

All Hallows' Five Dock



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Sunday 11th February 2024

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place, live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a spirit of service, that creates a sense of God's presence among us.

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A Reflection by Fr Sebastian

Gospel Reading Mark 1:40-45

Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice, and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 32.

With best wishes -
Fr Sebastian



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am (1st Sunday of the month - Italian mass), 10am and 5pm

Monday - Communion Service - 8am

Tuesday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 12pm - 4pm

- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliation: 3pm – 3:40pm (when priest is available - contact office to confirm)
- Benediction: 3:45pm • Finish: 4:00pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday:
8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm
Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls: Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday at 11am.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. To read the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding policy, please visit the parish website (<https://www.allhallows.org.au/safeguarding>).

Welcome Fr Bob Hayes

We welcome Fr Bob back to the All Hallows community. He will be celebrating the weekday and weekend masses until Fr Sebastian's return.



Ash Wednesday Masses - 14th February

Ash Wednesday - A day of penance and fasting.



Ash Wednesday Masses (14th February)
are at 8am, 9:15am (School Mass) and 7pm.



The Stations of the Cross will be celebrated
at 7pm every Friday during Lent, commencing on the 16th February, 2024.

2024 Lenten Groups



During Lent, a time of penance and preparation, we engage in the spiritual life through prayer, fasting and almsgiving with the aim of deepening our connection with God, recognising Christ's Sacrifice for us, his passion and death and His resurrection. It is a time to reflect, repent and revitalise our commitment to our faith, to express our gratitude for Christ's sacrifices and to joyfully celebrate the arrival of Easter, the most important feast in the Church's calendar.

2024 Parish Lenten groups will begin in the week of 12th February.

Parishioners are invited to join a Lenten group and journey together in preparation for Easter. The groups will run for 6 weeks, although parishioners are welcome to attend fewer meetings if they are unable to commit to all meetings. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. If you don't wish to leave your details on the sign-up sheet, they can be left with the parish secretary.

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in this opportunity to reflect on scriptural verses and to pray together.

Please direct enquiries to

Sandy Lynch - 0402 075 976 or Ann Kerley - 0408 720 461.



Project Compassion



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

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.

Repent and Believe - Lenten Companion 2024

The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes, communities, and homes to reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion **REPENT AND BELIEVE: Be Filled with the Love of God.**



This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Marilyn Rodrigues, Mark Lysaght, Sister Maliya Suen, RSM, Dr Kevin Wagner, Hazel Lim, Fr Sam Lynch, and Fr Richard Sofatzis. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, the resource will be available to collect in the gathering space of the church (limited copies) and online at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

You can also still join a parish Lenten group. Please direct enquiries regarding the parish Lenten groups to Sandy Lynch (0402 075 976) or Ann Kerley (0408 720 461).

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Anthony B.
Ellen Poole
Moreen Price
Emilia Bocconi
Frank Hume
Siosuia Sikulu
Philippa Mary Sikulu

**names will remain on the list for 1 month unless notified*

Recently Deceased:

Dorina Zurla
Amelia Amata
Margaret English
Antonio Trevisan
Fr Michael Kelly
Nunziata (Nancy) Gatto
Norman Merlino
Bartolo Ziino
Vince Tramonte
William Morelli
Frank Bova
Angelo Calvi



Anniversaries:

Harry Asbjerg Zol
Rocco Gelonese
Alice Tam
William Morelli
Francesco Tripodi
Robert McTavish
Norman Merlino
Concetta Mangano
Giuseppe Mangano
Michael Roehfort
Vince Tramonte
Giovanni Paino
Bartolo Ziino

May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen



Parish Notices



No Monday morning Mass

Please note that from **Monday, 12th February** there will no longer be a Monday morning mass. It will be replaced by a Communion Service.



Sacramental Dates 2024

Sacrament of First Reconciliation - Year 3 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday 7th May at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at the Parent Information Night.
- Celebration of First Reconciliation: **Wednesday (evening), 12th June** at 7pm in the Church.



Sacrament of Confirmation - Years 6 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 30th July at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at Information Night.
- Celebration of Confirmation: **Saturday, 7th September** - times to be advised.



Sacrament of Holy Communion - Year 3 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 24th September at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at Information Night.
- Celebration of First Holy Communion: **Saturday, 16th November** and **Sunday, 17th November** – times to be advised.



Stations of the Cross

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on **Fridays at 7pm**. It will commence on Friday, 16th February.



Please join us.

Fr Michael Kelly

A wreath was sent to the funeral of Fr Michael Kelly from Fr Sebastian and the All Hallows Parish Community expressing our condolences to his family and friends.



Baptisms



We welcome

Milana Gargaro

who is being baptised into our parish community of All Hallows this weekend.



"Anyone who welcomes this little child in my name welcomes Me." - Luke 9:48.

Il Movimento Cattolico del Rinnovamento nello Spirito Santo

Il Movimento Cattolico del Rinnovamento nello Spirito Santo invita la comunità italiana a partecipare alla celebrazione della Santa Messa di ringraziamento per l'inizio di un nuovo anno, celebrata da padre Giovanni Iacono **Giovedì 15 Febbraio alle ore 1pm**, nella chiesa di St Joan of Arc - 97 Dalhousie St, Haberfield.

Tutti ben venuti.

Per informazione, telefonare all'ufficio parrocchiale.



World Day of Prayer



The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

This year, the World Day of Prayer is to be held at

Five Dock Drummoyne Uniting Church,
5 Garfield Street, Five Dock

on Friday, 1st March at 10 am

It will be followed by a morning tea.




Children's Corner

Jesus has the power to heal


W R R M H V N B E G G E D C A
K E S N M V S M L Y I T G T P
F W M O M O L K P Q Y S J J R
U D A O E V E R Y W H E R E I
X W H A N D H P H Y K L K J E
F G Z J I M K M T H Q P N M S
S C Z D I S A P P E A R E C T
C T E L L R C S R L L K E D L
B L D V Y N G O Z X D B L E O
L E P R O S Y R Z T O W N S Y
T U O Z B W S R L F T R N T Q
S X T I E K I Y G I F T J N X
X C Y X K T D B Z F V E K R W
E J T Z P E K X O I Y Q V O D
R T N V T I E S T E M P L E N

Try to find these words:

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

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Leviticus 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>'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.'</p> 	<p>(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in times of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)</p> 	<p>1 Corinthians 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.</p> <p>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.</p> 
Next Week's Readings		Gospel Acclamation
<p>1st Sunday of Lent 1st Reading: Gen 9:8-15 2nd Reading: 1 Pet 3:18-22 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15</p>		<p>Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

<p>Mark 1:40-45 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark The leprosy left him and he was cured.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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Gospel Focus – What's in a word?

Verse 41 of this week's reading begins, 'Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand.' This translation is from the Jerusalem Bible but if we were to consider other translations of the Bible we would find other phrases used such as: moved with pity; filled with pity; moved with compassion; filled with compassion; or even, filled with anger. By comparison, 'Feeling sorry for him' seems a weak translation. Jesus' reaction is a fully human one of indignation at what this man is forced to endure. It is a gut-wrenching response from the very core of Jesus' humanity.



LENTEN PENANCE

In this season of Lent, we seek to experience the mercy of God the Father, and to practice it in our daily lives. But first we must experience *our need for mercy*, that is, our brokenness and, indeed, our sinfulness, insofar as we have failed to love God above all, and to love our fellow men and women as ourselves. This is why the Church's Canon Law reaffirms the obligation to do penance – to interrupt the usual comforts of life, to rediscover in prayer the merciful love of God, and to practice charity and justice towards those in need. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent.

We recall that St John the Baptist prepared for the coming of the Lord by “preaching a baptism of repentance”. Jesus began his ministry with the exhortation: “Repent and believe the Gospel” (Mk 1:15). Repentance means the rejection of sin. It implies conversion to, and reconciliation with, God. Prayer, self-denial, and works of charity are the concrete expressions of repentance. Each of these identifies us more closely with our Saviour. By penance we make satisfaction for our sins, and take real steps in the renewal of our lives. Repentance and conversion are central, on-going, and even daily practices of Christian living.

In nominating special times of penance, the Church encourages and promotes in all of us the *habit* of penance. Furthermore, observance of these special times by all Catholics throughout the universal Church emphasises what we call “the social dimension of sin”. The sin of the individual member always in some measure infects the whole body. Therefore during Lent and on every Friday throughout 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 very 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 choice. 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, *must* be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth 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; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.
 - (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

LENT LASTS FROM ASH WEDNESDAY (14th FEBRUARY) TO THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (28th MARCH). ON GOOD FRIDAY AND, IF POSSIBLE, ALSO ON HOLY SATURDAY UNTIL THE EASTER VIGIL, THE EASTER FAST IS OBSERVED.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 14th February, and Trinity Sunday, 26th May, 2024 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

St Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY
14th February 2024

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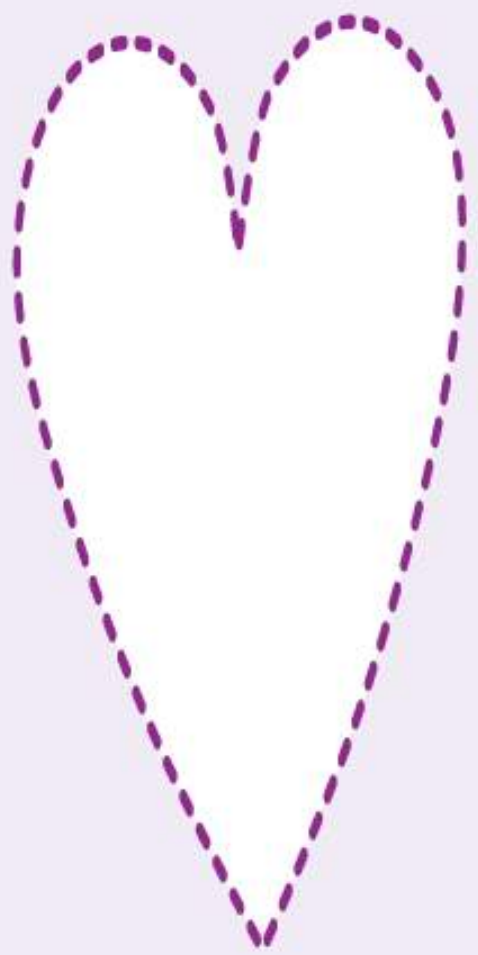
LOOK

Sunday 11 February 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mark 1:40-45

In the GOSPEL TODAY

I am loved

Jesus wanted to help the leper. He cared deeply about him. Jesus cares deeply about you. Draw a picture of you inside Jesus' heart.



A man with a skin disease asks Jesus for help. Jesus wants him to be well and so he heals him. The man tells everybody his good news! Lots of people come from all around to find Jesus so that he can heal them.

I WANT YOU TO BE WELL!

Maze

In Jesus' time lepers had to stay away from other people. Jesus does not want anyone to be left out. Help all these people find their way to Jesus.



Reach out

The leper was left out. Jesus reached out and touched him. Jesus wasn't worried that he might catch the leper's skin disease. Sometimes people can be left out at school. Draw a picture of you inviting someone to play.

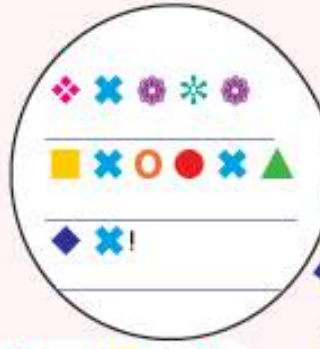


A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to care for other people like you did. Amen.

Code

What good news is this man shouting? Break the code and find out.



- a=○
- d=▲
- e=×
- h=■
- j=◇
- l=●
- m=◆
- s=◎
- u=☆



Answer: Jesus healed me!