

**Sunday Masses:**  
**Sacred Heart Church:**  
 Saturday: 6.00 pm *Vigil Mass*  
 Sunday : 8.30 am  
 10.00 am  
 11.30 am  
 6.00 pm

**Weekday Masses**  
 10.00 am Mon – Sat  
 & 7.30 pm on Monday only  
 and on the First Friday  
**Morning Prayer of the Church**  
 9.30 am Mon - Fri  
**Rosary** 9.40 am Mon - Sat

**Holy Day Masses**  
 10 am, 12.15 & 7.30 pm

**Parish Newsletter**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**11th February 2018**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
 Sat: 10.30 - 11.30 am and 5pm- 5.45pm

**Adoration and Novena of the  
 Miraculous Medal and Sacred Heart**

**Monday after 7.30pm Mass** — 8.15 - 9pm  
**Wednesday & Thursday:** 10.30—12.00 noon  
**Saturday:** 10.30 - 11.30 am



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**Fr Michael's Notes**

**Be the Change You Want to See in the World**

**Leprosy** - Leprosy, or Hansen's disease, still exists in our world, and those who suffer are isolated, feared and shunned. Yet, there is hope with modern medicine and those who once suffered can take their place in life.

**A New leprosy** - Each day we are presented with our modern "lepers". We are invited to judge them for their public and shameful misdeeds. Society wants them locked away forever. We sit smugly in judgement. If we scapegoat them, then the implication is that society is being cleansed, and that we are the sinless ones. Somehow, we offer them less hope than those who suffer with Hansen's disease.

**A New Teaching** - Today, a leper, "with his hand over his mouth" meets Jesus— perhaps the man's mouth was disfigured, perhaps he did not want to infect Jesus. He pleads with Jesus. "If you want to, you can heal me!" Jesus said: "Of course I want to, be healed!"

**Leprosy is not just skin deep** - Jesus did not want him to tell anyone. Why? Because the people would all come for a cure of their common symptoms. Jesus wants it to be a deeper healing. If he had gone to the priest, then that deep inner leprosy of the heart, which is original sin, and from which we all suffer, would be addressed.

**"We lepers"** - When Fr. Damien of Molokai, ministered among people suffering with leprosy he addressed them one day as "we lepers" after he himself had contracted the illness. Unknowingly, perhaps, he was saying we all share an inner illness of the soul, a leprosy, which could consume us.

**Lent – a time address my own sins and weakness** - Mahatma Gandhi famously said, "*You must be the change you want to see in the world.*" I can only change myself. Lent is the time to do just that.

**A Lenten Resolution** - Lent begins again this coming Ash Wednesday. Jesus will take our weak human nature on a test drive through the deserts of modern-day living. We know he overcomes temptation on our behalf but we must do the journey with him. Make a resolution to change that one hidden weakness deep within you, that something which keeps you in constant 'dis-ease'. Follow Jesus's instruction and don't tell anyone. Make your resolution consist of two words, make it single, precise and possible. For example, 'don't judge', 'pray first', 'forgive now', 'let go'.

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Sun 11 Feb 6th in Ord Time**

8.30 Kevin Lavelle  
 and Hugh Ward (Anniv)  
 10.00 Emily and John Campos (RIP)  
 11.30 Kathleen O'Connor (Int)  
 6pm William Carslaw (Anniv)

**Mon 12 Feb feria**

10.00 Tony Pereira (RIP)  
 7.30 pm Michael Joseph McCarthy  
 (Rec Dec)

**Tue 13 Feb feria**

10.00 Demilade Ogunniya  
 (Birthday)

**Wed 14 Feb Ash Wednesday**

10.00 Tommy O'Donohoe (Rec Dec)  
 12.00 Fr Sean O'Toole (Rec Dec)  
 7.30pm Kathy Clancy (Rec Dec)

**Thurs 15 Feb Lent feria**

10.00 Gora Ahmed (Anniv)  
 6pm **Reception to church**  
**Shelia Casey RIP**

**Fri 16 Feb Lent feria**

10.00 Sister Adriana Van Den Berg  
 (Rec Dec)  
 2pm **Funeral Mass Shelia Casey RIP**

**Sat 17 Feb Lent feria**

10.00 Norrie Beatty (RIP)  
 6pm Tommy O'Donohoe (Rec Dec)



## Confirmation Group Weekly Word of God



In response to Pope Francis' call for the New Evangelism in which we try to become "Missionary Disciples", the Confirmation Group is reflecting on each Sunday's Gospel.

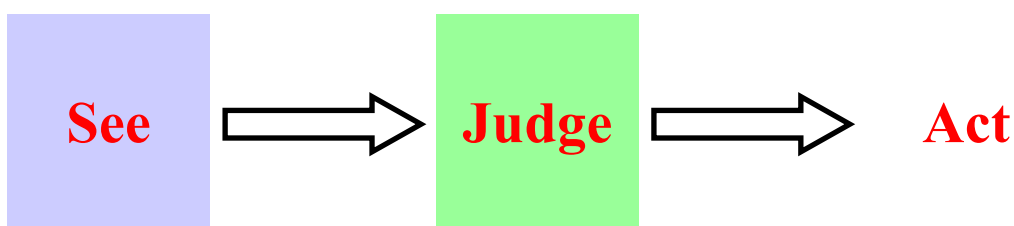
### Gospel for the 6th Sunday of Ordinary time

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. **Mark 1:40-45**



This is the formula used throughout the Confirmation Preparation programme and has been used to reflect on this week's Gospel



# SEE

The passage Mark 1:40-45 is about A man with Leprosy and Jesus Christ.

It's about Jesus curing the man and Jesus telling the man that anything that has happened should stay secret, obviously the man did not listen and he then told everyone.

The word I would use to describe what happened is 'miracle'

# JUDGE

One of the phrases that struck me about this passage was 'of course I want to' this was said when the man asked Jesus to cure him, I chose this phrase because Jesus didn't hesitate to say no or yes, which shows how caring Jesus is and is willing to do anything for us.

We can definitely learn from Jesus by:

- Caring for others
- Have faith in the Lord

# ACT

This passage can make us change the way we respond to God in many ways; for example:

- Be more thankful
- Don't take things for granted

This passage can make us change the way we to others too; for example:

- Willing to help others



Clergy and Parish Office Availability	Adoration and Prayer Sundays of Lent 4pm Provincial House	Our prayers are requested for the sick and housebound
Please note Clergy and Parish Office availability changes - <b>Tuesday 10.30 -11.30</b> Fr Michael and Melanie are available in the Bethany Room.  1pm - Parish Office Closed  4pm - 7pm - Fr Michael available in Presbytery.	The Daughters of Charity invite you to pray with them during adoration on each Sunday of Lent. It includes adoration and evening prayer of the Church. It ends at 5pm with tea and refreshments. The first Sunday in Lent is 18th February.	Rita O'Brien Betty Allen Iris Moore George Pucillo Claire O'Connor Monsignor Charles Vella Alan Van de Loo Alfred and Trixie Bartley  Julie Lambert Maria Darico Raymond Traynor Bobby O'Mahony
Mothers Prayers	New Eucharist Ministers	Bethany Connect
Mothers Prayer Group <b>Monday 12th February</b> <b>2.15pm– 2.45pm</b> in the Bethany Room All Welcome	We are planning to have training sessions for the new Eucharistic Ministers on the <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm.</b> This will last about one hour. If you feel that you are able to serve as Eucharistic Minister kindly provide us with your contact details (name, telephone number and the email address) to Melanie in the parish office. Please provide this information even if you have already done so during the year as we wish to make sure that we have all the interested members.	This Wednesday 14th February is Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday. For some this will be a day for romance for others it will be a day of fasting. For many of us and families it will be an ordinary day. We would like to make it special for you, by inviting you to a gathering in the Bethany Room at <b>8.30pm after the 7.30pm Mass</b> for refreshments and to meet the newly established Bethany Family Support Group.
Date for Your Diary	Community of Communities The Welcomers	SERVING THE PARISH IN THE SPIRIT OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL
<b>Parish Open Day: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am-4.00pm</b> Provincial House, the Ridgeway, Mill Hill Lunch provided The theme will be “Living our Christianity” reflecting on our call by Pope Francis to be “Missionary Disciples” See further announcements for more information.	We are in need of more Welcomers to meet and greet all our community at each celebration of Holy Mass on Saturday evening and at all the Sunday services. This is an important message in our community and we invite volunteers of all ages and where necessary will provide training. We especially would like families to come forward as this is a valued experience for children. Please contact Melanie in the Parish Office.	<i>Fr Michael McCullagh C.M.</i>  <i>Fr Noel Travers CM</i>  <i>Fr Eamon Raftery CM</i>  <i>Fr Ray Armstrong C.M</i> <i>(Chaplain to Provincial House</i>  <i>Daughters of Charity of SVP)</i>
Sacred Heart Afternoon Club	Thank you	<i>Parish Administrator</i> <i>Melanie Gibbons</i>  <i>melanie_millhill@hotmail.co.uk</i>
The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Afternoon Club will be held in the hall on <b>Monday 19th February</b> at 2pm The speaker this month will be Annalisa Cellini. her talk will be on 'Exercise and Wellbeing'.	A thank you from the Catholic Children's Society Dr Rosemary Keenan CEO of the society wishes to thank the parishioners and organisers of the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Your generosity gave 500 disadvantaged children a very special Christmas. One Headteacher wrote - <i>We are completely overwhelmed by your generosity. These donations mean so much.</i>	<b>Parish Safeguarding</b>  <b>Representative contact at</b>  <b>0208 959 1021</b>
Mass in Thanksgiving for Matrimony		
The Diocese invite couples who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 20th, 30th 40th 50th 60th and 60plus wedding anniversaries in 2018 to Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 19th May for a Thanksgiving Mass. Please supply to the Parish Office the names, address, wedding date and email address and contact number. Personal invitations will be sent out from the Diocese.		
<b>Sunday Collection for 4th February 2018</b> <b>totalled £2,193.66</b> <i>Thank you for your offering</i>		

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