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Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

14 February 2021 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Bernard Thomas (Wrens Creek), Sister Marcia Dawson RSL; Fidelma Kennedy (Bishop Michael's Mother) Bishop Malby; Judy Porter, Gwen Waterford (Nee Murphy).

Deceased: Terry Fitzpatrick, Kai Fitzpatrick.

Anniversary: Dulcie Tinson; Monsignor John O'Connor; Raymond & Catherine Campbell; Reginald Crossman; Robert Ferguson; Carmel Woodward; Leo Press; Frank Ryan; Teresa Lanry; Pat Carpenter; Kathleen Perkins; Marie Howard; William Guyer; Edna Mary Baker; Lucy Moran; Corey Baker; Leonard Turner; Carol Bourke; Michelle (Tollie) Lawrence; Win Lawson; Sam Miller; John Barr; Margaret Squires; Frank Donnelly; Bob Webeck; Michel Dare

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest in Peace. Amen.

And for those who are ill:

Lisa Brown; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward; David Seiler; Rita Looney; Bobbie Paton; Fr John Willis; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Goudder; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigg; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Ware Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Greeniree; Rosalynn Chan; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

The Sacred Liturgy	
Weekday Masses:	
Monday	9.30am - Quirindi
Tuesday	9.30am - Quirindi
Wednesday	9.30am - Quirindi
Wednesday	6.00pm - Werris Creek
Thursday	9.30am - Werris Creek
Friday	9.30am - Quirindi
Weekend Masses:	
Saturday:	Vigil Masses 5.00pm - Quirindi 6.30pm - Werris Creek
Sunday:	8.00am - Willow Tree 9.30am - Quirindi
Carona:	Every 5th Sunday of the Month at 11.00am
Baptism:	At any Sunday at 11.00am, arrangement to be made with the Parish Secretary. A Baptism preparation seminar is held every 1st Saturday of the Month at 10.00am at the Presbytery Meeting Room.
Reconciliation:	Every Saturday at 4.15pm - 4.45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:	Every first Friday of the month, after the 9.30am mass until 5.00pm.
Rosary is said 30 minutes before the Mass during weekdays.	

Roster	
20/2/2021 R:	W Rheinberger
21/2/2021 R:	D Davidson & M Corbould C: D Ryan & T Vereyken

Coming Events

- Wed 17 Ash Wednesday Mass at Quirindi at 9.30am and Werris Creek at 6.00pm
- Wed 17 First Communion Lesson in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall at 3.50pm
- Fri 19 Lenten Group after 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Centre
- Fri 19 Stations of the Cross at 5.00pm
- Tues 23 No Mass at St Brigid's today
- Tues 23 Mass for Religious at St Mary Help Christians 11.30am - Morning Tea at 10.00am
- Sun 28 First Communion Mass at 9.30am
- Fri 5 World Day of Prayer at the harvest Christian Church at 7.00pm

Coronavirus - The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. If you are unwell, stay at home and get tested as soon as possible
2. Please check-in with your details by scanning the QR code using your smart phones or by the log sheet
3. Sanitise your hands before entering and when leaving the church
4. Please observe physical distancing inside the Church, at the foyer and immediate surroundings
5. People from the same household may sit together.
6. Before and after Mass celebrant and faithful alike should minimize any time spent together, and particularly avoid gathering in large groups.
7. This church bulletin notice is for single use only. Kindly take this home with you or put it in the bin after use.

Ash Wednesday Lent begins Wednesday 17th February 2020. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year, the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year. Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion and Reconciliation at least once a year, in Australia, between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Ash Wednesday Mass will be at St Brigid's at 9.30am

Werris Creek at 6.00pm

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 5.00pm at St Brigid's commencing 19th February

First Holy Communion - Sunday 28 February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Preparation Lessons for First Holy Communion have commenced for parents and children. The lessons will be every Wednesday at 3.50pm in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall with a full reflection day on 26 February which includes Reconciliation, this day is 9.00am till 3.00pm.

Our Program is Parish Based that includes Father Vince our Parish Priest, Parents, Candidates, Teachers and Catechists. It places a strong emphasis on family involvement as we recognise that parents/guardians are the main educators in the faith for their children. Please pray for these children and their parents/guardians during this preparation time.

Due to COVID - Parishioners that go to Mass on a Sunday are requested to go to Mass on Saturday night, so that there is enough room for families to attend on the Sunday Morning. Thanking you in advance.

Missionary Religious Orders Collection

This weekend 13th/14th February 2021. To support Missionary orders who have priests in ministry in the Diocese. Envelopes will be at the back of the Church.

Lenten Group - Begins on Friday 19th February after the 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Centre. All welcome to join in.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 5th March at the Harvest Christian Church at 7.00pm. If you would like to read please contact Dara 0412701172 or Kathie 0409858707.

Confessional Door - has been removed to have glass fitted to the bottom portion of the door for the safety of the priest and those going to confession. Bishop Kennedy has requested this for all parishes.

Planned Giving \$485.00 + \$24.00 = \$509.00

First Collection \$287.40

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Holy Catholic Church

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Memorate

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

For the Men of our Parishes

Virtual Catholic Men's Gathering 2020. St Nicholas Parish Tamworth is hosting a Men's Event on Saturday Morning 20th March 2021. For further information please contact Bruce Stewart 0419011096 or local contact John Kerkeaan. It is open to all Men of the Diocese.

The Church will be open for visitation from 7.30am to 5.00pm daily.

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

COMPASSION FINDS A WAY

One of the painful learnings we have had from COVID-19 is just how difficult it is to deal with contagious diseases. In Ancient Israel they had learned that quarantining people suffering from skin diseases was necessary until they could be declared by priests ready to safely return to the community. For lepers and those who loved them, it was a brutally painful experience of fear, isolation, and rejection.

In the Gospel today a leper has heard about Jesus and in his desperation risks his life, and the health of others, by entering the city. Falling to his knees he pleads with Jesus to be healed. In his boundless compassion for the man, Jesus reaches out and touches him. In doing this Jesus takes the extraordinary step of making himself an outsider. Healed by Jesus, the man can now be declared fit to return safely to the community. His life has been returned to him and while Jesus has commanded him to be silent, he simply cannot hold it in – the good news of Jesus cannot be contained. At the end of the episode, an outsider has been brought back home and now Jesus has become an outsider himself, and that's where everyone can find him.

Not seeking our own good, but the good of others by not causing them scandal or harm was a lesson Paul was trying to teach the community of Christians in Corinth. Jesus' compassion leads him to reach out to all those in need. Paul hopes that his Christians will live their lives in the same way.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 FEBRUARY 2021

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 guilt. **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!