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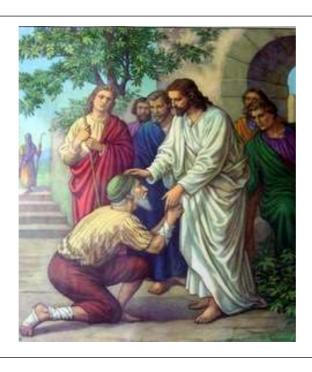
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 February 2021 "A great prophet has appeared among us. God has visited his people."

#### **LENT 2021**

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

This falls on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February this year. There will be an open Mass both at 09.15 and 19.30.

#### LENT COURSE

This will happen on Zoom this year – OLASA LENT COURSE

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84943731720

Meeting ID: 849 4373 1720

Each session starts 19.30 and lasts approx. 1 hour.

This year's theme: The Passion Narratives & the Easter Story

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - The Last Supper

1st March - The Garden of

Gethsemane & the Jewish Trial 8<sup>th</sup> March - Jesus before Pilate and Herod

15<sup>th</sup> March - The Crucifixion & Burial

22<sup>nd</sup> March - The empty Tomb & the Easter appearances

29<sup>th</sup> March - Resurrection faith in St Paul's epistles

### 40 Days & 40 Nights Lent Book

This is now available on the website.

Unfortunately there is an unavoidable delay in printing. Hard copies will be available for Ash Wednesday.

### Walk With Me

Books and calendars to accompany you through Lent are available this weekend.

#### CAFOD BIG WALK FOR WATER'

St Anne's has an active team promoting and participating in the Cafod Lent 'Big Walk for Water' event on Saturday 20th February, in the spirit of the need to tackle global poverty in these times more than ever. The Big Walk for Water is a Cafod led event to raise money for equipment for communities across the globe who have no access to clean water for washing and drinking. It is a real opportunity to transform lives. If you do intend to walk in some form, inform damianrporter@gmail.com. will be sharing photos and anecdotes remotely of course, but the more the merrier! Please see link for our parish sponsorship page"

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/damian-porter1

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): There are many examples from religious traditions around the world, including Christianity, which show that religion is often used as a means of excluding people or as a way of creating an elite or perfect group. As our society becomes more pluralistic and as Catholic communities in every country become more diverse thanks to mass emigration the question of entitlement to belong poses itself in a new light. It is clear from both what Jesus said and what he did that the kingdom of God which he ceaselessly proclaimed and which is a key theme of his preaching in Mark's gospel is inclusive. He reached out to those who were deemed rejected by God and even went so far as to include himself among them when he went to the cross. Let us strive to recognise and overcome our own intolerance and to replace it with the compassion of Christ. One day soon the social distancing protocols will no longer rule our lives, so let us resolve now to be as open and indiscriminately welcoming as Jesus would wish a community of Christian disciples to be.

First Reading (OT): Leviticus 13, 1 – 2. 44 – 46: The Book of Leviticus is part of the Jewish legal code for which the priestly caste were responsible for editing and administering. What is at issue today is a contagious skin disease, perhaps leprosy, which once contracted caused fear and loathing in the community. The victims had to be driven out of the community and only re-admitted once the priests were happy they had been cured. This text is directly related to the story related by today's gospel where it becomes obvious that Jesus' ministry, instead of driving people out of the community, sought to include them. The response of Jesus to this affliction is one of compassion.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 10, 31 – 11, 1: The issue here is far from our concerns today, i.e. whether or not Christians should eat meat which had been sacrificed to idols. It was a source of scandal to some in the community in Corinth. Paul argued that for the sake of charity and out of concern for the feelings of others it might be best to abstain from this practice. His reasoning is summed up in the extract from his letter we read today. As believers in Jesus we must always strive to be sensitive to others and not to simply rely on being right all the time.

Gospel: Mark 1, 40 – 45: In the NT the healing ministry of Jesus does not focus so much on his ability to heal as on what the healings mean. This is particularly clear in today's incident. The leper who comes to Jesus is not only suffering because of his physical condition, he is also excluded from his community in the manner outlined in the first reading. This clearly adds to his sense of isolation and abandonment. So when he begs for healing, Jesus is moved with compassion at the sight of his suffering. In healing him, however, he also insists that he take the steps required to be readmitted to the community. In this way, this miracle of Jesus touches not only the victim but also all those around him. Jesus is not healing the leprosy, he is also challenging attitudes to it and this is made obvious when he reaches out and touches the leper.

# Mass Intentions for Week Six in Ordinary Time/ Season of Lent

Saturday <i>Feria in Ordina</i>	,	10.00	People of the parish
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year B
Saturday Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> February 14 <sup>th</sup> February	17.30 10.00	Mary Fegan The Fisher Family
Monday Feria in Ordinary	15 <sup>th</sup> February Time	09.15	Holy Souls
Tuesday Feria in Ordina	16 <sup>th</sup> February ary Time	09.15	Holy Souls
SEASON OF LENT			
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> February	09.15	Robert Quilter
Ash Wednesda	y	19.30	People of the parish
•	18 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday	08.00	Eileen Quilter
Friday Friday after Ass	19 <sup>th</sup> February h Wednesday	12.30	Holy Souls
•	20 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday	10.00	People of the parish
First Sunday of Lent			Year B
Saturday Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> February 21 <sup>st</sup> February	17.30 10.00	Canon Giles Goward Father Sean Farrell