

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.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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BE AS CHRIST

Today's Gospel brings our focus again to Jesus' healing through a person identified only as "a leper". This person is described without gender (although masculine pronouns follow), without ethnicity, family name, geography or any human connection. The title "a leper" encapsulates the stigma of separation, being unclean and having to live apart (see Lev. 13, first reading). We read that "a leper" came to Jesus pleading on his knees, "If you want to you can make me clean" (v. 40). This phrase indicates that "a leper" recognises Jesus' power and authority. Moved with the deepest gut-wrenching compassion, Jesus reaches out his hand and touches him. Simultaneously with his touch, Jesus says "I do choose. Be made clean" (v. 41). Jesus' touch is redeeming in itself. Jesus touches the untouchable. Though warned not to say anything and show himself to the priest, the person "went out and began to proclaim freely and spread the word" (v. 45). We witness "a leper" becoming a proclaimer of the Good News. In our world today there are people with titles like "a leper", as we have "homeless" or "refugee" among us bereft of identity and dignity, untouchable. How can we "touch" like Jesus?

Paul's words to the Corinthians invite us to take him as the model as he takes Christ. This invitation together with the healing of one on the margins calls us to be as Christ, open to all and to be agents of healing wounds and separation.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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 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.

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!

Hallett Cove Catholic Community

St Martin de Porres Church
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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the lands and waters of the Adelaide region, on which we meet. We pay respect to elders both past and present.

We acknowledge and respect the Kaurna people's cultural, spiritual, physical and emotional connection with their land, waters and community.

Knights of the Southern Cross, Empty Cans /Bottle Collection

For Collection please ring Tony Schar on 0419 127 491

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9.15am

Reconciliation

5.30pm Saturday evenings before Mass or by appointment with the priest

Baptisms

are held on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at 10.30am.

Contact the parish office to book.

Weekday Masses this week

Wednesday 12noon
Ash Wednesday
Friday 9.30am

Meetings this week

Tuesday 13th February
Lenten Reflection Group 7pm
Thursday 15th February
Craft Group 11am

Feast Days this week

Wednesday 14th February
Ash Wednesday
Saturday 17th February
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Readings for next Sunday 17th/18th February, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent, Yr B
1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Masses at Brighton this week

Tuesday 12 noon
Wednesday 12noon & 6.30pm
Friday 12noon
Saturday 10am & 6pm
Sunday 8.30am & 10am

Popes' Prayer Intentions for February

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Would you like to receive an email copy of the bulletin each week.

Please email Pat at hallettcoveparish@gmail.com be added to the list.

Did you know?

Pat sends out an email each Friday with what is coming up on the weekend. Please send an email to hallettcoveparish@gmail.com to be added to the email list

Book Exchange

We now have a book exchange – feel free to take a book or leave a book for others to share.

Rosters for next weekend

17th/18th February, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent, Year B

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| Mass 6pm | 9.15am |
| Sacristan Pat McKenna | |
| Welcoming Phil Sokol | Helen Thompson |
| Commentator Tania Holman | Michael McPeake |
| 1st Reader Pat Carlisle | Novia Pereira |
| 2nd Reader Jeff Papps | Joy Saba |
| Ministers of Communion Linda Papps | Helen Thompson |
| Pat McKenna | Maurice Ralph |
| Philippa Hanlon | Kerry Cornelius |
| Music Slides Preparation Julie Staszyc | |
| Counters Peter Smith, Alex Szabo | |
| Linen Novia Pereira | |
| Cleaners Matt Perry, Romeo Lozada, Krysia Podgorski, Vinod Gopu | |

Please pray for

Sick:

Glenn Mead, Denise Davis,
Rae Campbell, Anne Boots,
David Healey, Bernadette
Berry, Helen Hehir



Recently Deceased

Eva Kyumu

Anniversaries

Privacy Laws. All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will not be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

Children's Liturgy

All primary aged children are invited to Children's Liturgy on the First Saturday of each month and each Sunday when a leader is available.



Rosary

The Rosary Group meet each Friday morning at 9am Mass. All very welcome. (After the Mass on the First Friday of each month)

First Friday of each month

Anointing of the Sick during Mass on 1st Friday of each month

Exposition

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the 1st Friday of each month at 9am.

Tap and go machine

All funds collected will come to the parish. No need to print a receipt for parish funds. (If you wish to donate to the presbytery fund – 1st collection, please print a receipt, note 1st Collection and drop it in one of the boxes. Thank you for supporting our parish.



Prayer for the Sick

Compassionate and healing God, we pray today for all who are sick or injured.

Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them
Ease any fear and anxieties they may be experiencing.

Let them feel your comfort and the comfort of those around them.

When they feel afraid, give them courage and strength.

When they feel alone, send someone who can.

Listen and be present to them.
When they feel confused, give them reassurance and direction.

When they are in pain, provide them with caregivers who can ease their suffering.

In their times of darkness, help them to be sustained by the resources of their faith and inner spirit.

May all who are sick or injured know you are with them today and you hold them always in Your loving embrace.
Amen.

Day of the Unborn Child Appeal – 10th and 11th February, 2024

A special collection is being taken up in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc. The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.

Home Masses

In 2024 we would like to offer home Masses. If you would like host a home Mass for your family and friends, please contact the parish office and we can arrange a date and time, or write your name on the sheet in the foyer.

Easter Raffle

All donations for our Easter Raffle can be left in the box in the foyer. Tickets for the raffle will go on sale next weekend. Thank you for supporting our parish.

Region 3 Diocesan Assembly Gathering

Please keep Sat 4th May, free so that you can join people from all the parishes of our region at SHC, Champagnat Campus, Walter St, Mitchell Park to help put into practice the vision set out in our two Diocesan Assemblies.

The gathering is from 11am – 3pm, but people are most welcome to arrive any time from 10.30am, so that we can begin promptly at 11am. The day will be an opportunity to get to know a little better the people who make up the Church in our region and will include of a series of very short presentations about a variety of ministries and activities. After a sausage sizzle lunch, we will share our visions and concerns for the local Church and set in motion some actions and proposals for growth in our region. This is a time for action not just a time for more words!

Please come along. Your voice is important. Further information will be made available in the coming weeks, but put the date in your diary now!



Ash Wednesday 14th February

Masses:

7.30am at Sacred Heart College
12 noon & 6.30pm at Brighton
12 noon at Hallett Cove

The season of Lent is designed to be a prayerful opportunity to reassess and reprioritize our lives in order to place God at the centre.

Lenten Activities

- Lenten Reflection group with Deacon Tim – Tuesdays at 7pm starting this Tuesday 13th February
- Lenten Discussion group with Kevin Liston on Wednesdays starting Wednesday 21st February at 7pm

- Lenten Rosary

There will be Rosary in the church each Tuesday during Lent starting at 6pm and each Friday morning at 9am

Flowers for Easter

Can you make/create flowers to decorate our church for Easter. Live flowers can be brought to the church on Holy Saturday at 10am. Created flowers can be placed in the box in the foyer. If you would like your flower returned to you after the Easter season, please make sure your name is on the flower somewhere.

Lenten Reflection Group

Are we prepared to see the ashes of our lives as the seeds of our salvation? Will we embrace the Lenten disciplines, not as life-denying exercises but as pathways to a deeper and richer humanity, making us more compassionate, generous, forgiving, trusting and grateful?

Why not consider the grace of joining with a few others to listen more deeply to the voice of Jesus this Lent? A daily Lenten reflection booklet for participants is available for free. May our Lenten journey give us ears and eyes to hear and see the Risen Lord, so that we may rise with him and touch others with his Easter power.

7:00 - 8:00 pm Tuesdays
St Martin de Porres Church
13 February - 19 March
Facilitated by Deacon Tim Grauel

Easter: Celebration of Life

Christian living is an open-ended experience of loving and being in love in a universe without horizons.

Prayer, reading, reflection and sharing. Wednesdays of Lent: 21, 28 February, 6, 13, 20, 27 March 2024.

10am at the Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria St., Mile End; 7pm, Hallett Cove Church. Sponsor: SA Catholics for an Evolving Church (SACEC)

Presenter: Kevin Liston.
Register to attend and/or receive the handout: E: Kevin.liston1@gmail.com or Ph: 0411 197 829.

Caritas 60th Anniversary Celebration

All Caritas Supporters are invited to join the Archbishop on Sun Feb 25 for Mass at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral (11am) followed by a coffee and sausage sizzle to commemorate 60 years of Caritas in Australia, with its foundations proudly in Adelaide! All are invited to join in unity as we continue to support those most vulnerable in our world. Make it a fun day out and join the Adelaide Fringe – Festival of Hymns Event – Pipe Organ Recitals at 1pm in the Cathedral.

Project Compassion

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 build a better future for all.

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.