

First reading Leviticus 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.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

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

R: You are my refuge, O Lord; 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. *R:*

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:*

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

Second reading 1 Corinthians 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

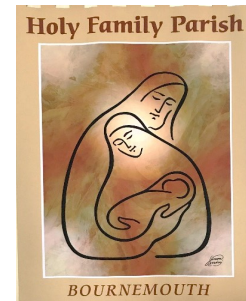
THE ANGELUS to be said at the end of 11am Mass

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...
V. And the Word was made Flesh. R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, ...
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park

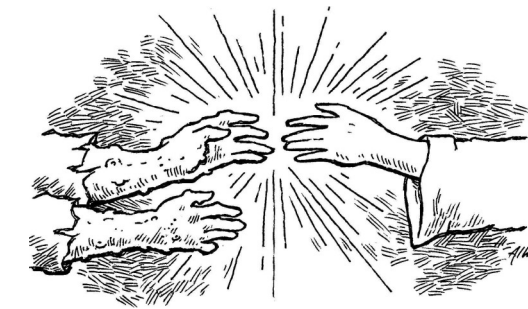


Desire is important in life as it gives direction and momentum. The leper knew what he wanted and believed that Jesus had the power to grant it.
He came in humility, begging from a kneeling position.
Jesus met him with a compassionate response.

Lord, we come to you in our need, with our desire, and with total confidence in you to meet our needs and to heal our wounds.

This is a story of healing and touching.
Strictly speaking, Jesus should not have touched a leper. Neither should the leper have approached Jesus, as lepers had to isolate themselves and call out 'unclean, unclean' to anyone who approached.

Lord, help us to see how we isolate ourselves and others and how to break down barriers of stigma, shame and fear, and reach out in love to others, just as you did.



*Jesus reached out and touched the Man...
Let us reach out so that Jesus can touch us too*

Together we are Church, together we are community, together we are Christ

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In his message for Lent 2024, Pope Francis invites the faithful to “pause” for prayer and to assist our brothers and sisters in need, in order to change our own lives and the lives of our communities. “When our God reveals Himself, His message is always one of freedom,”



Recalling the Exodus of the Hebrew people from Egypt, the Holy Father explains that our journey through the desert can be a season of grace – not an abstract journey, but a concrete path that involves seeing the world as it is and hearing the cries of our oppressed brothers and sisters.

The Pope insisted on the need to counter a “globalization of indifference.” “Our Lenten journey will be concrete if... we realize that even today we remain under the rule of Pharaoh. A rule that makes us weary and indifferent. A model of growth that divides us and robs us of our future.” At the same time, Pope Francis reminded us that it is God who takes the initiative. Too often, he said, there remains within us “an inexplicable longing for slavery,” a desire to cling to idols that paralyze us, as Israel was paralyzed in the desert.

Lent, however, is a “season of grace, a time of conversion,” where the desert can become “a place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery,” where “we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.”

He added that the Lenten journey involves a struggle. It is a time for action but also a time “to pause” – to pause in prayer and to pause “in the presence of a wounded brother or sister.” “Love of God and love of neighbour are one love,” Pope Francis continued, explaining that “the contemplative dimension” of Lent can help us “release new energies,” to be “more sensitive to one another: in the place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travellers.”

‘A flash of new hope’
Pope Francis concluded his Lenten message on a hopeful note: “To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope.” Calling on the faithful to “be ready to take risks,” he invited them “to find the courage to see our world, not as in its death throes, but in a process of giving birth; not at the end, but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history.”

“Faith and charity,” he said, “take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward.”

By Christopher Wells, Vatican News

DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 10	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>St Scholastica</i>
Sun 11	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day for the Sick <i>Healing prayers and anointing of the sick sacrament during 11am Mass</i>
Mon 12	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm <i>Mass Int: Peter Montgomery RIP</i>
Tues 13	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am
Wed 14	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES—Day of Fasting and Abstinence The blessing and distribution of the ashes
Thur 15	CtK	9.30am	Mass
Fri 16	StB	7pm	HOLY HOUR— <i>adoration & prayer</i>
Sat 17	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the First Sunday in Lent
Sun 18	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of the First Sunday in Lent

SATURDAY 13 APRIL
STAY AWAKE 2024
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PARISH QUIZ -

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Quiz

A lot of fun and laughter was had by the 6 teams who entered and the winners were 'Church Block' led by Lisa Murphy.

£110 was raised for the church

Next Quiz night is 23rd March

ST FRANCIS PRAYER GROUP

Thursday 15th February
All welcome



Please contact Sharon on 07546959242


CAFOD
Just one world

Following the success last year of the Parish Big Lent Walk, it is planned to do it again on Saturday 16th March!!

Put it in your diary and More information next week.

As last year, we will walk together from StB to CtK and back again followed by soup and bread lunch.

THE BIG LENT WALK



Ash Wednesday -
Let today be the day you give up who you've been for who you can become...

Prepare this Lent with prayer, fasting and works of Love

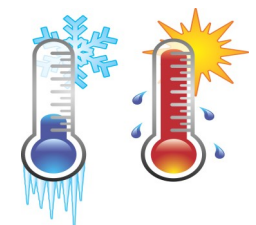
When the diocesan team came down before Christmas they commented on how cold Christ the King Church was. Not a lie, I think you will agree! We had already been in discussion with a local company to identify the best way forward to keep you all cosy while at Mass or other celebrations. The cost of some options was prohibitive, but a suggestion was made that we have wall mounted heaters, which would point down onto the congregation.

This was investigated and the diocesan property management team, seeing the need, immediately gave the 'go ahead'. Those attending Christ the King and have eagle eyes, might have noticed that there is now some metal work attached to the bottom of the wooden wall border containing the stations of the cross.


So, Phase one will mean there will be 2 wall heaters on the sanctuary and 4 (2 on each side) in the body of the church nearest to the altar - they will be spread out so there will be no need to crowd together at the front BUT initially the back of the church will not have heaters. Phase two will take place in a few months and that will cover the rest of the church. The stations of the Cross will not be tampered with and due respect will be given to statues and the fabric of the church.

If you have any questions please ask Fr Chacko or me.

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GIFT AID The Parish needs funds and by gift aiding your contributions, it makes a huge difference. Please complete a form at the back of church and return it to the office. If you would like to pay by standing order/ direct debit, there are forms to set this up at the back of the church.




PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS Noel Harris, Kevin Moore, Margaret Simpson, Sheila Shelley, Tony Bateman, Les Netherton, Frances Smith, Anna Browne, Joceleyne & Peter Cotrel, Frances & Tony Herbert, The Carter family, Margaret Place

