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Mass Times

Sat Evening: Mass: 6pm

Sunday: Mass: 7am, 9am

Tues - Sat: Morning Prayer & Rosary: 6:45am

Mass 7:30am

Confessions : 30 minutes before Mass

Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment

11TH FEB 2024

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY REFLECTION

Have you ever felt a little nervous when asking for help? You might need to borrow someone's car or get them to read over a job application. Isn't it wonderful when they say 'of course I want to!' It is so much better than 'I'll see if I can fit it in' or 'I'd love to, but I can't.'

The person affected by leprosy in today's Gospel had a lonely life. The first reading from the book of Leviticus

tells us how those suffering certain diseases were required to live away from the community, 'outside the camp.' There

was surely a fear of contagion, but it must have been tough for the people in isolation.

Jesus stretched out his hand. He reaches into the world of the lonely. Jesus is always creating community, especially with those overlooked by others.

Lent starts this week with Ash Wednesday. As we prepare to celebrate once again the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter, Project Compassion gives us the chance to act as Jesus did. To reach out to those in some of the most challenging situations imaginable.

Once again, the theme for Project Compassion is For All Future Generations.

This year, that theme is being drawn from the story of the burning bush (Exodus 3:1-20).

Moses was part of a stolen generation. He was taken from his family because Pharaoh was committing genocide against the people of Israel. One day, he was working for his father-in-law in what seems to have been a family business. His sheep wander off and suddenly Moses encounters a bush that is burning but not consumed. He is stunned. A voice tells him to remove his shoes because he is standing on 'holy ground.' The earth beneath our feet is indeed a sacred place. It is God's gift to us.

God tells Moses that he has heard the cry of his people. God responds to injustice and chooses Moses to speak to Pharaoh. Moses is scared but God promises 'I will be with you.' God will share the journey. All the time, God remains a mystery. He tells Moses 'I am who I am.' Moses wants more detail, so God simply says that this is the same for the whole of history: '

By this name I shall be invoked for all future generations.'

As God called Moses, so now God calls us to work 'for all future generations.'



PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER 2024

God of all hope,
we pray for our world with all its beauty and need.

We thank you for the love in our lives that is a mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent

and may we take courage to share it, especially with those who don't have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses:

'I will be with you,' when you ask us to do courageous things.

Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, move us to act in the company of your Spirit,

showing compassion and acting for justice to renew the face of the Earth, now and for all future generations.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen





Love. Grow. Serve.

Feb

Sun 11th Feb

Tue 13th Feb Legion of Mary @ 9:00am
DVD group @ 11:00am

Ash Wed 14th Feb School Mass @ 9am
Mass @ 6:30pm

Thurs 15th Feb Rosary for Liliana Catalini @ 7:00pm

Fri 16th Feb Funeral Mass for Liliana Catalini @ 1:30 pm
Stations of the Cross @ 7:00pm

Sat 17th Jan Liturgy workshop @ 10:00am
Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 17th / 18th Feb 2024

Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES:	D. Mathews	I Darch	C Anello; M Knubley
READERS:	G Redolatti	A. Greenfield	S De Luca
COMMS:	M Palermo	L Pepi	N Menda
SERVERS:	S Salamone; G Liley		H Louise; J Nguyen
Counters	Team 5 - F Netto; I Darch		
Cleaners	L Loc		

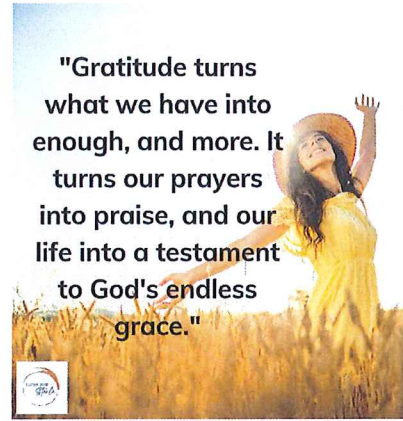
Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of the soul / TG=thanksgiving / SP=special intention

- SAT 10-Feb 6:00 PM SP-Jean Menezes
RS McNeill & Tierney dec fam
TG- Lai & Gordon fam
- SUN 11-Feb 7:00 AM RS-Eileen Ross, Lai Cheung Dominic,
RS-Jane Leung Chun Chun, Geoff Gordon
9:00 AM RS-Jimmy O'Sullivan, Giuliano Nobili,
RS-Peter Thang, Maria Cuc, Maria Tinh & fam
RS May Vanderhyde & Olivia Carvalho
TG-Jerome & May Lopez-59th wedd ann
- TUE 13-Feb 7:30 AM
- ASH WED 14-Feb 9:00 AM
6:30PM
- THU 15-Feb 7:30 AM RS-John Smith
- FRI 16-Feb 7:30 AM
- SAT 17-Feb 7:30 AM
6:00 PM
- SUN 18-Feb 7:00 AM
9:00 AM

Rewired by Gratitude

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"Gratitude turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns our prayers into praise, and our life into a testament to God's endless grace."

After being diagnosed with a brain tumor, Christina Costa noticed how much of the talk around facing cancer is dominated by the language of fighting. She found that this metaphor quickly

started to feel exhausting. She "didn't want to spend over a year at war with [her] own body." Instead, what she found most helpful were daily practices of gratitude—for the team of professionals caring for her and for the ways her brain and body were showing healing. She experienced firsthand that no matter how difficult the struggle, practices of gratitude can help us resist depression and "wire our brains to help us build resilience."

Costa's powerful story reminded me that practicing gratitude isn't just something believers do out of duty. Although it's true that God deserves our gratitude, it's also profoundly good for us. When we lift up our hearts to say, "Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2), we're reminded of the countless ways God's at work—assuring us of forgiveness, working healing in our bodies and hearts, letting us experience "love and compassion" and countless "good things" in His creation (vv. 3-5).

While not all suffering will find complete healing in this lifetime, our hearts can always be renewed by gratitude, for God's love is with us "from everlasting to everlasting" (v. 17).

Reflect & Pray

How have you experienced healing through gratitude? What are you grateful for today?

Dear God, thank You for always giving me reasons for gratitude and hope.

RIP Liliana Catalini

(2 June 1933- 2 Feb 2024)



We would like to offer our prayers and condolences to the Catalini family on the loss of their beloved one, Liliana.

May Our lord reward Liliana for her Faith by granting her

Eternal Peace in His Heavenly Kingdom. May the families be comforted by the promises of the Resurrected Christ.

Rosary Thurs Feb 16 @ 7:00pm
Funeral Mass Fri Feb 17 @ 1:30pm



Congratulation Jerome & May Lopez 59th wedding ann.

Lots of love and best wishes during this wonderful milestone in your married life. May God's love, grace and blessings be with you always.



OUR PARISH FAMILY...

Donate one hour of your time

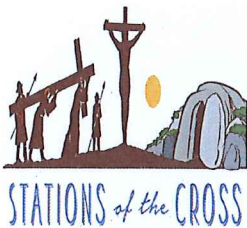
ASH Wednesday



Masses and laying of ashes Feb 14 :

There will be two Masses at **9:00am (school Mass)** and **6:30pm**. Please observe Fasting and abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal



**** Stations of the Cross with Benediction** during Lent every Friday @ 7:00pm, starting **Friday Feb 16**. Acolytes who are serving at the weekend Masses are reminded to serve at the Stations.

"The Church and the world have a great need of eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease" **Pope John Paul II**

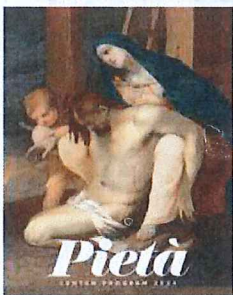
For anyone wishing to sit in the company of Our Lord please consider offering up an hour of your busy time. Contact Tina 0419 004 944 or marianfaithful@hotmail.com to discuss an hour and day that suits you.

Could you not watch one hour with Me? Keep watch and pray,

so that you will not give into temptation.
Matthew 24:40-45



Adoration



**** Free - Pieta Lentent Program 2024 for daily reflection** - The parish has ordered 120 lenten booklets for parishioners to use during the Lent season for reflection. We pray that you will experience through these reflections the grace of the Paschal Mystery through which God has for each one of us, and how we, through Jesus, are called to be his body in the world. Booklets are at the back of the church, **please take one for each family only**

**** Parish Morning tea next SUNDAY-** Please come and share a cuppa with your fellow parishioners and to meet new faces in the parish hall next Sunday morning after the 9:00am Mass. And bring a plate to share.

**** Enrolments for after school First Holy Communion & Confirmation Catechism classes 2024-** to prepare students attending State Schools for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this May/ Aug 2024. If you have children or grandchildren who want to receive their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, please register with the Parish Office ASAP as classes will start soon.

**** Liturgical workshop, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Sat Feb 17, 10am to 12 noon at St Joseph's parish hall. Register online at liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au

**** Fr Ben Lee-** good news, Father Ben has a successful operation on the prostate cancer last Friday and is getting less pain after a week. He hopes to come back normal soon. Fr Ben thanks and appreciate of your love and prayers for him.

Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February

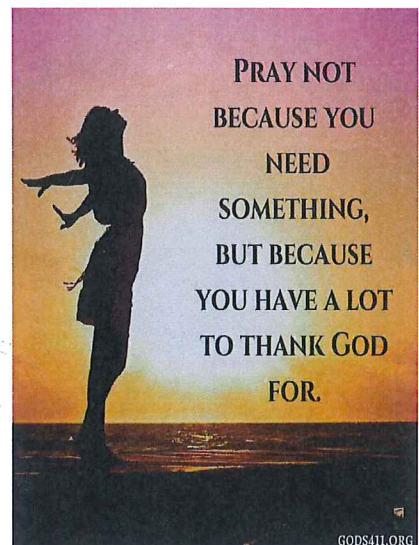


Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.

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 your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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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.

Communion Antiphon

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



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.