



# HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY

UNDER THE CARE OF THE AUSTRALIAN JESUIT PROVINCE



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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land this Church was built.

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## REFLECTION FROM THE PARISH PRIEST FOR THE 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The liturgy today calls us to imitate Jesus, to reflect on Jesus' teachings and example. We need to take courage and treat each other with tenderness and compassion. In the Gospel, despite the religious customs and laws from Moses' time, the leper took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. "If you want to. . ." expresses his total trust in Jesus. For Jesus, the leper's daring act posed a challenge, that is, how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the leper, Jesus touched him. This also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion - "Of course, I want to". This is an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched and healed 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 - "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your healing - honours the Law of Moses.

In his message for Lent 2015, Pope Francis invites us to "ask the Lord: "Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum": Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference."

Lent is approaching. It begins with Ash Wednesday next week. We are called to "repent and believe in the Gospel". Let us see that leprosy or whatever physical illness makes us unclean is actually a symbol of sin and its consequences. Through sin, a person is lost and disoriented. He ruins himself, the people around him, and his friendship with God. Full of faith, we must go to Jesus with great confidence in his word "of course I want to" so that He may clean and purify us, especially in the Sacrament of Confession. Pope Francis in his Angelus 11 February 2018 affirmed "Each time we receive a Sacrament with faith: the Lord Jesus "touches" us and grants us his grace. . . especially through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, he heals us from the leprosy of sin."

*Fr Nguyen Van Cao SJ*



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February—'For the terminally ill'

*We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.*

### WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**BAPTISMS:** We welcomed into the church, Emiliana Ortiz and Sofia Hawkins, who were baptized last Sunday 04/02/24.

**LIST OF THE SICK:** Maureen Clements, Mary Walz, Kevin Smith, Mathew Sieders, Janice Angela Lawrence, Barbara Cameron, Kyla Aggar, Greg McDonald, Guillermo Lopez, John Williams, Jacob Kelly, Dermot Murray, Karen Bartolo, Emma Datoc, Val Polkamp, Imaculata Leota, Malia Leota, Paul Peters, Maria Barbara, Sylvia Greene, Baby Gabriella Mafi, Jose Manalo, Fely Dela Paz Manalo, Kilisimasi Lolesio, Faith Nimmo, Vaha Vave, Tualau Vave, Mayda Attachian, Faye Iffland, Tim Meagher, Cristina Frugone, Zarouf Mallouk, George Mallouk, Gloria Cutcliffe, Maria Llave, Maria Belisario, Boyet Llave, Fe Llave, Edwards, Fara Vargas.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fa'atagataina Latu, Gazella Sabjan, Moyra Gorman, Cynthia Harlow, Leota Amituanai, Tom Phelan, Sue Pickervance, Sr Rita Crowley, Elaine Kwong, Sr Loretta Kleinemas, Irene Way, Salvador Gonsalves, Cecilia Fotu-Milo, Faupapoa Ketu, Graham Roberts, Marian Elias(Lazarus family), Madge Pike, Coral McLean, Don Collins, Henriette Credi, Jack Kelly, Gary Nye, John Thoroughgood, Baby Gary Tyrone Doolan, Betty Appleby, Phillip Perech, Maureen Carter, Peter Gilchrist, Agatha Benson, Baby Wyndurra Dixon Murray, Kerrie Marie Hoffman, Anne Prentice, Peter Edward Collins, Mary Stewart, Blanche Muriel De Alwif, Felicia Lette, Ernest Holmes, Elaine Charfield, Una Fuller.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Fernanda Lithgoe.

*Please note: The 'Sick List' will be refreshed next weekend. If you would like to keep or list a name, please contact the parish office.*

### Dates for your Diary:

**Tuesday 27th February**

Mass & Anointing at Ropes Crossing

### Tuesday 12th March

Mass & Anointing for Seniors, 11.30am at Holy Family. RSVP by Friday 8-03-24.

## MASS TIMES HOLY FAMILY CHURCH EMERTON

Monday & Thursday: 8.30am

Tuesday & Wednesday: 6.00pm

Friday: 9.00am & 6.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am & 5.30pm

Sunday: 9.00am & 10.30am

## MASS AT WILLMOT Sunday 7.30am (8 Carteret Ave Willmot 2770)

### MASS of ANOINTING

Second Saturday of every month  
at 9.00am

### HOLY HOUR—EMERTON

Wednesdays from 5.00pm

Saturdays from 9.30am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 9.30am—10.00am OR  
by appointment.



## SCRIPTURE READINGS—YEAR B

# 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LET US HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD



### COLLECT:

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### FIRST READING: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: "When someone has on the skin of their body a swelling or an eruption or a spot, and it turns into a leprous disease on the skin of their body, that person shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests.

"Anyone who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of their head be dishevelled and shall cover their upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.' That person shall remain unclean as long as the disease persists; and being unclean, such a one shall live alone with their dwelling outside the camp."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 31: 1-2, 5, 11

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

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the one to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit. R.

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity; I said,  
"I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. R.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,  
O righteous, and shout for joy,  
all you upright in heart. R.

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Brothers and sisters: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Give no offence to Jews or to Greeks or to the Church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**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 man with leprosy came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling said to Jesus, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

After sternly warning him Jesus sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

But the man went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to Jesus from every quarter.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2024 — FIRST SUNDAY of LENT in YEAR B

**1st Reading:** Genesis 9: 8-15

**2nd Reading:** 1 Peter 3: 18-22

**Gospel:** Mark 1: 12-15

### ASH WEDNESDAY

14th February 2024

Mass times:

8.30am and 6.00pm

Please take home a Project Compassion box or envelope pack, to support Caritas Australia this Lent.

Weekday Mass times during Lent will remain as normal, except for Friday. On Fridays, Mass will be at 9.00am and 6.00pm.

**Meditations on the Stations of the Cross on Fridays** in the church: **5.15pm in English** **7.00pm in Tongan.**

### PARISH COLLECTIONS: for the weekend of the 3rd/4th February 2024

1st collection (for the clergy of the Diocese):

\$ 842.55

2nd collection (for parish expenses):

\$ 1,972.20

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

#### Sunday Feb 11:

- \* Parish Pastoral Council meeting, 12pm-1.30pm (Parish Centre)
- \* Holy Family Tongan community, 12pm-3pm (Mary Mackillop Meeting room)
- \* St Ignatius Tongan Sunday School, 12pm-3pm (Schoenstatt Sisters room)
- \* Samoan Divine Mercy, 3pm-5pm (MMR)

#### Monday Feb 12:

- \* AA meeting, 7pm-8pm (MMR)

#### Tuesday Feb 13:

- \* Parish staff meeting, 9am-10am (PC)
- \* Clergy Day, 10.30am (Marayong)
- \* **The Apology Event, 5.30pm-8pm (Parish Centre)**
- \* Narcotics Anonymous, 6.30pm-8pm (MMR)
- \* St Vincent De Paul Emerton Conference, 7pm-8.30pm (SSR)

#### ASH WEDNESDAY Feb 14:

- \* Christian Meditation, 6.30pm-7.30pm (Mary Mackillop Meeting room)
- \* Funeral for the late Fernanda Lithgoe, 9.45am at Guardian Chapel, Pinegrove.

#### Thursday Feb 15:

- \* OZ Harvest free food distribution from the CatholicCare centre, from 12pm

#### Friday Feb 16:

- \* Stations of the Cross: 5pm in English, 7pm in Tongan (church)
- \* AA meeting, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)

#### Saturday Feb 17:

- \* Legion of Mary, 10am-2pm (MMR)
- \* 40 Day Anniversary Mass for Lorena De Guia, 10.30am (church)
- \* AA meeting, 6.30pm-7.30pm (MMR)
- \* Holy Family Tongan Community Mass, 7.30pm-9.30pm (church)

### ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE 2008 APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATIONS

Remembering the Stolen Generations & Others in the community to reflect on the past and how our past can shape our future.

**Free Community Event**

**Tuesday February 13th in the Holy Family Centre (11 Emert Pde Emerton 2770)**

**5.30pm—8.00pm**

**"HAND IN HAND WE STAND"**

Hosted by the Mt Druitt & District Reconciliation Group.