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SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm
On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am
Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service
Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any
weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an
open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

BAPTISMS By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on
the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

Thought of the Week

"If men knew the peace good Religious
enjoy, the whole world would become
a monastery."
-St. Scholastica (c482-543)

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time/B 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

Gospel Reading Mark 1:40-45

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behaviour of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honour. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honours the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

Fr Danai
Parish Administrator



WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH
Azalea Young who will be baptised this weekend.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays of the month at 11am.

The next **baptismal info** is on the 15th February, 7:30pm at the Parish centre.

Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Heartfelt Congratulations to our Catechumens namely, **Ngoc Tran Ngo and Peter Nguyen Tran**, who will participate in the "Rite of Sending" this Sunday at the 8:00 am, Mass. Their names will be inscribed in the Book of the Elect to be taken to St Mary's Cathedral next week (18th of February) for the "Rite of Election", to be presented to Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Please continue to support our soon to be "the Elect" catechumens through your prayers and encouragement. Thank you from the RCIA Team

We pray for...

Our sick: Alan Biag, Josephine Schembri, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Bernice Mack, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Zvonko, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Ed Malapitan, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Steve, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Roque Noronha, Ana, Maria & Richard, Tony Surace, Mate, Tania, Anka, Roman, Cecilia Felipe, Marcus Batros, Vincenzo Melissari, Josipa, Gioseppina Bartone, Alex, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Sipina family, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo, Lina (*Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise*).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Dennis De Martin, Gil Ilagan, John Svircevic, Zenaida Matias, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen, Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Angelita Bowrow, Slavko Kucinic, RRamon Umali **Other deceased including:**

Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Pasquale Carboni, Anna Cattellini, Carlo Farrugia, Stefano Cantele, Conor Dinan, Anita Wilson, Margaret Bastic, Stephen & Maria Suplat, Francesco Papalia, Milagros Gaspi, William Barton, Reynaldo Morales, Bernard Gitz, Agostino & Carmela, Ivan Bonza, Mario Cutajar, Louis Borg, Agostino Ranieu, Carmela Ranieu, Conor Dinan, Margaret Bastic, Maria & Steven Suplat, Francesco Papalia, Milagros Gaspi, William Barton, Reynaldo Morales, Bernard Gitz, Agostino & Carmela, Ivan Bonza, Antonio Lapuz, Isabel & Joseph Fenech, Niel Hanna, Stefano Collu, Teresa & Conor Dinan, Emmanuel Attard, Vincenzo Demaio, Domenico Marando, Juana & Donna Frijas, Timoteo Lagang, Maria Nguyen, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Tom & Patrick Anderson, Nonata San Miguel, Derrick Mack, Grant Colomb, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Guido & Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory.

May they rest in peace.

Blessings/Other Intentions: Andelka family, Suzy, Roman, Vera

WORLD DAY of PRAYER for the SICK—11th February

World Day of the Sick was introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. This date holds special significance as it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, a day associated with healing and devotion to the Virgin Mary. **Copies of Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Prayer for the Sick 2024 are available from the Church foyer as well as Prayer Cards for the Sick and their Carers.** God bless.

The Parent's information evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be on the 7th March at 6pm in the church. Children must be 8 years old & above at the time of preparation. Please bring the baptismal copy and a \$50 fee.



Parish Diary



Monday 12th February	9:10am Communion Service 10:00am Praise & Worship— Italians
Tuesday 13th February	9:10am Mass 6:00pm Catechist (SRE) Meeting 7:00pm Lenten Program—Deacon 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Praise & Worship
Wednesday 14th February	Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast & Abstinence) 9:10am Mass –Yr3-6 attending 7:30pm Mass
Thursday 15th February	9:10am Mass Adoration after the Mass for an hour. 7:30pm Baptismal Info
Friday 16th February	8:30pm Stations of the Cross 9:10am Mass 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Praise & Worship –JHPGroup 7:30pm Rosary –Disciples of Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 17th February	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 18th February	1st Sunday of Lent 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:00am Baptism 6:00pm Mass

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Responsorial Psalm	I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with joy of salvation.
Gospel	Mark 1: 40-45 Joel 2:12-18
Ash Wednesday	Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Next Weekend: 1st Sunday of Lent	Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

Striving to be a "Loving, Caring, Christian Community"

From the Liturgy Office...

World Marriage Day (WMD) (11 February 2024)



World Marriage Day was established in 1983 by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and is celebrated on the Second Sunday of February, often coinciding with Valentine's Day.

Originally, the aim of the day was originally to celebrate the **"husband and wife as the foundation of the family and the basic unit of society"**. The idea is also to bring honour to the idea that marriage is meant to embody faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in the daily-ness of life.

Marriage is a hugely important institution in most every part of the world and it symbolizes the formalisation of a relationship between two people.

As Catholics we realize that no matter our station in life – married, single or religious – we have all benefitted from the sacred covenant of marriage, the foundation of family, society and our Catholic Church. Families become the domestic church and in so doing are the source of new disciples and new vocations to the priesthood, religious life, marriage and the single life. The point is – marriage is essential to our faith and so Catholic married couples and families must be intentionally nourished, sustained and strengthened by their parish community.

Prayer for Married Couples

O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love those who are united in the covenant of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God bless,
Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

FEBRUARY: For The Terminally Ill

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.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS

Lent begins on 14 February 2024

Our parish will be celebrating two masses on Ash Wednesday at **9:10am** and **7:30pm**. Liturgical ministers are **still needed** at both masses. If you can help, please write your name & contact number on the appropriate clipboard located in the Church foyer. Thank you.

Bring Back Last Year's Palms

Please be reminded to bring in your palm branches from last year. Thank you.

Please Note: ABOUT FASTING & ABSTINENCE
Ash Wednesday (14 February) and Good Friday (29 March) are days of fasting and abstinence.

All who are 18-59 years old are bound to fast. All who are 14 years old and older are bound to abstain.



1st Sunday of Lent 17/18 February 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
Commentator	A Soldo	J Cruz	J Cordina	E Russo
Minister of the Word	Y Vitagliani	D Pizzin	J Weaver	T Seraglio
EMHC	F Di Marco Volunteer	Y Dawood L Pham	R Ranola L Biag	T Corpus L Bykowski S Seychell
Data Proj/ Musician	B&B Soldo	L Kardum S Cruz	R Mannino Choir	A Fleita
Altar Servers	C Debono M Kouza R Mascarenas	Volunteer	B Rice A Banbekian	E Fleita A Fleita M Nicolaou
Piety Stall	N Haddad	S Wilkins	V&M Pante	R Rossi
Counter: Group 3 M&E Frijas J Cruz S Cruz	Altar Linen : B Juan	Flowers : No flowers during Lent	Cleaners : Group 7 N Daniel D Dagaly E Lucarini M David	

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

Ash Wednesday—14th February 2024
at 9.10am and 7.30pm & SWIAA 10am

Lenten Program – All are invited to attend the Lenten Program to be led by Deacon Mervyn

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the church, commencing on the 13th Feb. Deacon Mervyn is providing an opportunity for the faithful to come together to pray and to prepare for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, using the **Lenten Companion now available in the foyer**. Please register (clipboard in the foyer).

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday throughout Lent commencing on the 16th Feb. at 8.30am and 7pm in the Church.

23/24 March—Passion (Palm) Sunday

Procession of Palms into the Church
Masses: Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

28 March—Holy Thursday

Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11:00pm

29 March—Friday of the Passion of the Lord

10:00am - Morning Prayer
10:30am - Stations of the Cross
1:00pm - Filipino Liturgy
4:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

30 March—Easter Vigil—Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer at 10am followed by the Blessing of Easter foods. Easter Vigil commencing (time tba) with the Blessing of Easter Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle & procession.

31 March - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12pm (Laos Community)

Note : No 6pm Mass



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A Marriage Encounter Weekend

on
27-29 June 2024

at **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Pilgrimage to England & Ireland.
Highlights: visiting Our Lady of Knock and Our Lady of Walsingham.

April 17– May 1, 2024

Please see Fr Danai