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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 11th February 2024

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

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. 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 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

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.

A VOCATION VIEW

Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society? Who will come forward to minister Christ today?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 7:16

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

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.

Project Compassion Sunday



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations.**

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Dear Parish Family

Some thoughts to ponder for this week,

Our human nature needs the comfort and support of a family, loved ones or neighbours so that we may always find strength. But when a person is made to live in a society, surrounded by isolation or misery, compelled to live a life apart must be the hardest lot that could befall a human being. The sad lot that befell those who were sick, infected or considered public sinners during the time of Jesus. This should remind us of the recent pandemic that we too faced as a global human community. Illness or even displeasure with someone can make us cautious, there by isolating ourselves and even those most in need in our families as well as in society. With some of us still living in fear because of these factors. The sad fate of the lepers of old, cut off from all human fellowship, and compelled to warn all they meet to keep at a safe distance, lest they too become infected. Would you have tried to help if only by a word of encouragement or consolation from afar? But you have today plenty of opportunities to exercise charity towards the lonely, isolated or those who have hurt us, who are within the reach of your kindness. The gospel tells us that Jesus "moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him", are we not called to do the same. Christ who took on our human form with its frailties invites us today to reach out and touch with our hands and hearts all those who are sick, lonely, struggling or even those whom we despise. If we are to bring Christ, we need not fear any contamination of body or mind, in fact reaching out in kindness will have an elevating effect on your own life. "I was a stranger and you made me welcome; I was sick and you visited me; I tell you solemnly in so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me" (Mt. 25: 35- 40).

In Christ, Fr Leonard Caldera

Feedback from the PPC

As Lent approaches, a variety of activities are planned within the Parish:

- A Reflection group will meet in the Pastoral Centre on a Friday at 10:30am during lent. Everyone is welcome.
- For those unable to attend the Reflection groups in person, materials will be available for purchase and self-reflection.
- Information will be shared about a Prayer Partner Initiative being introduced.
- A team are meeting to review our Parish Pastoral Plan with more information to follow.

Prayer Partner Initiative

During these six weeks of Lent, our parish will start the **Prayer Partner Initiative**, to partner with some one other than your family members and journey with them through prayer.

When does it start – from the 1st Sunday of Lent, for six weeks.

How does it work – pick up a paper cross (found at the back of the church), write your prayer intention that you would like someone to pray for (something personal or general- one intention per cross). Befriend someone in the church, have a chat with them and give them your written request and ask them to pray for your intention. Keep in touch with your prayer partner each week by giving them a prayer request each week.

Purpose – it is a community building initiative, based on our spiritual connection to each other through Baptism, as a child of God. Each of us have our trials and struggles (crosses) and in asking someone to pray for you and you, praying for them, thereby we share each other's burdens, understanding each other and supporting the other in prayer and building up our faith community and making a new friend in the process.

"As his fellow workers, we beg you once again not to neglect the grace of God that you have received. For he says: **At the favourable time I have listened to you; on the day of Salvation I came to your help. Well, now is the favourable time; this is the day of salvation.**" (2Cor; 20)

Fr Leonard Caldera

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Margo Curtis** (Kacey and Paige) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING MILESTONES Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to **Greg and Helen Smart** who celebrate their **50th Wedding Anniversary** on the **Saturday 16th February**. Greg and Helen were married in Sacred Heart Church, Newstead.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Will Smith, Merril Thompson, Fr Terry Yard, Kim Izard, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, Louisa Buttazzoni, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Bronislawa Biernat, Mark Cunningham and Kay Godfrey who have died recently, Jan Siejka, Dawn Leyden, Liam Flanagan, Marica Drazenovic, Gertrude MacMichael, Raymond Bailey, Peggy Bresnehan, Patrick McCormack, Maria Soroka, Barbara Hawes, Laura DiGiammarino, Irma Pasin, Tim O'Sullivan, and we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus,

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: We continue to pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

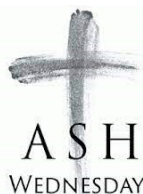
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The first meeting for 2024 will be held at **1pm Tuesday, 20th February, 2024**, at the Launceston Parish Centre. (The rosary starts at 12.30 pm). New members welcome. Inquiries: Victoria: 0408398785 and Rosa : 0427692929

MORNING AND EVENING MEDITATION will be held in the **Stables, Emmanuel Centre** on **Tuesdays at 10.30am** and **Wednesdays at 5pm**. All are welcome. **Enquires: Tina: 0417305546**

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY **Every Monday in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm**. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome**.

THE CARMEL SHOP: The Carmel Shop is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays.

The next Dining with Friends will be held at 6pm on Tuesday, 5th March in the Pastoral Centre



ASH WEDNESDAY - 14th February

A day of Fasting and Abstinence

MASS TIMES

7.30am: Carmelite Monastery

12noon: Church of the Apostles
(Joined by Students from Sacred Heart school)

7.00pm: Church of the Apostles

The Annual **Marriage Anniversary Mass** will be held **next Sunday 18th February at 10.30 am at Church of the Apostles**. Any couples who will be celebrating milestone anniversaries of their marriages are invited to rsvp to the Office of Life, Marriage and Family: Rachel: 0475222056 or rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au so they can receive a special blessing on the day from the Archbishop.

Launch of Project Compassion 2024

Monday, 12 February 11 am, Church of the Apostles
"For all future generations"

Parishioners are warmly welcome to attend the launch of Project Compassion in our parish. The launch for parishes, schools and church agencies will be a prayer service led by Fr Leonard Caldera, with guest speaker Richard Landels, Caritas Advancement Director, from Sydney. An optional Q&A session with Richard will follow the prayer service.

LENT PROGRAM— A Resurrected Life

Lent is a time of prayer, penance, renewal of faith and refocusing on God in our life and you are invited to consider joining a group for prayer, reflection and sharing based on the Sunday Gospels as we journey through Lent to Easter.

Friday 10.30am - downstairs in the Pastoral Centre

Lent reflection books available from the office or Mass Centres from this weekend. \$10 donation

For further information please contact the Parish Office 6331 4377.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Parishioners, especially those in the St Finn Barr's parish community may be interested in helping to support refugee Mums at St Finn Barr's School improve their English.

A Chat and Chew group will operate on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 – 2.45 in the kindergarten.

A Working with Vulnerable People registration will be required.

Would you like to volunteer to help?

If so, please contact Donna McWilliam on 0418761922 for details.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmelite Monastery
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
6.30pm	Apostles	

WEEKDAY MASSES 12th—17th February

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmelite Monastery

Tuesday: 12noon Newstead

Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY

12noon Apostles

7pm Apostles

(no 5.30pm Mass in Apostles)

Thursday: 12noon Invermay

Friday: 12noon Apostles

Saturday: 7.30am Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	9.30am -10.30am	Apostles
	5.15pm –5.45pm	Newstead

Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish

BSB: 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.

Reference: "your surname"

MASS LIVE-STREAMED Each and every Sunday at 9am

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..

Reflection Day

Servant Leadership: more than feet washing.

Saturday 24th February, Emmanuel Centre 10am - 3pm.

Facilitated by Belinda Chapman and Maureen O'Halloran.

Cost \$40. BYO lunch (morning tea supplied).

Please book by 19th February by phone: Maureen: 0400

038 095 or email: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com or use

the QR code on the flyer in the church foyer to book online.

RETREATS 2024

March long weekend (9th - 11th March)

"Pause" a small group, semi-silent retreat for women in the middle years who seek a time of prayer, guidance and stillness amidst the natural transitions of life to discover the emerging call of transformation and flourishing that God is inviting you to. This will be held at Clayfield Homestead, Bishopsbourne. Cost is \$425 including accommodation, meals, prayer resources and spiritual direction.

Bookings: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com
0418141171

May 24th - 26th

Not perfect, but whole - Spirituality of Imperfection silent retreat. Maureen and Belinda welcome bookings for this retreat at the Emmanuel Centre. Cost \$350 including accommodation, meals, prayer resources and spiritual direction.

Bookings: Maureen 0400038095
Email: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

Saturday 7th September - Save the date.

This will be another Reflection Day at the Emmanuel Centre (10am - 3pm). Details will follow.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Fostering Hope—caring for kids in care

This program is a simple way to encourage kids in foster care to have an additional safe, friendly adult to walk alongside them (2 hours/month).

Online information sessions about mentoring start next Wednesday 14th February.

Enquiries: Email: anthea@fosteringhope.net.au or visit: www.fosteringhope.community/mentoring

Flyers available in the church

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 12th:	Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday 13th:	Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday 14th:	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday 15th:	Luke 9:22-25
Friday 16th:	Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday 17th:	Luke 5:27-32

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalms 24:4-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

LIFE TO THE FULL CONFERENCE '24

Featuring the Sister of Life from New York City

For high school students in Grade 7-12

26th-28th April 2024, Camp Clayton, Turners Beach

Cost: \$230 includes food and accommodation
(siblings discount available)

Further details: youth@aohtas.org.au or call 0448330238

Children's Corner

What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!

Say _____ of this to anyone;
but go and _____ yourself to the
_____, then make an offering
at the _____ as Moses
_____, then all will know
you are _____.



**temple show
commanded
healed nothing**