

# Our Lady of Fatima Parish

389 Port Hacking Road, Caringbah



## Sunday Masses:

Vigil Mass on Saturday night 4pm & 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

(Reconciliation: Saturday - 10am-11am)

Adoration: Tuesday: 6pm-6.30pm, Wednesday: 8.45am-9.15am,

Friday: 8.45am-9.15am & Saturday: 9.45am-11am

Bookings are available too.

### PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Julian Belich

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and  
Friday - 9am - 4pm

### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Monday** No Mass

**Tuesday** 6.30pm

**Wednesday** 9.15am and 7pm ASH WEDNESDAY

**Thursday** 7am

**Friday** 9.15am

**Saturday** 9.15am Mass of the Virgin Mary  
(Opt)

**Divine Office: Psalter Week 2**

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

13 - 14 February 2021

### Baptisms

We welcome into the Church family this weekend through the waters of Baptism:

**Ellis Sean Jewiss**

**Milla Rose Jewiss**

**Jos Wolf Whitehead**

*Please pray for them and their families*

Baptisms can be booked online. Anyone interested to have a child Baptised, please go to the following website: [www.olofcaringbah.org.au](http://www.olofcaringbah.org.au) and fill-in the Registration Form. Parents must choose 3 dates:

(a) Baptism Preparation with the Priest,  
(b) Naming Ceremony and (3) Baptism Ceremony.

Dates are available until May 2021.

For those who are unable to register online, please ring the Parish Office on 9524 7283.

### Our Lady of Mercy College Open Day

Thursday, 11 March 2021

One hour tour sessions

9am-12pm and 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Booking Essential.

Please contact the College on 9544 1966 for an experience which includes a tour and Principal's presentation.

**Encouraging Girls - Empowering Women**

### Entrance Antiphon

cf. Psalm 30: 3-4

**B**E my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### First Reading

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone,  
outside the camp.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 31: 1-2, 5, 11. R. v. 5

**Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10: 31- 11: 1

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 40-45

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

### Communion Antiphon

cf. Psalm 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

or

John 3: 16

God so loved the world that he gave his Only  
Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may  
not perish, but may have eternal life

**Bible Study  
with  
Fr Julian Belich**



**YOU ARE INVITED!**

COME ALONG to the **Bible Study starting Tuesday, 9th February 2021 after the 6.30 pm Mass: Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.** In these eight videos, Edward Sri provides a captivating overview and explanation of the Gospel of John.

**Topic for Tuesday, 23 February 2021:** "Come and See" Becoming Disciples (John 1:19-2:25).

**Venue: Parish Meeting Room.**

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Lenten Donation Envelopes are available. Please take a set of envelopes home.

*"Aspire not to have more, but to be more"  
- Saint Oscar Romero*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

In these difficult times, your Project Compassion donation matters more than ever! By being more together, we are supporting the world's most vulnerable communities

**Working Bee**

The Parish is in need of Volunteers to help clean the Church once a month. If you can spare an hour or two, please let the Parish Office know. Telephone No: (02) 9524 7283

**Contact Details for the Schools:**

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**Lent**

Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. Lent is often described as a time of preparation and an opportunity to go deeper with God. This means that it's a time for personal reflection that prepares people's hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter.

**Historical Context – Leprosy**

To be a leper in 1st Century Palestine was to be utterly rejected from society. They were not permitted to engage in religious practice as they were permanently regarded as being ritually unclean and, indeed, unable to become clean as long as their disease lasted. The book of Leviticus, quoted in today's first reading, contains two whole chapters of rules regarding lepers. Lepers were forced to live outside of any village for fear of contamination and even had to call out a warning of 'Unclean! Unclean!' if anyone came near them. They were forced to beg for food and money because no-one would hire them. They were literally on the very edge of society.

**Gospel Focus - What's in a word?**

Verse 41 of this week's reading begins, 'Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand.' This translation is from the Jerusalem Bible but if we were to consider other translations of the Bible we would find other phrases used such as: moved with pity; filled with pity; moved with compassion; filled with compassion; or even, filled with anger. By comparison, 'Feeling sorry for him' seems a weak translation. Jesus' reaction is a fully human one of indignation at what this man is forced to endure. It is a gut-wrenching response from the very core of Jesus' humanity.

**Living the Gospel – Who is your leper?**

There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!

*By: Greg Sunter*

**Pearl of Wisdom**

*The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;  
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my  
shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

*Psalms 18:3*

***Your donation to the Parish  
will be very much appreciated!***

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Please pray for the faithful departed**

**Recently DECEASED:** Margaret Harvey, Neville Oak, Noel Roy Randle, John Edmund Stewart, Carlo Taliapietra, Joan Connell, Yvonne Elbert, Jane Wickam, Lorna Mildred Kane, Joan Hagley, David Ramsay Stephenson, Aldo De Martino.

**Anniversaries of Death:** Ron Gilchrist, Phillip Searson, John Searson, Seamus McGreevy, Carmela Zappia, John Druon, Isabelo Rodriguez Snr, Rita Agius.

**ALSO:** Albert Montgomery and all the Souls in Purgatory.

**May they rest in peace.**

**Sick:** Fr Leonardo, his family and parishioners, Fr Clarence Canafe, Jonah Carinan Geralin and those who are suffering in anyway.