

**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.



# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 FEBRUARY 2021

## COMPASSION FINDS A WAY

One of the painful learnings we have had from COVID 19 is just how difficult it is to deal with contagious diseases. In Ancient Israel they had learned that quarantining people suffering from skin diseases was necessary until they could be declared by priests ready to safely return to the community. For lepers and those who loved them, it was a brutally painful experience of fear, isolation, and rejection.

In the Gospel today a leper has heard about Jesus and in his desperation risks his life, and the health of others, by entering the city. Falling to his knees he pleads with Jesus to be healed. In his boundless compassion for the man, Jesus reaches out and touches him. In doing this Jesus takes the extraordinary step of making himself an outsider. Healed by Jesus, the man can now be declared fit to return safely to the community. His life has been returned to him and while Jesus has commanded him to be silent, he simply cannot hold it in – the good news of Jesus cannot be contained. At the end of the episode, an outsider has been brought back home and now Jesus has become an outsider himself, and that's where everyone can find him.

Not seeking our own good, but the good of others by not causing them scandal or harm was a lesson Paul was trying to teach the community of Christians in Corinth. Jesus' compassion leads him to reach out to all those in need. Paul hopes that his Christians will live their lives in the same way.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Lev 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 leprosy: 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.

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

**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. 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. **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

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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lk 7: 16

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

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# Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

NEW Sunday Mass Times beginning 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020:

8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) and 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Recently Deceased:** Rumsey Mangano, Norah Byrne

**Our Deceased:** Joan McMullen, Lewis George Saunders, Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Felix Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O’ Connor, Pigott, Stewart, Arch & Casey families; John Davidson, Eugenio R Avila Jr, Mavis Field, Lorraine McDougall



**Our Sick:** Agnes, Heru Ie, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw, Mercy Candido

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

**Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent.** Masses will be at 7.30am, 9.15am and 6pm. Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday right after the 5pm Mass during Lent.

### PARISH NEWS:

- **From 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, our parish can now have up to 260 people at any one time subject to the 1 person per 2sq metre rule. Face mask is no longer mandatory but strongly encouraged.**
- To help us prepare and reflect on the scriptures during Lent, we will be offering the **Heartbeat Lenten Program** again this year. For those interested in participating or leading a small group, contact the parish office or email: [parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au](mailto:parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au).
- Due to Ash Wednesday next week, the **Men’s Prayer Hour has been moved to 6:30pm on Tues, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb in the Holy Family Chapel.** All men invited. ☎ Lou Youssef 0400 303 733
- **Men’s Prayer Breakfast:** The next gathering will be on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7am, Haseler Centre. This will be the first week of Lent. All men are welcomed. Info: Lou Youssef 0400 303 733
- **Enrolment is now open for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Program.** Visit: <https://www.stkevinseastwood.org.au/reconciliation/>. Children must be in Year 3 or above and baptised Catholic. **Presentation Mass for First Reconciliation Candidates will be on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Feb during Vigil Mass or Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Feb at the 9:30am Mass. For more info ☎ 9874 2533 or E: [parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au](mailto:parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au)**
- **Liturgical rosters will be updated soon.** Contact the parish office for any changes.
- **We are encouraging everyone to use the NSW Government issued QR code to register on entry.** However, in cases where parishioners are unable to use the QR code, please sign-in manually. Weekend and weekday Masses are on a first come, first served basis. **Congregational singing is still suspended until further notice.** Observe physical distancing. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave.

### SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION:

Our new Parish Safeguarding Support Officer is Eugene Lobo. Eugene has a background in Safety & Compliance and will be assisting the parish to ensure that we comply with the

Archdiocese’s Child Protection requirements. Eugene may contact parish volunteers to ensure that we have your current WWCC and other essential information on file as required by the Archdiocese’s Safeguarding Office. Your timely cooperation will be much appreciated.

### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples, A Lenten Companion:** Parishes around Sydney have received copies of a Lenten program for use by individuals & parish groups to meditate upon the foundations of spiritual renewal. **Copies available in the church foyer.**
- **Palms Australia:** Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. For more info visit: [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) or call (02) 9560 5333 or email: [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

### FR MARTIN MAUNSELL’S REFLECTION:

#### **AUTHORITY & GREATNESS!**

I recall many years a great rugby league coach (Jack Gibson) says about one of his prized players; “He is so special because he is the one player who other players in the team most like to play with as he has the ability and attitude to consistently brings out the best in others.” I thought at the time what a wonderful thing to be remembered by!

The great Christian writer G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936) wrote; “that true greatness in life is simply the ability to enable people to feel great about themselves.” The English word *great* evolved from the Latin word *augere* meaning to make things grow. The constant and profound difference in the leadership of Jesus of Nazareth compared to the many other religious leaders of his time is how he enabled the people he led to feel about themselves. Jesus talked with people and not down to them by way of sharing great life stories, he called the people who he led *friends*. Constantly he gently inspired people to move from one stage of life to a better stage such as the infamous tax collector *Zacchaeus*. When he corrected people, he did so with integrity combined with a genuine concern for their wellbeing.

Saint Mark summed up this reality well by these words; “that his teaching unlike that of the scribes made a deep impression on people as he taught with true authority.” (Mark Ch. 1 v21)

### NEXT WEEK’S ROSTER – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – J Chung)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	A Rahme	A Condoleon	V Chapman	T Jonas
Junior Servers	K David W Darmadi		A Butler T Hanna	C Brix-Nielsen A Brix-Nielsen
Readers	R: P David C: L Laybutt	R: L Scully C: P Porta	R: V Harvey C: L Butler	R: D Lalic C: N Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	S Zavesky F Reay	L Bergfield A Blomfield	J Graziano C Campagna	D Brix-Nielsen A Brix-Nielsen