Wednesday 17th Feb  
**Walk in the Spirit Lenten-Renewal—**Thursday 18th—25th March 7.30 pm—9.30pm  
**Craft Group—**Thursdays 10 am  
**Men Alive—**1st & 3rd Wed Wed 17th Feb, Wed 3 Mar  
**Singalong—**Mondays 1pm  
**Adoration—**Every Friday at 5.30pm  
**Reconciliation—**Saturday 9.30  
**Wrap With Love—**Wed 24th February, 11am

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time-YEAR B

### Jesus Touched the Untouchable

In Jesus' time, persons with leprosy, were incarcerated from the society, unable to touch and be touched by others.

Leprosy was a horrendous skin disease, highly contagious with no known cure and associated with death and sin. The leper was as a dead man walking. Consequently, such people were condemned to live always in permanent isolation, quarantined, out of town far away from others including family and friends (Num. 5:1-4). This is a familiar language and experience during this ongoing COVID times.



This weekend, Jesus touched one of them. We can imagine the panic amongst the crowd milling around Jesus, as the leper forthrightly approaches – especially as he was likely shouting "*Unclean, unclean*" as the Mosaic Law required of him (Lev 13:45). At least the man would have had a clear path to Jesus whom he passionately believed could cure him, indeed an astounding conviction on the leper's part. Perhaps he saw that there is much more to this man, Jesus, than first appears to be? Maybe he is the new Moses the Jews had all been waiting for? The man must have known that his healing would need a miracle, for only God could remove leprosy (Ex 4:4-7).

In faith the leper is appealing to God through Jesus, to get closer to him, to have contact with him, to seek his mercy. Jesus is clearly moved by the kneeling man's suffering, humility, and faith: "*If you wish, you can make me clean.*" "*I do so wish, be clean!*" Jesus then mercifully touched the man (thereby dispelling any necessary connection between suffering and personal sin), telling him to present himself to the Levitical priest who will judge whether the man is clean or unclean, according to the Mosaic Law. (Lev 13:2,44) Also, Jesus asks the man to keep quiet about his healing as likely he wished to avoid overt publicity at the early stage of his ministry.

However, his healing experience was just too much for the man to keep quiet about it for, not only was he cured of a terrible disease, he now has a new life, able to touch and be touched –so he tells everyone he meets. The word spreads like wildfire as people wonder what sort of man is this that can cure leprosy. What else can he cure?

This is the same reason we have for saying any prayers at all that rise-up from the depths of our own faith! Whilst we may not be bodily broken or spiritually shattered. We may experience brokenness in our relationships, or unmet commitments, unrealised dreams, failed ambitions – you know, "*If only...*". We do not despair! Rather, taking our cue from the person with leprosy, we confidently pray directly to Jesus in faith that he may touch and restore us to wholeness. "*If you wish...*" "*I do so wish...*"

We are re-assured this weekend that there is nothing that attracts the love of God more than the cry of a soul in distress. "*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!*" Healing infirmities or forgiving sins, Jesus always responds to a prayer offered in faith: "*your faith has made you well; go in peace.*" (CCC 2616). Remember, Jesus came to touch the untouchable and love the unlovable.

**Fr. Martins**



**Pope Francis  
Monthly Prayer  
Intentions  
February 2021**

**Violence Against Women**  
We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and

**WEEKLY MASS TIMES**

**Tues 16th:** 5.30 Mass  
**Wed 17th:** 9am Mass & 5.30pm (Ash Wednesday)  
**Thurs 18th:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 19th:** 9.15am Mass  
**Sat 20th:** 9am Rosary/Mass 9.30am Recon 6pm Mass  
**Sun 21st:** 9am Mass 5pm Mass 5PM Family & YouthMass

**ROSTERS**

**13/14 February 2021**  
**Church Cleaning**  
M deSmet/J Maher(15-19)  
**Welcomers**  
6pm K Conway  
9am L Page  
5pm D Ebejer  
**Commentator**  
6pm M Bridges  
9am C Lowe  
5pm S Ebejer  
**Readers**  
6pm P Billington  
9am M Lowe  
5pm J O'Sullivan  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
6pm J Wain  
9am L Stevens  
6pm Y Oerder  
**Computer Screen**  
6pm T Jackson  
9am, D May  
5pm M O'Neill

**Resigntrans**  
6pm J McCarthy/J Wain  
9am G Norris/B Basevi  
5pm M deSmet

**20/21 February 2021**  
**Church Cleaning**  
B Coffey/M Paine (22-26)  
**Welcomers**  
6pm School  
9am C Connell  
5pm M deSmet  
**Commentator**  
6pm School  
9am A Brown  
5pm A Horsfall  
**Readers**  
6pm School  
9am A Skinner  
5pm M O'Neill  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
6pm School  
9am Tara Cashman  
5pm M Devine  
**Computer Screen**  
6pm K Conway  
9am T Priest  
5pm J O'Sullivan

**REGISTRARS**  
6pm M & S Beashel  
9am G & M Weatherall  
5pm N Beatty



**ASH WEDNESDAY IS HERE...**

On Wednesday (February 17) we begin the Lenten Season with the distribution of the Ashes at various liturgies during the day. We are implored to **“Repent and believe the Good News!”** Symbolic of the times in which we are living, the ritual for the distribution of the Ashes may vary – there so much for us to continue to adapt to but yet so little when we reflect on people’s lives across our world.

During this season and especially on Ash Wednesday we can reflect on what could be called *‘the smouldering ashes of our faith’* which may be *‘burning low’* and need some stirring (Rolheiser: 2021). We can stir our faith through increased focus on prayer both personal and communal, perhaps just sitting, making time and being still to listen to God, by giving alms (remembering the poor and marginalised) and ‘giving up’ something as a penance or perhaps ‘taking up’ something that makes a difference in our world in God’s name.

**Our Parish Lenten Theme for 2021 is HOPE.** So, during this Lenten Season let us accept God’s invitation to be **People of Hope** and to trust in our God to sustain us during these 40 days of reflection and preparing our ourselves ‘body, spirit, soul and mind’ to be more faithful followers of Jesus who is ‘the way, the truth and the life’ (Jn:14:6).

**Loving God as we begin our Lenten Journey, we open our hearts to being People of Hope. We ask you to strengthen our resolve, as we commit to renewing our faith in You.**

**AN INVITATION TO YOUTH & FAMILY MASS**

We would like to invite you and your family to celebrate Youth and Family Mass at St Bernard’s Church every Sunday at 5pm. All are welcome and we endeavour to engage and encourage the participation of children and their families in all aspects of the liturgy.

*‘Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity’ (1 Timothy 4:12 )*



**Gathering: ‘Resilience through Loss and Grief’**

All Parishioners are invited to attend this Gathering on **Tues Feb 23, 2021**, 9am registration for 9-30am start – 12-30pm in St Bernard’s Church. **Facilitator:** Bruce Chan BA [Psych].

**Cost:** Free. Funded by ‘Mary MacKillop Today’

**You must register to attend by Monday Feb 15** – Ring Marie Weatherall: 0405 028 057 or email: [mariet51@bigpond.com](mailto:mariet51@bigpond.com) or sign the sheet in the Foyer of the Church. Please bring plate if you are able. This Gathering is open to the general Community so don’t miss out!



**A CUPPA WITH MARY MACKILLOP**

Join Sr Marie in an everyday spiritual reflection using ‘The Little Brown Book’. Quotations from Mary MacKillop and the Bible.

**Where: St Joseph House When: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February Time:10am – 11am All are welcome**

**Retreat with Sr Maureen McDermott rsj. 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> March**

**‘Come Away and Rest Awhile’ (Mk 6:31) A 3 day silent, guided retreat with an opportunity to pause and reflect as we invite God to renew and refresh us as we continue to live with the reality of Covid 19. Although these Retreats were originally for the Sisters I invite any parishioners to share in part or all of these days. We are in a stage of looking at the future of St Joseph’s House and finding ways to keep it productive beginning this year.**



**2021 PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM**

After discussions at the Parish Liturgy Meeting it was decided that this year there will be two opportunities to attend a Lenten program.

**Wednesday morning, Comfort Lenten Program** beginning 17<sup>th</sup> February after 9.00 am Mass till 24<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Meeting Room.  
**Facilitated by Sr Marie**

**Thursday evening ‘Walk in the Spirit, Lenten Renewal Experience’** 18<sup>th</sup> February – 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm – 9.30 pm

Led by Archbishop Prowse via livestreaming every Thursday during Lent. Walk in the Spirit is open to all desiring a new Lenten renewal experience. Talks, prayer, sharing and Encounter nights. Register and find out more at <https://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-thee-spirit/>

This will be done at home and for the 5<sup>th</sup> Session there will be an opportunity to join a hub on Thursday 18th March 7.30pm in the Church Meeting Room.  
**PLEASE CLAIM THE DATE!!**

Please use this link to go directly to the live stream;  
**Walk in the Spirit**

**Bible Study ... ‘Enjoy the Good News’ will continue after Easter.**

*You're  
Invited*

A Welcome Morning Tea will be held on Sunday 14th February 2021 after the 9 am Mass to welcome our Seminarian Mark Ha and the Youth Minister Liarna Miller to the Parish. Everyone is welcome to join with us in warmly welcoming Mark and Liarna to the Parish.

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

Sunday 14th—St Cyril, monk ; St Methodius, bishop  
Wednesday 17th—Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order & ASH WEDNESDAY

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 there will only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.** If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

**Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786 Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name**

**Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank**  
If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard’s Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds. Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

**Remembering the Sick:**

Antony and Andrew, Kathryn King, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

**Death Anniversaries:** John Law, Siegfried Baoler, Willam Honan, Brian O'Grady, John Law, Roman Kachykyh, Robert Brown, Bruce Sandry, Brian O'Grady, Mirko Baresic,

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Joan Logue., Sue-Anne Clarke, Maree Spillane, Rosemary Cooley, Malgorzata Colebrook, Te Otinga Te Kowhai Brennan, Pam O'Keefe, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher, Kenneth Torkington, Shirley Keir, Ken Bow, Steven Thomas, Maureen Kinross, Ian McAdam, Jan Schor, Pio Liberale, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey,



**COFFEE CLUB**  
**Thursdays after the 9am Mass**  
**Venue: Corrigans Cove**

**The Marriage Kit - Online Seminar**

Join us for a six-week workshop series for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship. This initiative is in partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton.

**START DATE: MONDAY EVENING - 15 FEBRUARY**  
**COURSE COST: \$25**  
**FIND OUT MORE:**

[www.smartloving.org/rockhampton](http://www.smartloving.org/rockhampton)

**Order of Malta**

Frank from the Order will be here this Saturday at the 6pm Mass if anyone would like to chat with him.

<p>Batemans Bay, Moruya &amp; Narooma</p> <p><b>District Funerals</b></p> <p>Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director</p> <p>Phone 02 4472 8886</p> <p>Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888</p>	<p><b>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</b></p> <p>1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay</p> <p>Buy fuel any time</p> <p>ETPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
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<p><b>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</b></p> <p>Fish &amp; Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches &amp; Coffee</p> <p><b>100% BEEF BURGER</b></p> <p>248 Beach Road Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p> <p><b>02 4472 1802</b></p>	<p><b>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>ENROLLING NOW</b></p> <p><b>Ph 4472 4446</b></p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>
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<p><b>CARROLL COLLEGE</b></p> <p><b>ENROLLING NOW</b></p> <p><b>Ph 4471 5600</b></p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>	<p><b>excell</b> Ideaspeople — with a passion for print</p> <p>P 4472 1599</p> <p>E batemansbay@excellprint.com.au www.excellprint.com.au</p> <p>Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p>
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<p>Ray and Anne Brown</p> <p><b>COASTAL</b></p> <p><b>CONCRETE &amp; QUARRY</b></p> <p><b>02 4474 0320</b></p>	<p>Kate &amp; Tara your vets at Surf Beach</p> <p><b>EUROCOAST</b> Veterinary Centre</p> <p><b>4471 3400</b></p>
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