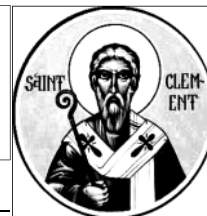


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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - 15th February 2009

Sunday Mass at 11 a.m.
With Children's Liturgy of the Word

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday at 9 a.m.
Tuesday at 9 a.m.
Wednesday at 9 a.m.
Thursday at 9 a.m.
Friday at 9 a.m.
Saturday at 10 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER

Monday to Friday at 8.45 a.m.
Saturday at 9.45 a.m.

CONFESSION

Sunday before Mass; on request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday after Mass until 10.30 a.m.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Offertory: £360.95
Many thanks for your generosity!

Response to the Psalm:

You are my hiding place, O Lord; you surround me with cries of deliverance

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish community who are sick especially: Jean McLaughlin, Charles McLaughlin, Donna Small, Joe Kingdom, Norman Fyffe, Peter Hutchison, Fr. David Ward, Margaret Reid, Sunil Joseph (Fr. John's nephew), Cathie Cochrane, Gertrude Dignan, Betty Inglis, Bob McArtney. *Our Lady of Lourdes pray for them.*

Please remember names on the sick list are kept on for two weeks. Please re-enter them in the book if necessary!

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of those who recently entered eternal life: Maureen Toshney. *May they be raised to new and everlasting life in Christ.*

Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Flora Welsh, Ryan James Younger

World Day of Prayer: This is an annual ecumenical event celebrated across the globe. This year it takes place on Friday 6 March at 7 p.m., in St. Mary's, Lochee. The service has been prepared by the women of Papua New Guinea and the theme is: *In Christ there are Many Members, yet One Body.*

SERRA Vocations Mass: The monthly Mass for Vocations takes place on Tuesday 24 February at 7 p.m., in St. Joseph's Convent Lawside. Come along and join us as we pray for our priests and religious, and for an increase in vocations.

Pro-Life Mass: SPUC will be holding a Pro-Life Mass in St. Ninian's on Tuesday 17 February at 10 a.m. All welcome

S.V.D.P. Lenten Masses: During Lent, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be having their annual Lenten Masses in the University Chaplaincy, Cross Row at 7 p.m. The Masses take place on Wednesdays 4, 11, 18, 25 March and 1 April. All are invited to join with them.

Questions people ask...

Q. Why did Jesus tell the man he had cured to tell nobody about it? Surely we are called to give public witness to the works of God.
A. This is usually called 'the messianic secret'. Jesus was well aware that many people at that time expected the Messiah to be a political power inspiring the nation to freedom from Roman domination, but this was not his mission. Secondly, too much excitement about miracles would generate mass hysteria and a celebrity cult which would obscure the teaching he wished to impart: especially his mission to die on our behalf and his message to take up our crosses and follow him.

From the Catechism...

39. Is God the only One who "is"?

Since creatures have received everything they are and have from God, only God in himself is the fullness of being and of every perfection. God is "He who is" without origin and without end. Jesus also reveals that he bears the divine name "I Am" (John 8:28).

Parish Quiz Night: For all you brain-boxes out there, a Quiz Night is planned for Tuesday 10 March at 7.30 p.m., in the hall. Entry is open to teams of four. More details soon!!

Lenten Evenings of Reflection: During Lent it is intended to have three evenings of reflection. These will take place on Mondays 2, 16, 30 March at 7.30 p.m., in the hall, the evenings will be led by Moira Leck, Father Rogi and Michael Carrie respectively.

Sunday Soundbite

A common experience of human illness—no matter how serious—is isolation. A simple cold or the flu can cut us off from other people. A common experience of healing comes when the human touch of another shatters our isolation: the touch of professional healers or the embrace of friends.

Mark's Gospel knows this human experience. In today's story, Mark shows Jesus reaching across a huge cultural barrier to touch and heal a leper. For Mark, this story is one of many that identify the mission of Jesus as a struggle against evil, manifested partly in human sickness and suffering. Sickness doesn't mean the sick person has necessarily sinned, rather illness is part of the evil that Jesus is battling.

The story of the healing of the leper is full of emotion. We sense God's power at work. The man is invited to re-connect with the community, signalling the end of his isolation through a ritual visit to the priests. The power at work in Jesus cannot be kept secret. Word spreads far and wide.

How have you or I become isolated from the community of believers? How is Jesus calling us to re-connect? At Sunday Eucharist we're invited to lay aside our isolation, and to witness to one another what Christ has done for us.

Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M.