



# THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

11 FEBRUARY 2024

**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!



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

6th Sunday Ordinary - 11 February 2024 - Year B

## OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH HILTON

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**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**

9am – 3pm

**Thursday**

9am – 12.30pm

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**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.

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

### SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2024:

**Reconciliation (Year 3)**

Wednesday 27-3-24 from 3pm

**Eucharist (Year 4)**

Sunday 9-6-24 at 9am

**Confirmation (Year 6)**

Saturday 24-8-24 at 6pm.

### HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER

**GROUP:** Monday nights. 7-9pm. All welcome.

**REFLECTION: The Energy of Love.** You may have heard of Pierre Teilhard De Chardin, born in France on 1 May 1881. He died 10 April 1955. He was a Jesuit priest, philosopher, scientist and paleontologist, theologian. He was silenced by the Church for somewhat left field views of God and mankind, and he completely accepted this with the result that today the Church had reclaimed and recognized him for the same that he really said. Teilhard said and wrote some marvellous things such as the translation in the book, "Toward the Future". He wrote, "The day will come when after harnessing space, the winds, the tides, gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love and on that day for the second time in the history of the world man would have discovered fire". This statement is worth while thinking about. It offers much encouragement because despite the ill

winds that blow across our troubled world today, I believe the energies of love are indeed being harnessed. Perhaps more so because there seems to be so little love, we don't know exactly what it means to harness space, winds, tides, gravitation though the human race is certainly working hard on it. And there are enough examples where we have and have not succeeded yet. We don't have to want mankind to catch up with these things. On the Cross Jesus harnessed for God the energies of love and it brought about our salvation and entrance to get into the eternal kingdom and give us a place that no one, nothing can take away from us. No one can tell us, not even ourselves that we don't belong to God or that the goodness is somehow not for us. It does not matter what we have done, the right is ours and it was won by Jesus when at a cost He harnessed the forces of love and indeed "fire" fell upon the earth. Furthermore, today we can join many others and begin to harness the energies of love for God now, right where we are. It is already happening as you good people are doing so much. Check out the daily news, well yes, many terrible things are happening certainly but equally more things are happening too, GOOD things. When the attack in Manchester happened, it's told that two hundred men were at the entrance. One was begging and one was asleep. When the blast happened, one grabbed as many souvenir tee shirts as he could and started to stem the bleeding of some of the victims. The other cradled the terrified people in his arms. They harnessed the energies of love and

fire; it was discovered anew. May you know that kind of "fire" this week.

### RESIDENCY IN THE PRESBYTERY.

**UPDATE:** Parishioners, I wish to inform those projects such as the Maintenance to the Presbytery, where the expenditure exceeds \$50,000 requires submission to and approval by the Archbishop. An application for expenditure from the Parish involves provision of a brief which includes two or three builders' quotes, tradespersons or suppliers and showing of the source of finance to meet the costing and that the Parish is capable to meet the cost or the debt. Because of the urgency of the matter and to comply to Safeguarding guidelines, the Archbishop's Office granted permission for the project. In lieu of the Parish calling for builder - tenders etc. the church Authority offered the assistance for its own Property / Maintenance Office in so much as provide costings. The Property Office draws from their own panel of trades persons to undertake the extensive maintenance of church property. These costings were closely scrutinised by the attendees at the Parish Council meeting. The costings were found to be "on par" to that which would be on the market. It was unanimously passed that the Parish accept the quote. The decision was conveyed to the Church Office and approval was granted. Work is scheduled to begin in the pursing weeks. So please take care and keep a distance to the grounds around the church and presbytery. In the interim the Priest and Parish Secretary will be relocated to the Parish Meeting Room. Keeping you informed. Fr. Michael.



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**MASS TIMES WEEKENDS:** Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 7.30am & 9am.  
**MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS – FEBRUARY:** Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 9am & Friday 9am.  
**RECONCILIATION - Saturday's during FEBRUARY:** 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Please note weekday Mass Time changes for the month of February as follows – Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday Mass at 9am. Thursday & Saturday NO 9am Mass.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS:** Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Fr Wayne Davis, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024:** Parents of children who attend our Parish School, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and who discern that their child receive either the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Eucharist or Confirmation **your written Expression of Interest of having your child wishing to participate in the formation for a**

**sacrament will be received at the Mass on Saturday 6pm 17 February 2024.** Please note **No Expression of Interest forms will be accepted by proxy. At this time, attendance of the Parent Sacramental Formation is Mandatory.** We as a Parish and Parish School support the Archbishop's Mandate on the receiving of Sacraments.

**SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS – Paid or Unpaid:** A reminder that the Induction Course for Parish workers paid or unpaid is being run at Christ the King Church, Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield. This includes everyone in ministries. If You have not attended the One-hour session or the last time you attended was 3 years ago, you are required to attend. **Date:** Thursday 8 February. **Time:** 7-8pm. **Registration:** <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction> or phone 9221 7762 to book in.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE, HILTON:** SVDP Conference Hilton wish to withdraw the invitation to interested Parishioners who wished to observe our meetings. Building maintenance is planned for February in the Parish Meeting Room and our group will be meeting at private residences until further notice. A second invitation will go out to Parishioners and Friends after the works are complete. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Ian Digney President, 0428 121 152

**PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE** would like to invite you to the Day of the Unborn Child Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Don Sproxtton on Saturday 9

March at 10am at St Mary's Cathedral. This Mass is a chance for you to mourn and honour all babies who are no longer with us but are loved and not forgotten. For more information, please call Carmel or Lisette on 9328 2929.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Ash Wednesday is a holy day of prayer and fasting in many Western Christian denominations. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and marks the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 6th Sunday Ordinary - 11 February

**6pm Mass:** For the People  
**7.30am Mass:** Andrew De Souza (RIP)  
**9am Mass:** Stephen Randall (RIP), Jim Alberti (RIP), Ricardo Andrade (RIP)

#### Tuesday 13 February

**9am Mass:** John Randall (RIP)

#### Wednesday 14 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**9am Communion Service**

#### Thursday 15 February

**NO 9am MASS**

#### Friday 16 February

**9am Mass:** Aldonia De Olival (Good Health)

#### Saturday 17 February

**NO 9am MASS**

#### 6th Sunday Ordinary - 18 February

**6pm Mass:** Community Sacramental Enrolment (All Sacraments), Sebastiano Rafala (Ann) & Vincenzo Rafala (Ann)

**7.30am Mass:** Andrew De Souza (RIP)  
**9am Mass:** Dianne De Olival (RIP) & Maria Da Silva (RIP)





### GOSPEL

Mk 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.



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# Breaking Open the Word

## 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**