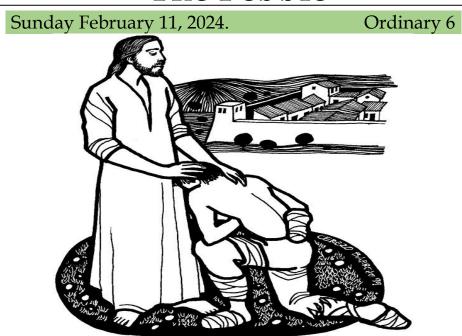


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The Pebble



Collect.

Mighty God, strong, loving and wise, help us to depend on your goodness and to place our trust in your Son. hear this prayer for your love's sake. AMEN.

WELCOME

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and all those who read the Pebble on-line.

The Liturgy for Today.

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662) **10.30 am** Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

178 'Tis good, Lord, to be here

We sing the 3-fold Alleluia at the Gospel

388 Jesus shall reign

387 Jesus, good above all other

308 Thee we adore

READINGS FOR TODAY

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 45-46

<u>Psalm 32</u> *Response:* You are my refuge, O Lord and the joy of my salvation.

1 Corinthians 10: 23-11:1

Mark 1: 40-45

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Genesis 9: 8-15

<u>Psalm 25</u>: *Response:* Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant

1 Peter 3: 18-22 Mark 1: 12-15

After the Intercessions:

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2) When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2) Come and listen to me.

Parish News

<u>Healing Ministry</u> During communion at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Kit will be available in the Lady Chapel to pray with you on any issue which is concerning you.

<u>Ash Wednesday</u>. We mark the first day of Lent with a Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes this Wednesday at 7pm.

Lenten Eucharist and Fish and Chip Supper As has been our custom for some years, Lent sees the return of the Friday evening Eucharist and Lenten Study at 5.30 pm followed by a Fish and Chip Supper.

<u>The Holy Eucharist</u> is celebrated in the Lady Chapel, Thursday's at 10 am.

<u>St Peter's Fellowship Group</u> will meet for afternoon tea at the Fugue Café at St Clair on Tuesday February 27 at 2pm. Contact Gay Webb 476 1613

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond</u> Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Victoria Douglas, Jimmy Sprague, Fr. Carl.

Pray for those who have died recently Harry Brown

<u>Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time</u> Robina Woodham, Leonard Base, Frederick Garrod, Roy Tokana, Margaret Whitford, Ellen Allen, Rita Stedman, Stanley Hopkins, Merle Forrest and Daniel Gillies.

Please remember the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank, which we support, when you are shopping. Why not buy an extra grocery item to place in the basket at the back of church. The need is very real.

From the Vicar

The story of the leper is very short, only five verses. Yet it speaks volumes about hope, faith and healing. Lepers lived in terrible conditions and were not allowed to approach people. If you developed leprosy your family held a memorial for you and considered you to be dead. There was no help and no hope.

I witnessed this sort of attitude when working with inmates in gaol. Many families were unable to help their loved one and feared the future. The sense of isolation and lack of self-worth ate away at the inmates and created terrible pain and hurt. The one thing that truly transforms lives, is the knowledge that God is love. The individuals who looked toward Jesus' ministry and God's grace developed into more generous, gracious and honest people. They shared their assurance of God's love in how they treated others and, in doing so, helped restore relationships and enabled communities to flourish. Few of us get to experience such life changing miracles as the leper, but we are already mightily blessed in where we live, and in the society and church, in which we are part. God doesn't require a theology degree or a lifetime of service for us to share the gospel, just an awareness of how, through submitting to Jesus, we can be healed.

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