



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

14 FEBRUARY 2021

Entrance Antiphon | Cf. 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.

First Reading | Leviticus 13.1-2,44-46

In ancient times, leprosy was considered contagious and therefore, a danger to the health of the community which had no medical resources.

That was the reason behind the harsh instruction contained in today's passage.

A reading from the Book of Leviticus

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. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 31(32).1-2,5,11

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

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.

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.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
 exult, you just!
 O come, ring out your joy,
 all you upright of heart.

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1

Here is a brief summary of what our basic attitude and behaviour toward God and neighbour should be.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul
 to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything of 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. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation | Luke 7:16

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

Gospel | Mark 1:40-45

Jesus' compassion for a leper and his healing intervention symbolise the salvation he brings to all those affected by the leprosy of sin.

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PARTS OF THE MASS

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Credo | The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Orate fratres

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours...

The people will stand and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Mysterium fidei

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

Libera nos

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days...

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. (2x)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.

Ecce Angus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God...

And together with the people, the priest adds:

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

TV / ONLINE MASS

TV Mass - Channel 10, every Sunday 06.00am
St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney) | Sunday 10.30am
<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

08 December 2020 to 08 December 2021
150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Year's Palm Crosses

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. In preparation for Lent, we are collecting last year's palm crosses. You are invited to return your old palm between now and Sunday, February 14. Please place them in the marked basket at the foyer.

Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday 17 February 07.00am MHOC Church South Tamworth
09.30am School Hall (*not open to public*)
12.00noon MHOC Church South Tamworth
06.00pm St Mary's Church North Tamworth

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 9.00am Church

Special Collection

The annual Missionary Orders Special Collection will be conducted at all Masses this weekend. This collection is shared equally with the Missionaries of La Salette in the Philippines and the Rogationists in India. St Edward's Parish is capped to contribute \$ 1253.00. If the target is not achieved, the parish is to make up the shortfall.

You can also EFT your donation to:

Account Name: Special Collection Account

BSB: 082105 **Acc. No.:** 001059638 **Reference:** Missionary Orders

English Lessons

English lessons have recommenced and we are calling out for anyone who may be able to assist as a "teacher". No formal qualifications are required. If you have time to help come along to English Lessons, held in the Church Hall every Sunday at 10am. For more information contact Fr Paul or the parish office.

Sacramental Preparation | 1st Confession

Open to all Catholic students from Year 2 and up. For students other than St Edward's School please contact Deacon Paul Manvell at 02 6762 0569.

Invitation | World Day of Prayer 2021

Our Parish is hosting World Day of Prayer 2021 on Friday 5th March at 10.00am. Organised by the Australian Church Women Inc., World Day of Prayer is a combined church service. This year's country of focus is Vanuatu with the theme: "Build on A Strong Foundation." All are invited to come and pray with our brothers and sisters from other churches. There will be morning tea following the service.

Save the Date | Men's Gathering

St Nicholas' Parish is hosting a men's Event on Saturday morning, 20 March 2021. The Programme will be led by several outstanding presenters from the 2020 Gathering. This is open to all men of the Diocese. For more information please contact: Patrick Mahony 0427 851 651 or Bruce Stewart 0419 011 096.

*In your charity,
please pray for*

Our sick

Fr John Willis
Chris Fardy
Petrina (Fardy) Keys
Baby Isabelle Mathew
Addison Peachy
Narelle Albans
Julien Ryan

Our Deceased

+ Bishop Luc Matthys, DD
+ Fidelma Kennedy
+ Michael Tayomora, Sr
+ Salud Nepomuceno
+ Joy Makepeace

Mass Intentions

17/02 + Grahame Fisher, *anniversary*

Roman Martyrology

14/2 St Valentine, *priest & martyr*
15/2 St Craton, *martyr*
16/2 St Julian, *martyr*
17/2 Ash Wednesday
18/2 St Simeon, *bishop & martyr*
19/2 St Gabinus, *priest & martyr*
20/2 St Eleutherius, *bishop & martyr*

MASS THIS WEEK

14-21 February

Monday 07.00am
Tues, Thur & Fri 09.30am
Wednesday *see left column*
Saturday 05.30pm
Sunday 8am, 9am, 5.30pm

BAPTISM

by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

by appointment

CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday 04.45 - 05.15pm

Weekly Collection

07 February 2021

1st Collection \$ 742.55
Envelopes PG \$ 807.00
Loose \$ 55.20

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph

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 courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon | Cf. Ps 77.29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

LENTEN PENANCE

During Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choices. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.

(b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one’s own country.

(c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

LITURGICAL NOTES

Orate, fratres

Part 2

But reading the rubric is one thing: knowing why it says what it does is another. Why does the rubric have the assembly stand before making its response? Let me suggest three reasons.

First, standing is an appropriate response to the priest’s command to pray. I say “command” since the verb *orate* is just that, taking the imperative form. *Orate* is at its root *ora*, for prayer, and it takes the form of a command. *Orate* is related to *oremus*, “Let us pray,” which the priest says before the Collect (or Opening Prayer) at the end of the Introductory Rites and before the Prayer After Communion. But in these cases the *oremus* is in the subjunctive form and serves more as an invitation than a command. In a certain sense, the command *orate* is similar to the military command “Attention!” – to which soldiers stand in response.

Second, standing is a posture of respect and, in this case, respectful entreaty. During the other presidential prayers, such as the Collect or Prayer After Communion, the assembly is standing, since it is addressing God (most often God the Father) through the person of the priest. At other times, such as during the Eucharistic Prayer, the assembly kneels, this also being, among other things, a petitionary posture. But never in the Mass does the assembly as a whole pray to God from a sitting posture. And it is no small petition that the members of the assembly make: we pray that our sacrifice may be accepted for God’s glory and our sanctification. Offering an acceptable sacrifice which sanctifies us and glorifies God was (and is) the essence of Jesus’ own work, the ongoing ministry of the Church, and the most fundamental aspect of being a Christian. Standing expresses the importance of this petition in a way that sitting cannot.

Third, and related to number two, the act of standing (in both cult and culture) is a sign of readiness. The Chosen People were told to offer that first Paschal Sacrifice “with your loins girt, sandals on your feet and your staff in hand” because “you will eat it in a hurry” (Exodus 12:11). Like the Israelites, we too stand in readiness as we prepare our own sacrifice: the true Paschal Lamb and, with him, our own hearts. Standing thus also expresses and fosters our readiness to enter into the sacrifice at the altar.

So whether or not your own parish stands as the Missal indicates, we can at least be mindful of what these words and postures at this juncture signify: the command to sacrifice, the heart-felt petition that our sacrifice be acceptable for our holiness, and the readiness to join our own personal sacrifices to that of Jesus on the altar.

Source: <https://adoremus.org/2016/05/orate-fratres/>

WEEKLY ROSTER

1st Sunday of Lent B | 20-21 February 2021

	Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters this week
Saturday 5.30pm	G Chapman	G Smith	D Sullivan	G Smith & B Gordon
Sunday 8.00am	C Jackson		D Pawsey	
9.00am	C Kelly	B Simpson	F Moloney	Counters next week
5.30pm	J Cronin		C Frost	G Tighe & T Hill