

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Third Sunday of Lent B

First Reading Ex 20:1-17
A reading from the book of Exodus
The Law was given through Moses.
God spoke all these words. He said, ‘I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

‘You shall have no gods except me.
‘You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father’s fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

‘You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.
‘Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

‘Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.
‘You shall not kill.
‘You shall not commit adultery.
‘You shall not steal.
‘You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
‘You shall not covet your neighbour’s house. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.’

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68
R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.
While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.
The Word of the Lord
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Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16
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 Jn 2:13-25
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers’ coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father’s house into a market.’ Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, ‘What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?’ Jesus answered, ‘Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews replied, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Where does God really dwell?

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by ‘the Lord, your God’.
By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.
His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.
What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God’s sanctuary is not a place, but a person.
We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: ‘Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.’

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**Together with Christ’s body,
our bodies are this temple...
Let yourselves be built up in unity
that you may not fall in ruins
by remaining separate.**
St Augustine (354-430) Father & Doctor of the Church



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Third Sunday of Lent -YEAR B

Many of us grew up with the ‘you must not’ or ‘must do’ mentality of the Commandments. We completely missed the fact that they were really a guide to life! .. a **way** that would model before all nations of the world what it means to live out the Creator’s true intent for human beings.

When Jesus was asked which is the greatest Commandment in the **law?** He asked us to look at the Commandments in the light of **Loving** God and **loving** our neighbor. I believe that helps us to understand that God was about **love** not **fear**.



As we listen or read them today, use them as an examination of conscience. Understood wisely they are signposts that enable us to be the best person we can be; fulfilling our relationship with God and enshrining values at home, in society and in our workplace.

Can we, with the Psalmist, see the Commandments as ‘*words of everlasting life?*’

St Paul in Corinthians tries to get the people to see the Cross as a way of redemption not a failure! For those who **believe**, the Cross is a sign of **love** not power.

In the cleansing of the Temple we see Jesus who is on fire with ‘**love**’ for His Father’s House. The ‘sellers’ had desecrated this sacred place and made it impossible for the **faithful** Jews to pray and worship. Is this a sign for us to ‘clear out’ what is preventing us from being open to hear God calling us? Let us look **deeply** into our own lives and see what needs ‘**clearing out**’ in our lives to free up the space to let God in!

How is our Lenten journey going? Are we consciously aware of what has changed in our lives and how prepared we are to continue to make the changes necessary so that we can truly enter fully into the Holy Week Mysteries in a couple of weeks time?
God bless

Sr Marie

RENEWAL OF LITURGY MINISTRIES
Liturgy is enriched by the ‘full and active participation of all gathered’.
We are renewing the ministries of:
Special Ministers of the Eucharist
Lectors/Readers & Commentators
Welcomers & Collectors & Counters

You are invited to consider volunteering for one or more of these ministries.
A Renewal Session will be held on SATURDAY MARCH 27: 9.30 – 11.00am in the Church.
Please add your details to the Expression of Interest Form in the Foyer.
Any queries please contact Phil Billington, Anne Jackson or Bernie Basevi

Our Parish needs the ‘**VARIETY & UNITY OF GIFTS OF ALL**’ (St Paul to the Corinthians).

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions March 2021

Sacrament of reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 9th 5.30 Mass
& 11am (Funeral Mass)
Wed 10th 9am Mass & 5.30pm
Thurs 11th 9am Mass
Fri 12th 9.15am Mass
Sat 13th 9am Rosary/Mass
9.30am Recon 6pm Mass
Sun 14th 9am Mass 5pm Mass
5pm Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS

6/7 March 2021
Church Cleaning
B Favetta/J O'Neill (8-12)
Welcomers
6pm B Wilson
9am J McClelland
5pm L Miller
Commentator
6pm J Quigley
9am A Skinner
5pm M Devine
Readers:
6pm P O'Kelly
9am A Brown
5pm A Horsfall
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm A Rogers
9am C Schor
5pm J O'Sullivan
Computer Screen
6pm T Jackson
9am T Priest
5pm J O'Sullivan.

REGISTRARS

6pm P Billington
9am G Norris & B Basevi
5pm M deSmet

13/14 March 2021

Church Cleaning
D & L May (8-12)
Welcomers
6pm C Brownlie
9am L Page
5pm M deSmet
Commentator
6pm M Bridges
9am B Basevi
5pm J O'Sullivan
Readers
6pm J Mackay
9am A Jackson
5pm L Miller
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm P Billington
9am K Corbin
5pm Y Oerder..
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm M O'Neill

REGISTRARS

6pm J McCarthy & helper
9am G Norris/ B Basevi
5pm Volunteer

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

**PROJECT
COMPASSION 2021:
ASPIRE NOT TO HAVE
MORE BUT TO BE
MORE (St Oscar
Romero)**



Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school, and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write or count. Her business was losing money because she couldn't add up. Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes. Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election - to help her community to 'Be More.

*Please feel free to take
one of the charity boxes
home*



**Gathering: "A
World Turned Upside
Down - Let's Clear a
Space" 23rd March
9am start**

Resilience and balancing
our emotional equilibrium-
Facilitator: Bruce Chan
(Bach Psy)
Cost: Free.

If able please bring a
plate. Booking by March
15th to Sr Marie 0429 383
333 or sign sheet in foyer
of church.



LENTEN REFLECTION: WEEK 3 HOPE THROUGH BEING VULNERABLE

Being vulnerable is not valued very much in our society today but indeed it is the call of the Gospel in our lives. Being vulnerable opens our lives to possibility - being HOPE for others.

In the words of St Oscar Romero
"A church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is proclaimed - what Gospel is that?"

As we reach the mid-point of our Lenten Journey, perhaps we might be struggling with our Lenten resolutions - we are vulnerable. How do we move from vulnerability to Hope? Instead of remonstrating with ourselves, we are reminded that during Lent as we take stock and renew our faith,

"in the spiritual life, we are meant to prod our souls to regular discipline only so that in doing so our hearts will be softened to serve those whom Jesus served. The gentle Jesus wants clean hearts from us, not just sacrifice, and deep-down basic commitment."

(Joan Chittister: In God's Holy Light)

...Our Prayer for the Week...

*Loving God as we enter more deeply into Lent, open our
/hearts and minds, so that we will be vulnerable and
Open to your transforming love. May the wisdom and
Hope of the Cross be the compass that directs our lives*

*And leads us to you
(Inspired by Chris Monaghan CP)*



MUSIC PREPARATION FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES - MONDAYS AT 1 - 2PM in the CHURCH

**Please come and join us to learn the
hymns - all most welcome.**

2021 PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM

Wednesday morning, *Comfort Lenten Program*
Thursday evening *'Walk in the Spirit, Lenten Renewal
Experience'*

Led by Archbishop Prowse via livestreaming
<https://cgcatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>
5th Session Thursday 18th March 7.30pm in the Church Meeting Room.
Bible Study ... 'Enjoy the Good News' will continue after Easter
Pope Francis' message for Lent 2021.
<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2021/02/12/210212a.html>

PASTORAL CARE ONE DAY INTRODUCTORY COURSE

If you are interested in, or new to Pastoral Care or want to review your skills, please join us on **Saturday March 20** in the Parish Office at **9am-4pm**. Cost: **free**.

Morning tea supplied. BYO Pot Luck Lunch to share. All welcome. RSVP March 15 to Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057 or Sr Marie 0429 383 333

REPORT FROM FEBRUARY PPC MEETING

- ♦ The PPC welcomes our new Youth Minister, Liarna Miller and looks forward to bringing more youth into the Parish
 - ♦ The Parish Pastoral Plan for 2021/2022 to be released soon
 - ♦ Parish website and Facebook have been updated and parishioners are encouraged to visit and follow the pages. *Links are provided in the bulletin email.*
 - ♦ Additional volunteers are needed for Covid registration table at all Masses
 - ♦ Tabernacle position in the church is under consideration
- All Parishioners are encouraged to engage with any PPC member on Parish matters that are important to them*



Saints Of The Week

Sun 7th - Saints Perpetua & Felicity,
martyrs
Mon 8th- St John of God
Tues 9th - St Frances of Rome,
religious

Tickets are on sale for the opening night, 9th
April 7pm, of the Bay Theatre Players
production of *"The Drowsy Chaperone."* Proceeds to Binh Minh school for disabled children in Vietnam. Tickets \$32 from Anne Scicluna 0402 465 603 or Carol Schor on 0450 775 067. Come and enjoy the night!

CROATIAN MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED SATURDAY 6 MARCH 11AM. *All welcome*

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1st October 2020 there is only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786

Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds.

Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:

Antony and Andrew, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries: Peter Burum, Joan Neems, William Holmes, Ruth Ryan, Margaret Toy, Ivan Hropic, Angeline Davis, Robert Loftus, Michael Doyle

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community: Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, James Ward, Marie Hann, Billy Borg, Pauline Chalkley, Anna Dang, Anna Ordeman, Joan Logue, Sue-Anne Clarke, Maree Spillane, Rosemary Cooley, Pam O'Keefe, Malgorzata Colebrook, Te Otinga Te Kowhai Brennan, Maurice Connell, Susan McNamara, Dario Panes, Elizabeth Gallagher, Ken Bow, Steven Thomas, Maureen Kinross, Jan Schor, Pio Liberale, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after the
9am Mass
Venue:
Corrigans Cove
Coffee N Chat

Vinnies "Knock on Effect"
campaign begins in March.
It has three areas of focus:

1. To raise awareness about the work of St Vincent de Paul.
2. To recruit more Conference members. Contact Gary Norris: 0429 774 101 or email: garynorris07@gmail.com
3. To raise funds for the Society's works. If able buy a raffle ticket at the weekend masses of 6/7 & 13/14 March. Prizes - *see notice in foyer*. \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawn March 14th.

Thank you for your support.

ReGrowth is a formation and mission opportunity for leaders in our parish. It will be held on Friday, 12th March 2021 (5:00pm - 7:00pm) at the St Christopher's Pastoral Centre. Registration can be completed at this link: bit.ly/regrowth-alpha. Contact Huw Warmenhoven for information (huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au).

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