SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12th February 2012

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Second Reading: St Paul to Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia Alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia!
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Baptisms
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Marriages
(6 months notice) Arranged by appointment.
(Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office)

Reconciliation
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.

WELCOME
St Ambrose Parish community warmly welcomes visitors and new parishioners. We invite new parishioners to fill in a card found on the table at the church entrance and place it on the collection plate. A member of the Parish will visit you as soon as possible.
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make

WE PRAY FOR...

Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, especially all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, especially Lorna McInerny, Jean McDonnell and Lyn Scott and for all whose anniversaries are at this time, and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

A leper appeals to Jesus’ compassion: ‘If you want to…’

Indeed, Jesus does want to cure him, and not only him, but everyone who asks. In his joy, the man could not keep the cure to himself, but proclaimed the good news everywhere. We too can proclaim the Kingdom of God by our joy and enthusiasm in being followers of Christ, because we also have been healed many times.

COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)

(This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.) $706

Church (envelopes) collection

(This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.)

ARCHDIOCESE MASS TIMES

If you need to know the Mass times at another Parish in our Archdiocese you can now access them via the internet. All parishes are listed at: www.cam.org.au/

VOCATION VIEW

Today’s Gospel says that: “Jesus was moved with pity, when He was a leper.” Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today’s society. Who will come forward to minister Christ today?

MONDAY AT THE MANOR

Call in at Judy and John Wills’ house at Lot 6, Adam Close, around midday this Monday for a sandwich and a chat. Everyone welcome.

Anyone needing transport
ST AMBROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEBSITE
The school has launched their new website at www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au
Log on and have a look, it has the latest newsletters, school events and all contact and enrollment information.
Suggestions and/or feedback is welcomed as they develop this new communication resource further.

POSITIONS VACANT
Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:
- Cleaner, Corpus Christi College
- Kitchen Hand/Dinning Room Attendant, Corpus Christi College
- Team Leader-Infrastructure, Information Systems
- Human Resources Advisor—Little Sister of the Poor
- Parish Secretary—St Peter and Paul’s Parish, South Melbourne
- Cook—St Mary’s Seminary Mulgrave
- Business Development Representative—Catholic Development Fund

Further details can be found on the Archdiocese website at http://www.cam.org.au/jobs

ST AMBROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL/ PARISH CARNIVAL
The next Carnival meeting is Tuesday February 14th @ 7.30 in the staffroom. Committee will meet weekly from now until Carnival day March 24th 2012.

BISHOP TOMLINSON
The Farewell Mass for the Vicar General Bishop Tomlinson, following his appointment as the new Bishop of Sandhurst, will be held at St Patrick’s Cathedral on Thursday 23rd February at 7.30pm.

Bishop Tomlinson will be installed as the new Bishop of Sandhurst at Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo on Thursday 1st March at 12 noon.

All welcome to attend at both these services.

ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY
“I Feel Proud Today”
Monday 13th February 8am—10am
Birrarung Wilam Installation, Birrarung Marr Park
(near the ArtPlay building, behind Federation Square)

The community is invited to gather on the banks of the Yarra to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the National Apology to the stolen Generations.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES
These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

Be Calm and full of confidence in God. 11/10/1873

Mary MacKillop’s Daily Quotes

FR ROBERT BARRON
Fr Robert Barron is in Melbourne to launch his groundbreaking Catholic documentary on 4-5 March. Australian Catholic University will host a visit from this prominent US theologian. Fr Barron is the creator and host of CATHOLICISM, a groundbreaking ten-part documentary series and study program about the Catholic faith.

Sunday 4th March
4pm: Harman Lecture at John Paul II Institute 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne
7.30pm: Theology in the Pub at Pumphouse Hotel 128 Nicholson St Fitzroy.

Monday 5th March
9.30am: Talk & screening for all Melbourne Catholic Agencies at the Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne
7.30pm: Theology Lecture, at ACU St Patrick’s Campus, 115 Victoria Pde Fitzroy
The Living Word

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

12 February 2012

First Reading  Lv 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.

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 Jew 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.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(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 guile. (R.)
2. By 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.)

Gospel Acclamation  Lk 7:16
Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel  Mk 1:40-45
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded with him, saying, 'If you want to, 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.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy (known as Hansen’s disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God’s punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus’ ability and good will: ‘if you want to, you can cure me’. Jesus’ reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man’s plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

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What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!

Say _______ _______ of this to anyone; but go and ______ yourself to the _______ _______, then make an offering at the _______ _______ as Moses _______ _______ _______, then all will know you are _______ _______.

Wordsearch
Try to find these words:

begged    hand    sorry
disappear  kneel   tell
everywhere  leprosy    temple
gift      priest    towns

February 14

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