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|  Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

Today’s gospel passage foreshadows the death of Jesus. As a devout Jew, Jesus goes up to Jerusalem at Passover. His final going-up will be the occasion of his death and resurrection. The setting for the dramatic temple incident is the Jerusalem Temple, Judaism’s most holy site. The event is recounted in all four gospels. The Synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) locate it towards the end of the gospel. They present it as a catalyst for the intensification of hostility between the temple authorities and Jesus. John’s gospel, in contrast, places it at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. The tension between Jesus and the temple authorities that is to culminate in his death in all four gospels is thus present from the outset in John. Jesus acts decisively, even violently, to draw attention to the primary function of God’s “house”. He creates an effective weapon, a whip of cords, and comprehensively clears the temple precinct of merchants, sheep, and cattle. He overturns the tables of the money-changers, orders the dove-sellers out and tells them all, in words that evoke the prophecy of Zechariah (14:21), to stop making God’s house “a market-place”. Zechariah had declared that, in the end times, there would no longer be traders in God’s house. There was commercial activity associated with temple worship, such as the purchase of animals and doves for sacrifice, a practice we might now critique, andthe conversion of money to pay the Temple tax. The traders had forgotten that this activity was a means to an end and not an end in itself.

In John’s account, the disciples partially understand: they interpret Jesus’ actions in the light of Psalm 69:9: “It is zeal for your house that has consumed me” (Ps 69:9). ‘”The Jews” request a “sign … for doing this”. In other words, they ask Jesus to demonstrate the source of his authority for his actions. His response is a challenge: “Destroy this temple, and in three days, I will raise it up”. “The Jews” misunderstand. This provides Jesus with the opportunity to play on the word “temple”: the temple is not simply a material edifice that took forty-six years to build. It is his body that will be destroyed and raised up “in three days”. The narrator provides the explanation and indicates that the disciples will eventually understand and come to belief. It is important to note that the designation “the Jews” is neither a reference to the people of Judaea nor to the dispersed Jewish people. In John’s gospel, it refers to those who reject Jesus as the Anointed One of God, the Christ. As we travel the journey to Jerusalem this Lent, we are invited to remain open to an ever deepening wisdom in the light of resurrection faith.

***An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson***



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 **Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

 **Sunday: 10am (children’s liturgy)**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.00am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am School Mass**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight - Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy**

**Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’ Saturday at 8.45am**

**Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

 **‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**3rd Sunday of Lent Year B**

 **March 4th 2018**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.**

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

**Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

***Gospel Acclamation***

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4rh March   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anita Mason |  Mark Hogan  |
| Reader |  Evelyn Heffernan |  Kath Rosetta |
| Commentator |  Shirley Kenny  |  Mary Kelly |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Caitlin Larter |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica  |  Maureen Norman |
| Altar Servers | Annabelle Sturgess & Genevieve Mason-Elliott | Xavier Henderson & Riley Hotham |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Marie Ambrose |  Group3: Yvonne, Lee Mary Colleen & Kath |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 10th & 11th March  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Barry Madigan |  Sue Bulger |
| Reader |  Kathy Shanahan |  Trish Matthews |
| Commentator |  Anne Huebner |  Howard Young |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman |  Monica & Patricia  |
| Altar Servers |  New Servers | Chloe Turnbull & Lily Webb |
| Church Care | --------------------------------------- |

Feast Day**Wishing all our wonderful dads a Happy In marriage,**

 R O S T E R S

**Dear married couples, watch over your children and, in a world dominated by technology, transmit to them, with serenity and trust, reasons for living, the strength of faith, pointing them towards high goals and supporting them in their fragility. (*Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*) Collection amounts for February 2018**

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**~PARISH NEWS~**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held in the Chapel during Lent on Friday evenings at 6pm. **ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN RESOURCE Good News in Tough times DVD** is availabe to order from the bookshop on 0262399888 or online: www.faithresources.org.au **BAPTISMS** we welcome and pray for Baptism families in our community thisweekend, Norah Grace Bond daughter of Justin and Brooke and Cohen Jack Cobden son of Christopher and Chloe. **CHILDREN’S LITURGY** has resumed during the 10am Mass, could the volunteer rostered please be present and let Fr. Sijo or Fr. George know they are available. **ST. PATRICK’S DAY LUNCHEON** will be held in St’ Mary’s Hall on Saturday 17th March 2018 at 12 for 12.30pm. All parishioners are invited to attend, entertainment will also be provided. If anyone can help before or on the day, please write your name and contact on the sheet in church foyer this week. **SAVE THE DATE** visiting Choir from the Catholic Parish of Hall, Canberra, will be singing at our weekend Mass on Sunday 29th April. **SPECIAL THANKS** this weekend to our faithful volunteer **~ Kath Rosetta ~**

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Winifred Whitacker, Edward,Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Hickson & O’Sullivan families, Colleen Anderson, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, Peter Heffernan, Tim & Amy Twomey, Barbara Fuller, Tom & Merle Arentz, Harriet & Ruben Arentz, Kevin & Nola Arentz, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Marie & Ray Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Natalie Baker, Ian Barbour, Yvonne Harrison, Fr. Peter Quirk, Con & Ennis Twomey, Mons. John Twomey, Sr. M. Brenda Twomey, Sr. M. Canice O’Sullivan, Sr. M. Celine McCormack, Bert & Teresa Butler, Anne Lawrance, Joan & Bob Liddell, Mary & William Claffey, Ruby Harmer, Alan & Angela Guthrie, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Hargreaves family, Family members & relatives of Tran family, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, James Kelly, Harry & Muriel Nancarrow, Harry & Pat Nancarrow, Christine Welsh, Allison Brady, Scott Payne, Ben Roddy, Paul & Nick Young, Julie, Jack & Thelma Cobden, Jamie Nixon, Stan Kenny, Marzol family members, members of Young, Egan, Breward & Van de Brug families, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Hector, Annie & Kevin Turner, Jean Kelly, Mollie Fuller, Joan Malone, Ken & Brian Gee & family members, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Marallo & Comai families, Celia Mullaly, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Madelin Fenn, Chris Ballard, Maude Kelly, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, John Callister, Joan Stockwell, Pauline Shedden, John Hourigan, Tom & Dorothy French.

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