

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Leviticus
13:1-2. 44-46

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

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
10:31-11:1

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

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
1:40-45

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.



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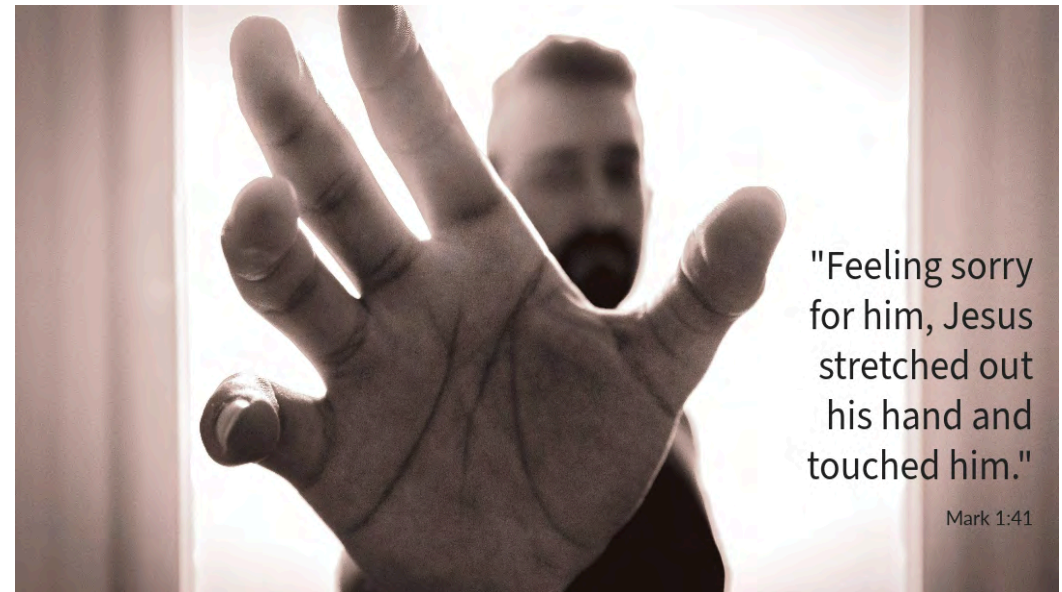
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 10th / 11th FEBRUARY, 2024



"Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him."

Mark 1:41

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.

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT
SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm
Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tuesday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Tuesday [OLA Church] 6.00 pm
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE (except Public Holidays)
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Wednesday 9:45 am
Saturday 9.30 am
i.e. following Mass (COVID-safe protocols apply)

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

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PRAYING FOR:

Spiros Ramanis, Fr Kevin Bates SM,
Anna Bolotskykh,
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Holly Brennan, Daniel McGannon,
Jim Carew, Assunta Testa,
Dorothy Longmuir, Patricia Longmuir,
Bill Wilson, Leonor Rivera,

....and all whose anniversaries occur about
this time.

...and we keep in our prayers all who are
currently unwell.

**Readings for this liturgical year from Advent
2023 to Christ the King 2024 are taken from
Year B in the Lectionary cycle**

Should you wish to view the Scripture
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical
Calendar) please visit:
universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass


VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are
current, that is, have not expired, and copies
made available to the Parish Office.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all
parishioners who continue to support both the
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through
your generous contributions. Both OLA & St
Agnes are now registered for online contributions.

The **CDF Pay** link for **OLA, Cheltenham** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayCheltenham>

The **CDF Pay** link for **St Agnes, Highett** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayHighett>

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES Lent begins
this coming **Wednesday 14th February**.
Masses will be celebrated at **9.15am at OLA
Church, and 7pm at St Agnes' Church.**

 **Caritas PROJECT COMPASSION
AUSTRALIA 2024** Please consider taking
home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of
donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia
this Lenten season, and in doing so, 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.

**PARISHES OF THE BAYSIDE AREA:
RECONFIGURATION** This week the 4
Parish Priests appointed to lead the 10 current
parishes of the Bayside area, i.e. those involved
in the reconfiguration from the current 10 to 4
parishes, met with the Vicar General, Fr Joe
Caddy and the Strategy Coordinator for the
Archdiocese, Cath Garner. The purpose of the
meeting was to review the proposed
implementation schedule and to address the
many formalities and practicalities associated
with the reconfiguration. The task is by no
means straightforward, and the issues to be
addressed differ across the new amalgamated
entities. Parish data management and financial
holdings, as well as liabilities, are in the
process of being clarified. Needless to say
there is a lot of work taking place behind the
scenes and we are grateful for the support of
the Archdiocese. Please continue to pray for
the local Church in the Bayside area, as
together we try and implement this transition.
The detailed **'Implementation Plan'** for the
'Reconfiguration of the Bayside Parishes',
including the schedule for the realignment of
parish boundaries, and amalgamation of
existing parishes, can be downloaded
directly from the following link: bit.ly/47JiBHR

OLA FETE - NOVEMBER 2024

**Calling all plant lovers and green
thumbs!**

The plant stall is one of the most successful and
most loved stalls at our fete. This year we need
your help to make sure it is blooming and bigger
than ever.

We are looking for people who can:

- Donate indoor/outdoor plants, indoor/ outdoor
plant pots (can be creative) or source donations
for the stall; or
- Propagate plants that you may have in your
garden/home to donate to the fete. Even if it is
just a few – every little bit helps;

If you can assist please contact Claire Melican,
from the Fete Committee either at 0402 367 067
or via email: fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au



**FEBRUARY 11th – XXXII
WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

In his message for the 32nd
World day of the Sick, Pope
Francis writes the following:

‘...the first form of care needed in any illness
is compassionate and loving closeness. To
care for the sick thus means above all to care
for their relationships, all of them: with God,
with others (family members, friends,
healthcare workers), with creation and with
themselves. Can this be done? Yes, it can be
done and all of us are called to ensure that it
happens. Let us look to the icon of the Good
Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37), to his ability to
slow down and draw near to another person,
to the tender love with which he cares for the
wounds of a suffering person.

In union with Pope Francis, and the Church
across the world, we are all invited to pray for
those living with illness, and of the consequent
isolation many people can experience. The
Pope's full message can be downloaded here:

www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/20240110-giornata-malato.html