

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

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 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

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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 behavior 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 honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors 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.



Parish Bulletin

St Joseph's Catholic Church Tranmere 484 Magill Rd, Kensington Gardens, SA 5068

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 10/11 February 2024

The leprosy left him and he was cured.



JESUS TOUCHED HIM.

Jesus included the healing of lepers among the list of miracles which would authenticate his mission. He also communicated this power to his disciples. In today's Gospel, he not only heals a leper; he lays his hand upon him. It is a gesture of acceptance (and perhaps even of solidarity) with a social outcast.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Ps 30:3-4

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 31:1-2,5,11

Response: I return 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 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

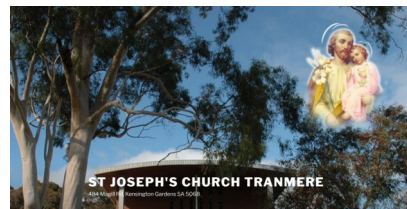
Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Tranmere Parish Direct Giving App

You can now make your donations to the first and second collection online. Direct Giving via the Archdiocesan App is cashless, fast and secure. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese app. Find a mass on your mobile phone and set up Direct Giving to the first and second collections as well as special appeals. Or contact the Parish Office to set up Direct Debit or Direct Credit. The following website provides a direct link to Tranmere Parish from a pc, laptop, or tablet. Thank you for your donations!
<https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/tranmere>



MORNING TEA

11 February after Sunday Mass
Please come and join us!



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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters—17/18 Feb 2024 1st Sunday of Lent	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Aloysius Achusiogu Evangelin Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	Nickie Palumbo Jessie Yesudas P
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	3/4 Feb 2024
Planned Giving	\$553.00
Open Plate	\$528.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,081.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$648.00



**Project Compassion Sunday
10 & 11 February**


Please take home a Project Compassion box or 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 communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. 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.




Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Death Anniversary:
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
There is a form of sorrow that is part of our conversion and can be transformed into joy with God's grace. But another kind of sadness makes the soul despondent. This second kind of sadness must be fought with all our strength, because it comes from the evil one.



NOTICES

Caritas 60th Anniversary Celebration
All Caritas supporters, young and old are invited to join the Archbishop on **Sunday February 25 for Mass at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral (11am)** followed by a coffee and sausage sizzle to commemorate **60 years of Caritas in Australia**, with its foundations proudly in Adelaide! All are invited to join in unity as we continue to support those most vulnerable in our world. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with all parishes, schools and anyone who proudly supports the good work of Caritas Australia - helping us to create a just and compassionate world. Make it a fun day out and join the **Adelaide Fringe – Festival of Hymns** Event – Pipe Organ Recitals at 1pm in the Cathedral.

Fringe Festival 2024—Pipe Organ Recitals at the Cathedral of St Francis Xavier
21 February 1pm: Amir Robin-Karas
25 February 1pm: Festival of Hymns by James Lloyd
28 February 1pm: Jacinta Jakovcevic
6 March 1pm: Graham Bell
17 March 1pm: Young Organists

Lefevre Catholic Community – Adult Faith Formation 2024
Lefevre Catholic Community will recommence its program of adult faith formation sessions this month.
Sunday, February 11 from 4–5pm
Being a Missionary Church Today – Fr Brian Lucas, national director of Catholic Mission.
Sunday February 25 from 4-5pm
Compassion – presenter Sr Marie Egan RSJ
Both sessions will be held at Sacred Heart Church Parish Meeting Rooms; 253 Military Road, Semaphore.

Celebration of the Feast Day at St Josephine Bakhita, Sunday February 11
Thursday February 8 is the Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita and the African Catholic Community will be celebrating her feast day at a Mass on **Sunday February 11 in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2.30pm**. All are invited to attend

Confession and Prayer for Peace, on Friday Night at St Laurence's
Every Friday at 7pm there will be an hour of silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Laurence's Church, North Adelaide. The intention is to ask for peace, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine. St Laurence's Church is on the corner of Hill St and Buxton St, North Adelaide. Come when you can, even if only for a few minutes. Confession will be available from 7.30pm.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL & ROSTREVOR COLLEGE**

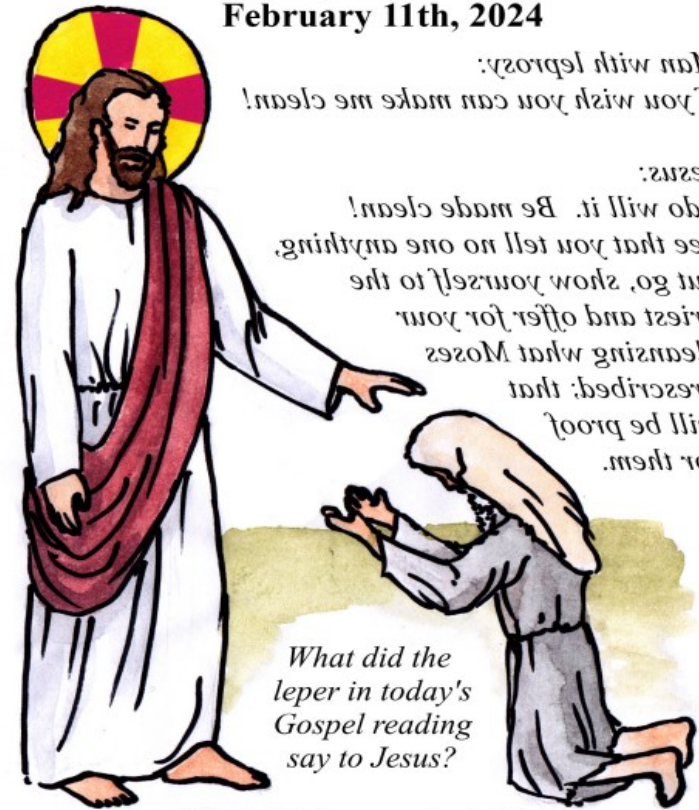
RECONCILIATION
Workshops—
• Monday 4th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
• Monday 25th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
Celebration— Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm

CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST
Workshops—
• Monday 13th May at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
• Monday 3rd June at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
Rehearsal—Sunday 23rd June after parish mass
Celebration— Sunday 30th June 11:00 am

If you have children who would like to join the sacramental program, please contact the Parish Office.
Tel: 8431 6932 Email: info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11th, 2024




If you wish you can make me clean!
Jesus: I do will it. Be made clean!
See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed: that will be proof for them.

What did the leper in today's Gospel reading say to Jesus?
What did Jesus reply to him?
Look at this page in the mirror to find out!

Don't forget this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday!


Keeping a Secret

In today's Gospel reading, a poor man with leprosy asked Jesus to heal him. Our Lord was sorry for the leper and healed him. But then He told him not to tell anyone. Do you know what the man did?



Well, he didn't keep the secret. He started to tell everyone what had happened. Soon Jesus couldn't walk into towns because there were such big crowds. He had to stay out in the deserted places so that there wouldn't be mobs in the towns.

Has anyone ever told you a secret? Do you find it hard to keep secrets? Once in a while somebody might tell you something that you will need to tell your parents, but usually you shouldn't tell anyone somebody else's secret. Before you tell something to your friends, always ask yourself if it's okay to share it with them. Will it make things hard for somebody else? Might you hurt someone's feelings? Think about how you would feel if someone told one of your secrets to their friends. And finally, always remember that the way you treat others is how you treat Jesus.



Answers to Cross-Word: across: 2: kept; 6: paper; 7: people; 9: sister; 10: to; 13: hand; 15: made
down: 1: Jesus; 2: begged; 3: kneeling; 4: felt; 5: if; 8: touched
11: be; 12: proof; 13: he; 14: down; 15: man

18: go; 17: whole; 18: in; 19: began; down: 1: Jesus; 2: begged; 3: kneeling; 4: felt; 5: if; 8: touched
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