



St Patrick's Cathedral Weekly Newsletter

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Today's gospel about a person with leprosy invites us to reflect on the pain of exclusion. We are social beings who need to engage with others and with our environment so that we all seek to be part of family and community. Some are deprived of choice in this respect. Repeated name-calling and labelling are age-old strategies of exclusion. "Illegals" is a label that excludes some of the most vulnerable people in today's world. "Leper" is a label that is used metaphorically of those who are not welcome, of those deemed to be "infectious".

To be a leper in the world of early Judaism was to have some sort of skin disease that excluded a person from community and in particular from public worship. There were strict regulations regarding such lepers (see today's first reading from Leviticus, dating from several centuries before the time of Jesus). Their condition required ritual cleansing by a priest and an offering that cost money. That seems horrifying from our perspective, and it was.

In Mark's story, the man with leprosy approaches Jesus of Nazareth who is not one of the priests. This afflicted person thus cuts across the established procedures. Jesus is "moved with compassion", literally "moved in his gut, or in the depths of his being". In other words, Jesus empathises deeply with the suffering person. He has a physical reaction in the face of suffering. Some manuscripts have "moved with anger". A later scribe probably considered that expression too harsh as an emotion for Jesus and softened the text.

Jesus speaks and acts. He declares that he wills the cure of the man. He actually reaches out and touches him: a bodily encounter brings healing. He then sends the man back to tell the priests "as a proof to them". The verb used for "send back" suggests that the priests had already been approached without success. Jesus, the Galilean healer, succeeds in mediating the power of the God of Israel and so restores this outcast person to life in the community and the community itself to greater wholeness through this healing. The widespread report of Jesus' healing activity will incur the anger of some of the authorities.

For our part, as followers of Jesus, we might reflect on the fact that sickness and disability are not only physical phenomena. They also have social and emotional impacts on individuals and the communities to which they belong. Healing enables people to live again, to be with others and do the things they want to do. It brings new life and integrity to community. Jesus demonstrates that the combination of a compassionate word and a healing touch can work wonders. This was true in the ancient world. It is equally true for us today in the face of a virulent pandemic that continues to take lives and to disrupt family and social engagement. Healing must be all embracing if it is to restore life.



Ash Wednesday at St Patrick's Cathedral & St Augustine's Church

The season of Lent begins with
Ash Wednesday 14th February 2024


Mass with distribution of Ashes at
the Cathedral:

7.00 am

1.00 pm

1.05 pm (St Augustine's Church)

5.30 pm



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
MELBOURNE

Grand Organ Recital

Thomas Heywood

Internationally renowned Australian organ
virtuoso **Thomas Heywood** returns to St Patrick's
Cathedral to open the 2024 Concert Series.

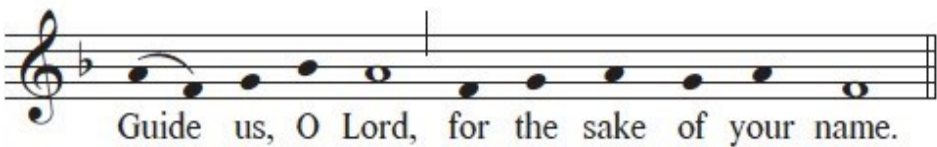
*A thrilling program where
'Beethoven meets the Dubois centenary'*

Friday 16 February, 6pm
St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Tickets \$30, Concession \$25
At door or trybooking.com/BRYBS
Children aged 15 years and under admitted free

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.



Entrance Hymn **CWB II 543 v1,2,3**

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that passes all knowledge to find;
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

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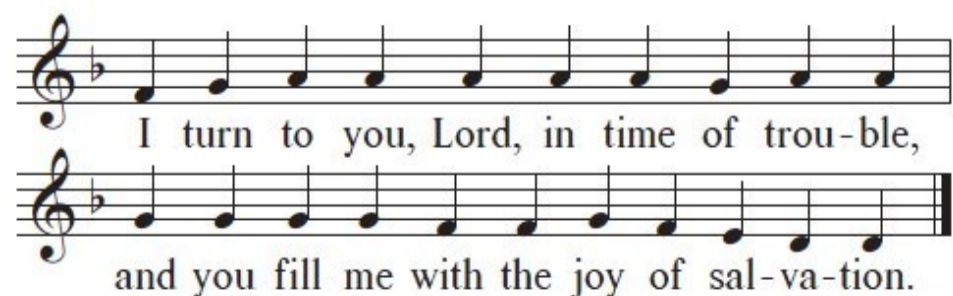
First Reading **Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46**

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**



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

Philip Matthias, Psalm 31:1–2,5,11 – ‘I turn to you Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation’ (self-published score, Melbourne, 2024).

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 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 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.

Gospel Acclamation



A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

James, Chepponis, ‘Festival Alleluia’ (Refrain), in Festival Alleluia, 1st ed. (St Louis: Birmamwood Publications, 1999), 7.

Gospel **Mark 1:40-45**

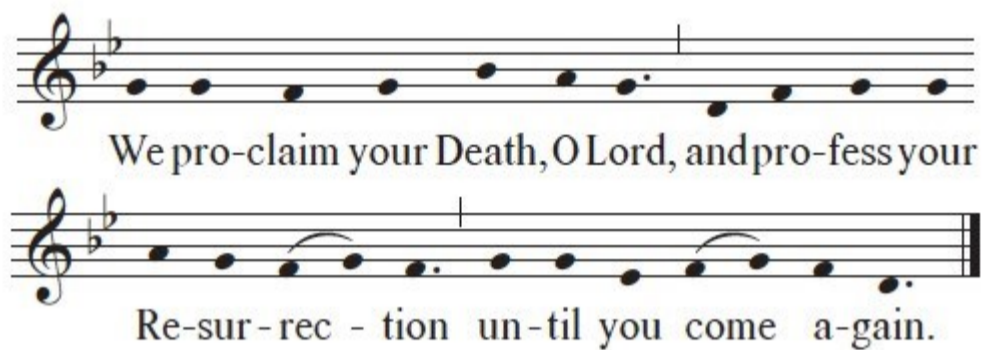
The leprosy left him and he was cured.

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one 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,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Memorial Acclamation



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Music: Chant from *The Roman Missal*, adapt. ICEL © 2010

Amen

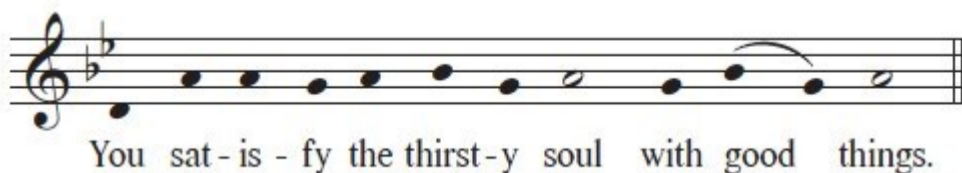
All (sung twice):



'Haugen, Marty. 'Amen' from *Mass of Creation*. Chicago: GIA Publications, 2010 (ICEL)

Communion Antiphon

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



Communion Hymn

CWB II 593

See us, Lord, about your altar;
though so many we are one:
many souls by love united
in the heart of Christ your Son.

Hear our prayers, O loving Father,
hear in them your Son, our Lord;
hear him speak our love and worship
as we sing with one accord.

Wheat and grape convey the meaning:
food and drink he is to all;
one in him, we kneel adoring,
gathered by his loving call.

Hear us yet: so much is needful
in our frail, disordered life;
stay with us and tend our weakness
till that day of no more strife.

Members of his Mystic Body,
now we know our prayer is heard,
heard by you, because your children
have received th'eternal Word.

Text: John Greally 1934; alt
Tune: DRAKE'S BROUGHTON 87.87; Edward Elgar 1857-1934

Post-Communion/ Recessional Hymn

CWB II 642 v1,2,5

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice show?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfil God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

Text: Based on Micah 6:6-8; Albert Frederick Bayly 1901-1984, alt: ©1988, Oxford University Press
Music: SHARPTHORNE 66.66.336; Erik Redinald Routley 1917-1982

Stations of the Cross at

St Patrick's Cathedral:

Fridays 16 Feb - 22nd March at 12 noon

Good Friday (29 March) at 9am

St Augustine's Church:

Fridays 16 Feb - 22nd March at 5.30pm

Mass Setting

11am: Missa Brevis in C Major, K.259 – Mozart

6.30pm: Missa in simplicitate – Langlais

Offertory

11am: Benedictus es Domine, Op.56,

No.14 – Tournemire

6.30pm: Intende voci – Elgar

Communion

6.30pm: *Manducaverum* (plainchant)

Organ Postlude

11am: 'Toccata' from 10 *Pièces pour orgue* – Gigout

6.30pm: Ciacona in C – Johann Bernhard Bach



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.



Catholic Social Services National Conference, Melbourne, 21-23 February 2024

All those who work, volunteer or have an interest in Catholic community services (and social justice more broadly) are invited to attend the **Catholic Social Services National Conference 2024:**

Commons, Commonality, Common Good.

Come along to be inspired in our shared work together – hear from innovative leaders, participate in thought-provoking conversations, and connect with others who share a desire to create true communities out of a common effort for the common good.

More information on tickets, the conference theme, speakers and the program is available at: <https://css.org.au/css-national-conference-2024/>



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Wednesday 14 February - Ash Wednesday

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm (1.00pm live streamed - Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb) Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm. (11.00am televised on C31. and live streamed on CAM) Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb
Reconciliation will be held Tuesday to Friday at 12pm - 12.45 pm and on Saturday mornings at 8.30am.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM LATIN MASS

In the Sacred Heart Chapel at St Patrick's Cathedral every Wednesday at 5.30pm

HOLY HOUR HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL EVERY THURSDAY AT 6.30PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Friday at the conclusion of the 1.00pm Mass, in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Exposition until 2.15pm.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Timothy Duddy, Bro. Peter Clinch, Bro. Fidelis Leddy, Peggy Geary, Ivanica Antolos, Patrick O'Neill and Frederick Philbert and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Jose Portes, Alan Cuerquis, Mauka McCiann, Denis Byrne and John Drum.

Archbishop

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
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St Patrick's Cathedral

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Please refer to the two new posters 'Rights and Responsibilities' and 'Feel safe and be Safe at Our Church' at the entrances of the Cathedral

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>.

St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Ministry (SPCYAM) (age 18 to 40 yrs old)

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at Cathedral Room, CKC Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne

Last Saturday of each month; 6pm mass, followed by meal.

Contact Fr. Jaycee Napoles (Jaycee.Napoles@cam.org.au) or info.spcyam@gmail.com