

The Living Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 February 2024

First Reading Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

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.'

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.

1. 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. *(R.)*
2. By 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. *(R.)*
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

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 Jew 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.

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

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.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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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Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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GOULBURN MISSION

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Saturday ---- 6pm SPP Goulburn
6pm Taralga

Sunday ----- 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)
9am (Crookwell)

Binda - 10.30am (1st Sunday)

Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)

Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)

Tuena - **Nil until further notice**

Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

CONFESSIONS

SPP: 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 5.15pm

OLOF: Sat. 9.30am -10am

Taralga: 5.30pm (1st Sat)Crookwell: 8.30am (2nd Sun)**ADORATION & BENEDICTION:**

11am Friday SPP

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),

Wed, Thurs Fri - 12md (SPP)

Sat 9am (OLOF)

PPC & PFC for Crookwell and Taralga: For those parishioners who are interested in in Parish pastoral Council or Parish Finance committee, please contact Fr Joshy by 12 February: joshy.kurien@cg.org.au

DATES FOR THE DIARYFEB 12: Crookwell Morning Tea **10.30 am** Parish Room

FEB 14: Crookwell sacramental program enrolment

FEB 15 Goulburn sacramental program enrolment

FEB 21: Taralga Prayer group **10am** in the Convent

FEB 22: Lenten study group SPP Pres. 6.30 pm

FEB 23: Steel City Strings **6.30pm** Cello quartet SPPFEB 29: Chamber Philharmonia Cologne **7pm** in SPP

MAR 1: World Day Of Prayer

MAR 16: ST Joseph's Motor pilgrimage **4pm -6pm****MISSION NOTICES****Survey For vigil times:** due next Friday the 16th.**World Day of Prayer**

10am on 1st March at the Uniting Church Goldsmith St. This year's World Day of Prayer was prepared by the Christian women of Palestine before the present conflict began. Palestinian Christians have a family history stretching back over two thousand years but describe their church as "**a living church with a special mission and vocation**".

Parish Volunteers Information Meeting

"*The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few*". Please come along, even if you are still searching an apt ministry that can support and enhance our parish community. **Tuesday 20th February at 7.00 pm 36 Verner St, Cathedral Presbytery.** All are welcome.

A very Happy Birthday to Sr Beatrice Boller RSJ who is celebrating her **100th birthday** on Saturday, 10th February. Thank you Sr Beatrice for your witness and selfless service of 80 years as a religious sister. May God bless you.

ASH WEDNESDAY Mass Times

SPP: 10am school Mass, 6pm Parish Mass

Crookwell: 9.30 Mass

Taralga: 6pm Mass

Lenten prayer group: will begin at SPP presbytery on Thursday 22 February at **6.30 pm**.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent:**10.00am:** Taralga**4.00pm:** SPP, Crookwell

Recently Deceased: Rohna Mead, Christopher Hardman, Alan Warldin, Gloria Orton, Joan Percy, Stanley Edgington, Alf Yeardon, Kevin Neville, Betty Lindner, Beryl Reid, Raymon Finnegan, Kevin King, Rose Liardet, Anthony Smith,

Anniversaries: Alice Bogg, SR. M. Barbara Fogarty, Maureen Doherty, James Doherty, Bryan Kennedy, Father Blake, Margot Brewis, Wilma Hewitt, Ignacio Juaniza, Gordon Boyd, Noel Elliott, Marlene Elliott, Russell Croker, Mary Maloney, Ian Maloney, Lesley Croker, Pat Thistleton, Gerard Thistleton, Dan Corry, Jack McGann, John McDonald, Elsie McLaughlin, Rudolf Froncek, Robert Taylor Phillip Anable, Theresia Cracium, Deceased members of the Coffey, Anable and Cracium families, Sandra Collins, Pat Miller, Pat Larcombe, Ellen Writer, Lorna Lyons, Nita Price, Ruby Thorn,

Prayers: John Gerathy, Jacinta Ojwang, Bill Bourke, Bruce and Lyn Pincott, Gerard Conroy, Paul Hollands, Ruth Kirsten Read, Sr. Marie Kearns, A. Taylor Jr, Ojwang Family,

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Happy New Year

who packs your parachute?

The year 2024 began with the Solemnity of Mary the



Mother of God. Many who participated the New Year Mass asked me to publish the homily of the day. So, I thought to share some of it with you all. "Air Commodore Tim

was a Jet Pilot. In a combat mission his fighter plane was destroyed by a missile. He however ejected himself and parachuted safely. He won acclaims and appreciations from many. After five years one day he was sitting with his wife in a restaurant. A man from another table came to him and said "You're Captain Tim! You flew jet fighters. You were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Tim. "I packed your parachute," the man smiled and replied. Tim gasped in surprise and gratitude and thought if parachute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today. Tim couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. He wondered how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, he was proud that he was a fighter pilot and that person was just a safety worker". **So, friends, who is packing your parachute?** Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. We need many kinds of parachutes- we need the physical parachute, the mental parachute, the emotional parachute, and the spiritual parachute.

We call on all these supports before reaching safety. Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize the people who pack your parachute. There are many people who pack my parachute this year one way or the other- through your words, deeds, prayers etc!! I don't want to take any of you for granted."

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
may the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
may the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace (Num 6:24).

Fr Joshy

The Benefits of Volunteering

There are a number of volunteering opportunities in our Parish, enabling us to get involved and give back to our local Church community.

In addition to assisting the Church, by volunteering we are also able to gain positive outcomes such as increasing our social relationships and gaining an understanding of how other people live. In addition, research shows how volunteering can have positive impact on our physical and emotional health as we increase our sense of purpose, level of happiness and life satisfaction. Volunteering has also been shown to reduce stress which impacts on our physical health and increase positive and relaxed feelings. Furthermore, it provides the volunteer with a sense of purpose.

Recently, a variety of Ministry volunteering opportunities through the Parish have been advertised in The Living Word. If you are interested in any of these or are aware of other opportunities that need to be attended to, please contact Heather at the Parish office on 0403631797 and have a discussion with her.

Another Successful Bunnings Cathedral BBQ

What a wonderful way we were able to end the year! A special thank-you to Suzie Duffy, the Bunnings Activities Organiser for offering us the opportunity to run the Bunnings Cathedral BBQ on 30 December. Thank you also to all those who gave their time working at the BBQ. The team included Dennis and Chanel Burke, Heather Moss, Irene Picker, Joe and Eileen Attard, Sarah and Anne Craig, Sr Janet, Claire Thackeray, Dorothy Brewer, Marlene Eggleston, Di Green, Jason Shepherd and Julianne Walker. Thanks to their hard work a total of \$1184, including donations, was made. Hopefully we will be offered another Bunnings BBQ timeslot in the near future.



The hard-working team at the Bunnings Cathedral BBQ on 30 December

Women's Morning Tea

The women who attended the Morning Tea on 3 February were very lucky to hear a presentation on the life of their patron, Mary MacKillop by Sr Virginia Bourke, Sister of St Joseph.

Sr Virginia outlined how Mother Mary of the Cross, as she became known was the foundress of the Order of St Joseph. Mary and her Sisters were committed to teaching children in the outback, caring for isolated bush women and children, expectant mothers, and supporting all regardless of their race or religion. The Sisters established more than 40 schools for the poor as well as orphanages and homes for the destitute. Even the toughest of men loved Mary and sought her counsel. She was able to stand firm against narrow-minded people and went to Rome where she had her cause approved by the Pope.



Sr Virginia also told us many of Mary MacKillop's quotes including: "Let no obstacle deter us from proceeding with courage (1893)", "Have courage no matter what your crosses are (1890)", "God will protect and work with us (1885)" and "Never see a cause without doing something about it" to name just a few of the quotes. We are very grateful to Sr Virginia who gave an excellent presentation that generated much discussion.

Because of the increasing number of women attending our Morning Tea it has become necessary for us to seek a larger venue. We will keep you informed of the change before our next meeting 2 March. If you wish to receive personal information regarding our meetings, please contact Chanel on chanelb@bigpond.com

Thank you to those people who contributed to this

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Ash Wednesday

On 14th February we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the start the season of Lent. The ashes we can receive symbolize the dust from which God made us. We accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. The ashes are made from



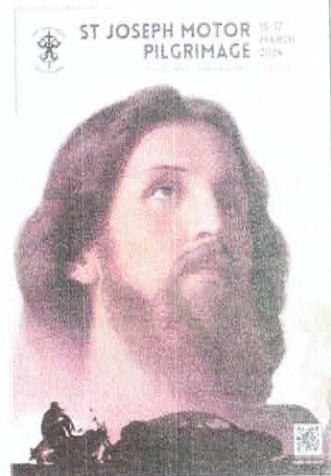
blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

For 40 days during Lent, we give special attention to prayer, fasting and almsgiving where we are committed to helping others as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

St. Joseph Motor Pilgrimage

The men of the Goulburn Mission have been invited to participate in the St Joseph Motor Pilgrimage in March 2024. The 33 Day Consecration to St Joseph commences on 14 March via zoom and video ahead of the Pilgrimage. Men are encouraged to join the 3 days of cars, bikes, men's gatherings, prayer, worship, mass, keynote speakers, small group discussions and fellowship across the (Arch) Diocese of

Bathurst/Orange, Canberra/Goulburn and Sydney. In Goulburn, on Saturday 16 March, following 6pm Mass celebrated by Fr Tony Percy at St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, dinner is



planned to occur at Cascades restaurant, 77 Lagoon St where there will be a presentation by Fr Percy and time for fellowship. The following morning the group will ride/drive, heading for Sydney via Macquarie Pass, Albion Park and Stanwell Tops.

Those men who are interested in gaining more information so they can make a decision regarding possible involvement please contact the parish office on 0403 631 797.