

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 31)

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

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

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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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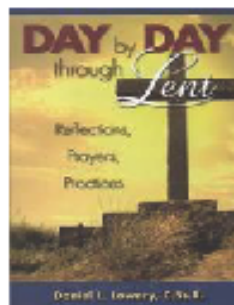
God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

TODAY'S READINGS Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1; Mark 1: 40-45

NEXT WEEK (1st Sunday of Lent Year B) Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1: 12-15

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Liberating the 'unclean'



14 February 2021 6th Sunday Year B

What is it to be reckoned unclean, untouchable? Some years ago my son was watching the old movie Ben Hur in which some lepers appeared, and he was shocked to see how they had to live. He'd heard about lepers but never realised if you had a skin condition you were cast out completely. This is the fate of the leper in today's gospel, who then does the unthinkable and throws himself down before Jesus, pleading to be cured – 'if you want to' – to be made clean, so he might be restored to society. 'Feeling sorry for him' Jesus reaches out and touches him saying, 'Of course I want to, be cured.' And he's freed.

The transmitting of infection becomes in Jesus' touch the transmitting of healing, of God's liberation. Come before him in faith and God happens. There follows a strict warning that he tell no one and immediately report to the priest, as the Mosaic law stipulates in the first reading. Despite this, the man proceeds to tell everyone his good news, so that Jesus now has to live as the leper once did, isolated, far from the towns he had frequented and had to retreat from, previously; but the news travels fast and people come to him from everywhere. Who do we reckon to be unclean, untouchable? Who have we discarded, turned away from? It's only when we face into the truth of our lives that we can enter into this situation. As Jesus does here and at other liberating moments in the early

chapters of Mark's gospel; and it's what brings him finally to the cross, to the moment where he faces into the truth of all our lives, and frees us.

But what happens if we change two words in the gospel? If 'feeling sorry' becomes 'getting angry'. That's what it says in some of the early manuscripts, but it doesn't necessarily fit with our idea of Jesus. Is he angry at the leper for defying the law, or perhaps, less personally, at the demonic undoing of our lives? Either might make sense, though the second more so. However, what if he's angry at the likelihood of his being turned into a celebrity healer, whose healings excite the people and threaten to derail his mission?

Is this why he warned the man not to tell anyone and why he retreated from the towns previously? It's something we hear being spoken of throughout Mark's gospel, as when Peter insists on Jesus being a certain sort of Messiah – not one who dies on a cross – and Jesus says 'get behind me Satan', because it's the cross that will reveal him and God's love. If we insist on Jesus being a celebrity healer, we'll miss the truth of his life and our own.

Anger and sorrow meet in this gospel and through them we hear the call to act as he does, bringing us, at last, face to face with one another, before God.

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WEEK START SUN FEB 14, 2021
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YEAR B

PARISH OFFICE: TUES, WED, THURS, 9.30AM - 2.30PM
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ALL ENQUIRIES RE BOOKING BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & SACRAMENT OF PENANCE PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE.

NEXT BAPTISM ENROLMENT TALK SUN FEB 7 AT 4PM IN PARISH HALL. NO APPT NECESSARY!

Sat ~ 9am, 6pm;
Sun ~ 6.30am & 8.30am
Mon & Wed ~ 6.30am;
Tues & Fri ~ 9am



MASS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ~ 9AM

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(Please incl ref) 'Passing the plate' is prohibited at the moment, hence, "gifting" boxes are located at all doors if you are wishing to support parish.

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Regina Caeli Parish will deliver newsletters to those who may find themselves isolated and/or unable to visit parish itself. **Contact us for an email copy or hardcopy delivery to home.**



FOR CHILDREN TO PREPARE FOR RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST IN 2021, PARENTS ARE TO ATTEND AN ENROLMENT & PARENT INFORMATION MEETING MON FEB 22, 2021 AT 7.30PM
 ENROLMENTS FOR PREPARATION CLOSE **1 WK** PRIOR TO START OF PREPARATION ON MARCH 13, 2021.

COMING UP IN 2021... FEBRUARY



- 14 St Valentine's Day
- 17 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
FINANCE MEETING
- 22 **SACRAMENT ENROLMENT, PARENT INFORMATION MEETING 7.30PM**
- 22 Chair of St Peter (Feast)
- 21 **1st Sunday Lent: Project Compassion**
- 28 **2nd Sunday of Lent**

March

- 5 **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 10AM, ST JAMES**
- 6 **MASS OF HEALING: SATURDAY MARCH 6, 9AM**
- 7 **3rd Sunday of Lent**
- 8 **International Women's Day (UN)**

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Children's Church 8.30am in hall, has begun.

Children hear a child friendly Gospel reading + opportunity for some craft to help them understand just a little better. **All welcome!**



Following on from a Feb / March advert featuring cricketer, Matthew Hayden, Brisbane Archdiocese invites all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be baptised Catholic with. We're looking for your help to: ♦Pray for the opening of hearts ♦Accompany those who are seeking

♦Welcome new faces There will also be fliers in our parish that you can give to interested family, friends, or colleagues. To sign up to be an accompanier or join the prayer, or to find out more, go to:



www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic

The 'Norm from Jan 22, 2021'



- ♦ Stay home if unwell; Masks optional
- ♦ Sign In & Sanitise your hands
- ♦ Social Distancing (1person or family / 2m²)
- ♦ Sanitise your space with wipes on exit
- ♦ Only Priests to distribute Communion
- ♦ Sign of Peace spoken greeting only
- ♦ Gifting boxes available at all doors for donations
- ♦ Take newsletter home with you, No Hymn books

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Pat Dowd, Edward Briggs, Neil Fallon, Bart Gaffney, Lucy Houghton, Fay Thomas, Dominic Vu
ANNIVERSARIES: LAURA GLEADHILL, TREVOR SMITH, SAMUEL & HILDA JOHNSON, SAMANTHA NEILSEN, KAZIMIERA LYP, Ennio & Antoinette Morlacci, Vellelmo Calvisi, SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Joshua Chester, Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Neil Cremin, Pat Dugger, George D'Allura, Loye Gardiner, Ray Garrigan, Paul Heathwood, Allaura Hows, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan Paddy Logan, Katie Loveday, Trish McConnell, Fr Ron Mollison, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Owen, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family

MASS OF HEALING & HOPE: MARCH 6 9AM

Lent is near... **Ash Wednesday Masses**

February 17, 2021

@ 6.30am & 9am



The Magnificat cont:-

V3 He's filled up the hungry with many good things.
***** (Earth is renewed, all things renewed.)**
 But the rich he has sent them all empty away. (***)
 He has kept now the promise he made.

RECESSIONAL @ T WATTS I'll Be Always Loving You

- V1** I am here with you by your side, sheltering your heart from the night.
Refrain: Wherever you go, whatever you do, I'll be always loving you.
Bridge: I will be your God, your comforter. I will hold you close in my heart.
- V2** Let me love the world through your heart.
 Let me heal your wounds with my touch.
- V3** Let me see the world through your eyes.
 Let forgiveness shine through your smile.

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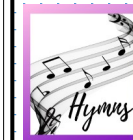
SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

V1 Sing of the Lord's Goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.
 Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever, faithful to the end of days.
Refrain: Come, then, all you nations, Sing of your Lord's goodness, Melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.

V3 Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high; solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendour of the living God.

OFFERTORY © CAREY LANDRY **ONLY A SHADOW**

V1 The love we have for You O Lord is only a shadow of Your love for us. Only a shadow of your Love for us, your deep abiding love.
Refrain: Our lives are in Your hands, Our lives are in Your hands. Our love for you will grow, O Lord; Your light in us will shine



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LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

Refrain: Lord, to whom shall we go? You are our bread, broken and shared. Lord, to whom shall we go? Yours are the words of life.
V2 O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat, our pledge of eternal life.
V4 Your Word, O Lord is a lamp for my steps, a light for my path of life.

REFLECTION © PETER KEARNEY **THE MAGNIFICAT**

Refrain: My soul is praising the Lord, yes, and glad for all he his saving; because the Lord has remembered me, small as I am, poor as I am; all people will call me blessed.
V1 For he that is mighty has done me great things. ***(Holy his name. Holy his name.)**
 His mercy is reaching from age to age. **(*)**
 To all those who honour him.
V2 For he that is mighty has stretched out his hand. **** (Scattered the proud, Shattered their plans.)**
 He's pulled down the princes from their golden thrones. **(**)**
 He has raised to their place the poor.