

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

14<sup>th</sup> February 2021



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**Update on our cloistered life.** The friars are very grateful to all who emailed or telephoned with good wishes and offers of assistance during our recent period of isolation. It has been a most humbling experience. Isolation will conclude on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

**Sunday Mass** will resume next weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> February at 6pm (Vigil), 8am, 10am and 12.00.

**Ash Wednesday,** 17<sup>th</sup> February begins the season of Lent. Ashes can be collected at the front porch of the friary from Sunday afternoon 14<sup>th</sup> February. Please take one pouch per household.

**Stewards** are present at Mass for a reason. Please, please follow the rules.

**Recently Deceased:** + Gianpietro Pacati, +John Murphy

**Pastoral Associate Update:** As we move into a lockdown Lent I reflect on how far we have come in a year. The learning curves of connection and technology have enabled many to keep in contact and our sacred spaces, previously perhaps confined mainly within the walls of a church may have shifted to incorporate the sacred space of home or outside. You are invited to join the Stations of the Cross during Lent starting this Tuesday (16 February) at 7pm facilitated by St Wilfrid's parish – Zoom link below. Also on our website there will be some "colouring" activities for Lent for both younger and older of which encourage us to focus on a prayer intention or a person to pray for each day during Lent. I do commend you to consider joining the CAFOD 10,000 steps a day for 40 days to Walk for Water. As we enjoy some sunshine it may be an opportunity to get out and again focus on our priorities during this time of continued lockdown. Our Pastoral Area J&P Group facilitated a very well attended Human Trafficking talk which will shortly be available on the Archdiocesan J&P website as a recording – it's well worth watching. I wish you a happy Valentine's day with all your loved ones far and near – a favourite quote of mine: "Love is just a word until someone comes along and gives it meaning" Paulo Coelho. May we all give meaning to that Love to each another in a real way this Lent. God bless, keep safe! Helen Jones.

**Funerals Services** for the foreseeable future will take place either at the Crematorium or at the cemetery graveside. A Memorial Mass will be arranged for a later date.

**Half-term** has begun. We wish the school children, parents and teachers a blessed and safe time.

## **Church Masses**

13. Vigil	6.00 pm	<i>Church Closed</i>
14. Sunday	8.00 am.	<i>Church Closed</i>
	10.00 am.	<i>Church Closed</i>
	12.00 noon	<i>Church Closed</i>
15. Monday	12.00 am.	<i>Church Closed</i>
16. Tuesday	12.00 noon	<i>Church Closed</i>
17. Wednesday	<i>12.00 noon</i>	<i>Church Closed</i>
18. Thursday	12.00 noon	<i>Church Closed</i>
19. Friday	12.00 noon	<i>Church Closed</i>
20. Vigil	6.00 pm	Leon Makowski rip (Onomastic)
21. Sunday	8.00 am.	Angela Clash rip
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Safe confinement

## **Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. David**

13. Saturday	12.00 noon	John Murphy rip
14. Sunday	10.00 am.	John Murphy rip
15. Monday	12.00 noon	John Murphy rip (LD)
16. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Elizabeth (Rose) Binsale rip (A)
17. Wednesday	12.00 noon	John Murphy rip (LD)
18. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Donors Intention
19. Friday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
20. Saturday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
21. Sunday	10.00 am.	Donors Intention

## **Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. Vincent**

13. Saturday	12.00 noon	Successful hospital treatment (ongoing)
14. Sunday	10.00 am.	Elizabeth (Rose) Binsale rip
15. Monday	12.00 noon	Canon Francis Kieran rip
16. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Safe confinement
17. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Safe confinement
18. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Donors Intention
19. Friday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
20. Saturday	12.00 noon	Frances Norman rip
21. Sunday	10.00 am.	Pro se ipso

**Masses Received.** John Murphy rip (LD) x 2, Frances Norman rip, Angela Clash rip, Safe confinement x 2.

**Thought for today.      “Never do anything offensive to anyone.”**

A beautiful saying has come down to us from the earliest days of the Church. This saying goes like this: “The glory of God is a human being fully alive.” The author of these words is the second-century Bishop of Lyons, St Irenaeus. This man was a disciple of St Polycarp, a bishop in Asia Minor, and Polycarp was a disciple of St John and knew the generation of the apostolic age. Polycarp, in his own writings, often quoted the writings of St Paul. And today we hear another beautiful saying about glory that comes directly from the great apostle of the Gentiles. Writing to the Christians of Corinth, Paul says, “Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God.”

These sayings about glory are key statements about the meaning of Christian faith. To live a holy life in this world is to do all things for the one purpose of giving glory to God. And, as Irenaeus has pointed out, giving glory to God means promoting everything that brings human beings to life. How on earth is that to be done?

Paul follows up his exhortation by saying, “Never do anything offensive to anyone.” There is the answer. The amazing thing about this answer is that we find it in the mouth of Paul – Paul, who from his earliest days was a ferocious defender of his faith, and who was quite prepared to persecute others in the defence of his own point of view. This man, once verbally and physically aggressive, is now a person who will not give offence to anyone. In fact he is prepared to suffer any inconvenience if he might help others to know Christ Jesus. He even goes so far as to say, “Take me for your model.” It’s some turnaround!

The person who brought about this turnaround in the life of Paul was Jesus himself, whom Paul met on the road to Damascus. As Paul hunted down the followers of the Lord, Jesus said to him, “I am Jesus and you are persecuting me.” Paul’s education now began. He came to know this crucified Jesus, and his eyes were opened to a wider and more wonderful world. From this moment onwards, Paul would never again do anything offensive to anyone, neither Jew nor Greek nor Church of God.

Paul had come to know the Lord, who went about preaching and curing all who were sick. This Jesus of Nazareth never did anything offensive to anyone, though his opponents found much to be offended about. Today we hear of an encounter with a leper. Jesus is anxious that this cure should not be broadcast, for fear it would cause uproar. The trouble is that good news cannot stay hidden; and soon the story is out, and Jesus is forced to stay away from ordinary places. Ironically, the leper has found his place back among his own people and the Lord has been forced outside. But despite that consequence, Jesus was more than willing to heal the sick man. That is why he came – to bring true life to all people and to heal our sicknesses. The trouble is that our deep sicknesses are much worse than skin diseases. They are the sicknesses of the soul, not as easy to see, but the pain is just as real.

Our deepest hurts are the things that cause us to fight one another, our anger and our sense of injustice, our aggressiveness with one another and our violence. These are the true sorrows of our world. How do we heal them?

We are back where we started, with the advice of St Paul: “Never do anything offensive to anyone.” In my own heart the war has to cease. In my own mind the dominating has to stop. In my own actions the controlling has to end. Other people are not going to change their behaviour just because I say so. But other people will be led to know the Lord if they see the Lord’s grace alive in me. Paul used the extraordinary statement, “Take me for your model, as I take Christ.” This is not a brag or a boast. It is the highway to peace in the world. Each one of us is invited to do the very same thing.

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## **Bidding Prayers**

Lord of an unending love which is far greater than any of us can imagine, we come before you today, bringing you all the people who live within our hearts. We ask you to listen to our prayers, confident that you hear even our unspoken needs and longings.

1. We remember Pope Francis, who has declared that “caring for the sick is not optional. May his efforts to support a world infected and affected by Covid-19 bring comfort and practical help to people longing for an end to the pandemic.
2. We remember the people of Myanmar and Hong Kong in their struggle for democracy and freedom. May their voices be heard, and their human rights respected.
3. We remember those who are sick and those who care for them. May each day bring them the hope, laughter and support that they need to face the future.
4. We remember rough sleepers during this cold weather and the people who, through whatever cause, are at risk of losing their homes. May they find security and positive solutions to their difficulties.
5. We remember people who are finding the lockdown a time of loneliness and isolation. May they find companionship. May God reward and bless the loving generosity of young carers who give meaning to the lives of those for whom they care.
6. We remember the men, women and children who are working to bring support and hope to their families, friends, neighbours, workplace and classrooms. May their joy and courage infect all of us with renewed energy and enthusiasm.
7. In Memoriam. Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Gianpiero Pacati and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Elizabeth Rose Binsale, Jean Kennedy, Molly Feeney, Georgina Bishop, Brian McClements, Alan Astles, Louise Wakefield, Victor and Elizabeth Rhodes, Maria Lawless, Brian Prendergast, James Wallace, Cicely Morris, Kathleen Maher. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, watch over, protect and bless us. Fill us with your love. Amen.

*Please pray for those who ask for prayers.*

Arthur, Margaret Barrow, Joanne & Julian Bone, Michael Brooks, Christopher Browne, Carol Bennett, Seamus Carten, Timothy Clarkson, Derek Checkland, Tom Culley, Conor Daly, Alice Feeney, Grace Fernando, Patricia Fitzgerald, Gail Flaherty, Gerry Foley, Marian Gallagher, Joan Ganner, Eunice Garforth, Clare Giblin, James Grant, John Green, Irene Gregory, Juliette Hannon, Lilian Hill, Fr Gerald Hicks, Adrian Hill, Lilian Hill, David Jeffrey, Mark Kelly, Joan Kemp, Denise Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Maureen Kerruish, Freddie Keegan, Elma Kirwan, David Lee, Jennie & Leighton, Maria & Clare Leonard, Sue Lethbridge, Helen Linford, Eva Littler, Patricia McAuley, Winnie McFadden, Joseph McKenna, Simon McLeod, Lee McNeil, Danny McSweeney, Kevin McSweeney, Stephan Malick, Angela Millan, John Monaghan, Rihanna Mughan, Marisa Pacati, Cheryl Power, Terence Randles, Paul Rattigan, Hugh Reily, Tess Rice, Kenny Roberts, Therese de Rouffignac, Jacob Scott, Cecelia Shaw, David Smallwood, Jenny Spann, Patricia Steele, Eileen Stokes, Joseph Stokes, Mary Summerfield, Noah (teenager), Theo (teenager), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Annie Ward, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington, John Young.



Sunday 14 February 2021  
 Mark 1:40-45  
 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

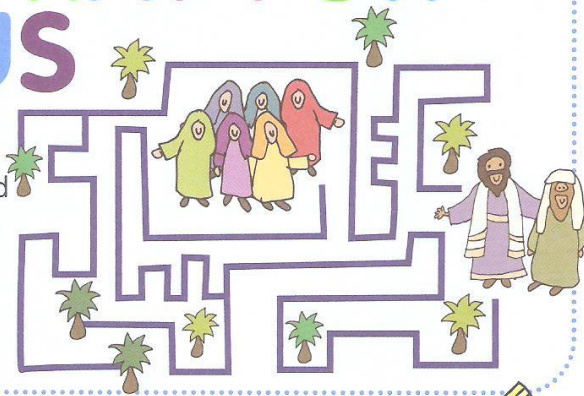
## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

A man suffering from a terrible illness called leprosy asks Jesus to heal him. Jesus stretches out his hand and says "be healed". Straight away, the leprosy is cured! Jesus tells the man not to tell anyone, but the man is so excited that he tells everyone - so lots of people hurry from all around to be healed by Jesus.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

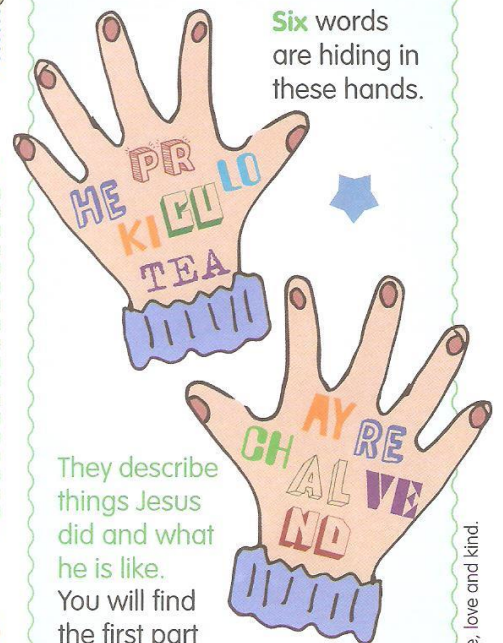
## HOORAY FOR JESUS

This man is very happy because he has been healed by Jesus! Help him to share his good news with his friends - be quick, he's very excited!



## Hands

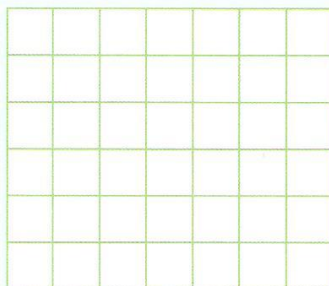
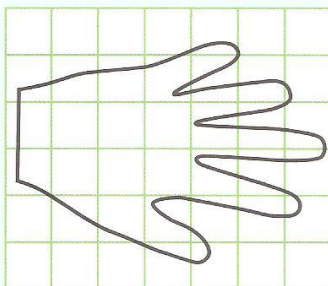
Six words are hiding in these hands.



They describe things Jesus did and what he is like. You will find the first part of each word in the left hand and the end in the right hand.

## Healing hands

Jesus had healing hands.



Use the grid to help you draw one of Jesus' healing hands.

Who can you think of who has healing hands today?

## Wordsearch

Look backwards, forwards, up, down and diagonally.

All of these words from today's Gospel can be found in this word search.

- ALL HEALED
- ASKS HURRY
- CURED JESUS
- EVERYONE LEPROSY
- EXCITED STRETCH
- HAND TELL

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J	S	X	H	A	N	D	H
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## A PRAYER TO SAY

Father God, Jesus helped people everywhere he went. Help us to be kind and thoughtful like him, especially helping people who are sick or in need. Amen.