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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading - Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 - **The unclean man must live outside the camp**

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11 - ***You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.***

Second reading - 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 - **Take me for your model, as I take Christ**

Gospel Acclamation - cf. Ep1:17,18 - **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 - **The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured**

IF YOU WILL, YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN.

This weekend's gospel passage (Mk 1:40-45) presents to us the healing of a man afflicted with leprosy, a disease that in The Old Testament, was considered a grave impurity and required the leper to be separated from the community. The lepers lived in isolation. The lepers' condition was truly pitiful, because the mind-set of the time made them feel unclean not only before other people, but also before God. Therefore, the leper in today's gospel comes before Jesus and pleads with him these words: "If you will, you can make me clean".

Hearing this, Jesus feels pity for the leper. It is very important to pay attention to the inner resonance of Jesus. We cannot understand the works of Christ. We cannot understand Christ himself, if we do not enter his compassionate and merciful heart. This is what moves him to stretch his hand to the man afflicted with leprosy, to touch him and say to him: "I will; be clean".

The most shocking fact is that Jesus touches the leper. That was absolutely prohibited by mosaic law. Touching a leper meant being infected even inside, in the spirit and that made one unclean. But in this case the influence flows not from the leper to Jesus so as to transfer the contagion, but from Jesus to the leper so as to grant him purification. In this healing, apart from Jesus' compassion and mercy, we admire his audacity. He is concerned neither about the contagion nor about the rules but is moved only by the will to free the leper from the curse that burdens him.

Dear friends, no disease is a cause of impurity. Disease certainly involves the whole person, but in no does it impair or impede him or her relationship with God. On the contrary, a sick person can be even more united with God. Instead, sin is what makes us unclean. We need to be purified from sin, by turning to Jesus like the leper and say: "if you will, you can make me clean".

Each time we approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation with a contrite heart, the Lord also says to us: "I will; be clean". How much joy there is in this! In this way the leprosy of sin is overcome; we return to joyfully experience our filial relationship with God and we are fully readmitted into the community.

Fr. Henry

Adoration

available in the deanery

Chadwell Heath, St Bede

9.30am - 10am (Fri)

Clayhall, St John Vianney

8:30am - 10am (Tue - Sat)

Goodmayes, St Cedds

9:30 am- 10am (Mon - Sat)

Hainault, Our Lady of the Assumption

10:30am - 11:30am (Tue - Sat)

Ilford, Ss Peter & Paul

10am - 12.30pm (Wed)

Newbury Park, St Theresa

10am - 11am (Thu), 5pm - 6pm (Sat)

South Chingford

8:45am - 9:30am (Tue - Sat)

Wanstead, St John the Baptist

9.30am - 1pm (Fri), 7pm - 8pm (Fri)

Dates for Rite of Baptism 2024

25th Feb

10th & 31st March

7th & 28th April

12th & 26th May

2nd & 30th June

7th & 28th July

4th & 25th August

1st & 29th September

Parents & Godparents must attend all Baptism sessions and are expected to attend the 11am mass with their families and Godparent before the Baptism

Lourdes Collection

This Sunday the second collection is for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund. Thank you for taking this collection. In recent years, this fund has enabled us to subsidise nurses, doctors, and helpers so that we have the team we need to support all our pilgrims, especially our assisted pilgrims. The Fund also allows us to fund pilgrims, who otherwise would not be able to join the pilgrimage. If you have a parishioner, who may need help to join the pilgrimage, please e-mail kathrynyoung@mail.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19th – Friday 26th July). To book, please go online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)). If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: kathrynyoung@mail.com

The pilgrimage is slightly longer this year because of the availability of chartered flights, which allow us to bring many more assisted pilgrims than commercial flights. However, if anyone is interested in a shorter stay in Lourdes, during the Diocesan Pilgrimage, please contact Tangney. As ever, any parish which wishes to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage, but make their own travel arrangements and hotel bookings, are most welcome to do so. If you wish to discuss this, please contact me.

My regards and thanks, Fr Paul Keane, Director of Lourdes Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage to Westport, Knock & Co. Mayo

Parishes within the Diocese of Brentwood

Sunday 7th April 2024

Depart London Stansted 13:15

Arrive Knock 14:45

Friday 12th April 2024

Depart Knock 17:40

Arrive London Stansted 19:05

£899pp Sharing

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Package includes:

Flight with 10kg Check In Hold Luggage

5 night's Dinner Bed & Breakfast basis
in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport.

Lunch on 3 Days

All entertainment, excursions and
guided tours

Single room supplement on Enquiry

Cleaner- Loughton

The successful applicant will effectively
manage the routine cleaning at Loughton-
Parish of St Edmund of Canterbury.

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Salary: £11.95 per hour

Start Date: ASAP

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter
(no longer than A4) to
loughton@brcdt.org

Closing date: 16th February

RIP Shirley Geaney

We are sad to announce the death of
Shirley Geaney (nee Flynn) who passed
away on 16th January.

A memorial and funeral service will be
held for friends and family to attend on
15th February at St. Bede Parish, at 11am.
Any donations to the Eve Appeal Charity
would be appreciated instead of flowers.

Thank you

Hollie

We offer our prayerful sympathy to all
her family at this sad time

***May she rest in the peace of Christ
and rise to eternal glory***

Mondays

From now going forward there will be
no mass on Mondays

The Church will be closed

Fridays

During the period of Lent, we will
be having The Stations of Cross on
Fridays at 7pm

Donations

3rd/4th February

Envelopes: £276.30

Loose Plate: £357.03

Fr Henry would like to thank you all

Mass Intentions

10th February to 18th February

Saturday 10th	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	Ivan and Ann Higgins
Sunday 11th	9.00am	For the sick
	11.00am	For the sick
Monday 12th	9.00am	No Mass
Tuesday 13th	9.00am	Souls in purgatory
Wednesday 14th		Ash Wednesday: Fasting & Abstinence Day
	9.00am	Daniel and Family Intention
	2.00pm	School Children's Mass
	7.00pm	For Parishioners
Thursday 15th	9.00am	Fr. George Changwe (RIP)
	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Shirley Geaney (RIP)
Friday 16th	9.00am	Joseph and Louise (RIP)
Saturday 17th	10 - 11am	Confessions (or anytime by appointment)
	6.00pm	Brian Ilunga (RIP)
Sunday 18th	9.00am	For Parishioners
	11.00am	For Parishioners

In your kindness, please pray for the following who are ill

Raymond Paul, Beveley Jones, Rosanna Joseph, Richard Lamb, Annie Childs
Bruce May, Karen Oates, Kim Nichol, Rachel Antonella Rizzo, Micky Bennett
Lucy Williams, Alsene Gibbs, Wesley Leachman, Chantale Wildman Kevin Madden
Joe Travasso, Rizzo Enzo, Emily Pougnet, Julia Cleary, Helena Almel



Anniversaries

Harry Manning, John Regan, Richard Larke, Christy Dooby
Kieran McConkey, Jean Patterson, Ivan Higgins, Matthew Jones
James Murray, Michael Nicholson, Sylvia Gaudencio, Robert Payne, Francis Franklin
Anacleto D'Mello, Mary Cully, Tom Harte, Richard Harnedy, Anne Porter
Elizabeth Sheehan, Joan Hoppood, Florence Perkins

May they rest in Peace