

ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH NEWS

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

13-14 FEBRUARY 2021

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Corrie (Wed-Thurs, 9am - 3pm)



"THEY SHALL DECLARE THEMSELVES UNCLEAN. THEY SHALL DWELL APART, MAKING THEIR ABODE OUTSIDE THE CAMP. MOVED WITH PITY, JESUS STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND, TOUCHED HIM, AND SAID, "BE CURED."

St. Francis de Sales wrote in his Introduction to the Devout Life: "There is scarcely anyone without some imperfections." (Part 3, Chapter 22)

We have a good handle on the imperfections, vices, idiosyncrasies and even the sins of those with whom we work, we play, we neighbor and we live each day.

Most days we overlook them. Some days we put up with them. Other days, we might even make excuses for them. Occasionally, we dwell on - maybe even magnify - them.

Sometimes it is necessary to draw attention to things in other people that blemish their potential for happiness, health, and holiness. Sometimes we need to take the risk to name the sins, the faults and the wounds in others that prevent them from being more of who God calls them to be. Sometimes we need to reflect to others those social, spiritual, psychological or relational sores that rob them of their full citizenship as sons and daughters of the living, loving and saving God.

The Scriptures contrast two quite different methods for doing this. One approach draws attention to others' sins to isolate them, ostracize them or distance them from the community. The other approach - Jesus' approach - is to draw them even more closely into the life of the community, to create a space in which the "unclean" can experience healing, strength, and a new lease on life.

Ask yourself the question: When you do draw attention to the imperfections, the warts, the blemishes of others, why do you do it? To distance yourself from them? To embarrass them? To humiliate them? Or are you reaching out, reaching into the heart of others? Is your goal to create a space of truth in which they can experience healing, forgiveness, reconciliation and strength? Do you intend it as an opportunity for a new beginning?

A footnote worth considering: before ever calling attention to the imperfections, the sins or the blemishes of others, we must take that most important of first steps.

Be clear and unambiguous about our own sin and weakness. Be clear and unambiguous about our own need for healing and forgiveness. Be clear about our own need for friends who will not only sometimes tell us what we want to hear about ourselves, but who will consistently have the courage to tell us what we need to hear about ourselves.

Salesian Feed



A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

St Joseph, you were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:

may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, Thy will be done. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."
- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

MASS ONLINE

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE

Masses are livestreamed daily on our Archdiocesan YouTube channel and on Sundays are available to view on free-to-air TV via C31 (channel 44 on digital TV).

BOX HILL PARISH

Daily Masses: <https://www.facebook.com/GBHparish>

Sunday Masses also on:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/GreaterBoxHillParish>

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Available at Network Ten - 10 Play
<https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

VIETNAMESE SUNDAY MASS AT 5:00 PM

<https://www.facebook.com/sttimvn>

VIETNAMESE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

THE SECOND DAY OF NEW YEAR

Saturday 13 February, Mass at 7.30pm

THE THIRD DAY OF NEW YEAR

Sunday 14 February, Mass at 5pm

SACRAMENTS:

Baptism: 1st Sunday of the Month (9:00 AM Mass)

◆ Reconciliation

◆ Marriage

◆ Anointing of the Sick

◆ Funerals

Contact Parish office for Enquiries & Arrangement

2021 FIRST EUCHARIST, RECONCILIATION & CONFIRMATION

◆ For children attending St. Timothy's school, preparation for these three sacraments is through the school.

◆ For children not attending St. Timothy's school, preparation and enrollment is through the Parish Office every Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00-3PM and Friday from 1:00- 5:00PM

MASS TIMES:

◆ Saturday: 6:00 PM

◆ Sunday: 9:00 AM

◆ Mass in Vietnamese : 5:00 PM (All Sundays)

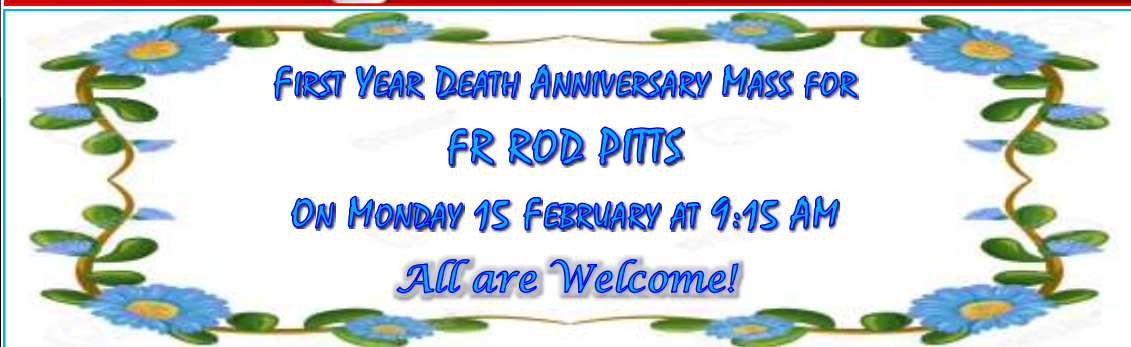

VIETNAMESE ENQUIRIES: AHN LOC 0434 239 212 or
ANH TOAN 0422 295 115.

WEEKDAYS:

◆ Wednesday & Thursday, 9:15 am

◆ 1st Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am, Anointing Mass

◆ Every Friday, 10:00 am

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

17 FEBRUARY

- ◆ 9:15 AM
- ◆ 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent season. It is also a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

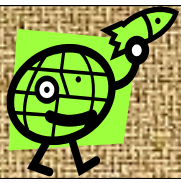
We are in need of Readers and Proclaimers. Training will be provided. Ring or email the parish office.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Gwen Cruise, Sis. Pauline Hunt, Ann Hilal, Luisito Natividad, Fr Rod Pitts, Dot Lester, Tyrone Oosthuizen, Flo Bryan, Stephen Kelly, Adrianus Van Den Boogaard, John Chapman, Mary Veronica Deering.

ROSTERS:	6:00PM	9:00AM
EUCHARIST MINISTERS		
◆ This Week	Susan Chen	Laura Cigana
◆ Next week	Mary Italiano	Anico Yee
PROCLAIMERS		
◆ This Week C:	Hubert Lobo	Alfred Lee
P:	Rachel Grealy	Daphne Hickman
◆ Next week C:	Peggy D' Cruz	Trevis Yee
P:	Patrick Kelly	Ryan Yee
COUNTERS		
This Week: Margaret Leach / Fela Colasanti		
Next Week: Owen Grealy / Anthony Yeo		



FOR THE INFORMATION OF PARISHIONERS
LENT 2021

109. *The Lenten season has a twofold character:*

- 1) *it recalls baptism or prepares for it;*
- 2) *it stresses a penitential spirit.*

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) *Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy...*
- b) *The same approach holds for the penitential elements...*

110. *During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social...*

In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, 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; or in other ways.
- (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 or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.

- 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 (Canon 1252).

- The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.

- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021 and Trinity Sunday, 30 May 2021 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.

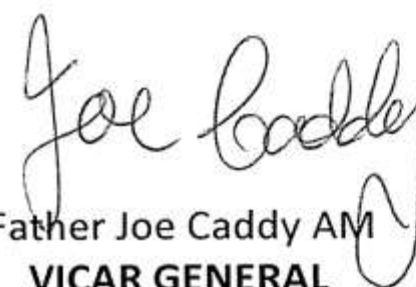
- The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament.

All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

HOLY WEEK - The 2021 Ordo contains instructions for the Rites of Holy Week.

FUNERALS – On Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday all Masses for the Dead, including Funeral Masses, **are forbidden**. Funerals on these days are celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and without the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

WEDDINGS - Weddings should be discouraged during the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday. Should a couple be particularly insistent on a wedding for one of these days, then please indicate that no decorations (including flowers), no music nor Nuptial Mass will be permitted.


Father Joe Caddy AM
VICAR GENERAL

INTRODUCTION TO MASS:

Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion! Touch of compassion, hands to hold. Time and ears to listen. Can you see and embrace this person?

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord Jesus, you show compassion to those who approach in faith.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you bring the outcast into your kingdom of love.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you fill us with the joy of salvation.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

FIRST READING: *Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46*

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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :

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. 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: *1Cor 10:31-11:1*

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 .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: *Mark 1: 40-45*

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.