

February 11th 2024 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B – Mark 1:40 – 45

¹⁻⁴⁰ A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' ⁴¹Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' ⁴²Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, ⁴⁴saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' ⁴⁵But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do.</p>
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In this week's gospel we see the leper pleading with Jesus to cure him. As an outcast he saw no hope, but had heard of the healing touch of this special person called Jesus. He pleads...he is heard...he is cured...he now has hope and acceptance again. Jesus was not just carrying out his duty - he was touched by this man and really wanted to help and to heal him.

When were the times in your life that the compassion of others had a healing affect on you?

Who were these people?

Prayer:

Lord thank you for the people who follow in the footsteps of Jesus and reach out to those who society treats as lepers, even though at times this could mean being isolated.

Forgive us Lord for the times we did not reach out in compassion to those consigned to the margins of our society because of their creed, skin colour, sexual orientation, mental illness, addiction, homelessness etc. How Christ like is our attitude to them?

Lord help us to have the Jesus' generosity of spirit so that we would reach out to all those on the margins and brush away their doubts about not being part of our community.

