

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.

Thanks be to God.

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 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Gen 9: 8-15;

1 Pet 3: 18-22;

Mk 1: 12-15.

Safeguarding our Community.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.**

Mobile phones at Mass.

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please turn off and refrain from using all mobile telephones and other electronic devices during Mass.

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:

6:00 pm.

SUNDAY:

8:00 am and 10.00 am.

MONDAY:

9.30am Communion Service.

TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:

9.00 am Mass.

FRIDAY:

9.00 am Mass.

Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.

RECONCILIATION:

Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.

BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS:

Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at the St Therese School Hall.

Baptism:

Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.

Marriage:

By appointment.

Anointing of the sick:

Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

10th / 11th February 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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.

FIRST READING:

Leviticus 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 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.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11

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

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.

Response.

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.

Response.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

Response.

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10 / 11 FEBRUARY 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERT MORFUNI	DAVID ELLIS	JOHN RAPER
READER	BARBARA CLARK	PAUL TREACY	CELINE LAYOUN / MONALISA CORONA
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	TONI MORFUNI		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE, CHRISTIAN HILL & EL-AZZI FAMILY		GRP 6: SIENNA BUIST, OLIVIA JOMA, ANNA MIRABILE, GENEVIEVE MCPHIE
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 2: DINAL JAYAMANNE ELIZABETH CONTERNO ANTHONY STANTON		
ALTAR FLOWERS	NONIE HAHN	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

17 / 18 FEBRUARY 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	DAVE D'MELLO	JOHN RAPER
READER	LUEN UYMATIAO / BILL KINDER	SHERRY JAYAMMANE	HELEN VAZ / HANNY WIDJAYA
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	AMJAD SHEEKA		BUDY WIDJAYA
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 3: BERNLEITNER FAMILY & FREDERICK LI		GRP 7: WIDJAYA FAMILY, ANNABELLE BOGER, LENNOX HO
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 3: PATRICIA HO FRANCISCA HO BERNADETTE TANG		
ALTAR FLOWERS:	ANNE-MARIE NAGANATHAN	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

APOSTLES CREED.

I believe God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into Hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a 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 vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

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.

PARISH NOTICES:

Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have died recently especially: **Bonventure D'Souza; Joyce Kee; Maroun Maroun, Maroun Saad.**

We also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



Ash Wednesday.

Lent begins with ASH WEDNESDAY – 14th February.

There will be TWO Masses - 9am and 7pm. At these Masses we will distribute the burnt ashes from Palm Sunday.

Remember that on Ash Wednesday you should fast and abstain from eating meat.

Days of Penance!

1. Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).
2. Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) Prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making that Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) Self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) Helping other – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Do you want to become and Acolyte.

Would you like to assist with liturgical celebrations, especially the Eucharistic Liturgy? If so, then please talk to Fr Simon immediately as the parish has organised a training course to begin on the 21st February.

Lenten quotes.

"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One."

21 Feb 2020 Pope Benedict XVI

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life"

Pope Benedict XVI

Stations of the Cross.

Will begin on **Friday the 16th February** and will run throughout Lent, every Friday evening at 7pm. Come, meditate and pray on the Passion of our Lord to prepare well for Easter.



Lenten programme.

This LENT, come and be inspired by the Word of God at our Group discussion evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our sessions will begin on:

Tuesday the 20th February at 7.30 & Thursday 22nd February at 7pm

in the St Therese School Hall. These sessions will run throughout Lent. To reserve a seat or write your name on the clipboard at the front of the church.

Course for existing Eucharistic Ministers.

Refresher training for all existing EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION will be held at St Therese on:

Wed 21st Feb 6:30pm-9:30pm in the School Hall.

To register please go to:

//liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/ **and complete the online registration.**

Course for Acolytes.

Training for **ACOLYTES** (*new and experienced*) will be held at St Therese on:

Wednesdays 21st Feb, 28th Feb, 6th Mar & 13th Mar at 6:30pm-9:30pm in the School Hall.

Attendance at ALL FOUR SESSIONS is essential.

To register please go to:

//liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/ **and complete the online registration.**

Adult Sacramental Program.

Do you want to become a Catholic or receive the sacraments you may have missed in your life? Aruna will be running a program, that will start around the end of February. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Simon if you want more information.