

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Third Sunday of Lent Year B

First Reading Exodus 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.**

1. 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.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter

are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

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*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation John 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 John 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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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**YEAR B**

**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Choir Practice**  
**1PM Mondays**

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am**  
**Fridays after Mass**

**Stations of the Cross**  
**every Friday evening**  
**until Easter @ 5.30pm**

**Croatian Mass will be**  
**celebrated Saturday**  
**2nd March 11am**

**Wrap With Love**  
**Tuesday 12th March**  
**10am B/Bay Library**

**Cuppa with Mary**  
**MacKillop @ the home of**  
**Margaret & John de Smet**  
**Tues March 5th 10am**  
**Enquiries: Margaret**  
**0423 386 656. All**  
**Welcome.**

**2nd Rite of**  
**Reconciliation**  
**Wednesday March 6th**  
**@ 5pm**

**Anointing of the Sick**  
**Mass Wednesday 6th**  
**March @ 9am Mass**

**Craft Group 10am**  
**Thursdays Church**  
**Meeting Room**

**ADORATION**  
**TUESDAYS @ 4pm**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
**Thursdays after Mass**  
**Venue: Corrigans Cove**

**CHEERFUL SERVICE**

We Christians are not a glum lot. We are a post-Resurrection people. We believe life has purpose; that there is life after death; that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

But if I were a non-Christian and could not see any joy or fun in our existence, I would be reluctant to join the Catholic church.

I’m not suggesting that we Christians must become like the orphan heroine, Pollyanna, in the children’s novel of the same name. Pollyanna became known as the “glad girl” for her determination to remain cheerful whatever happened to her. She melts the hearts of everyone she meets, no matter how sour and dour they are. The musical, Annie, was based on the novel.

As sometimes happens in literature, a positive can be turned into a negative. Pollyanna entered the US vernacular to describe “anyone who is unduly optimistic or who is able to remain happy through self-delusion.”

Our Catholic liturgy represents the drama of God’s interaction with his Creation - the Life, Death & Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the subsequent work of the Holy Spirit.

In today’s reading from First Corinthians (1: 22-25) Paul tells his readers, realistically, what he is up against. No Pollyanna delusion here.

The Jewish elites, for which he was once an enforcer, demand signs, portents, miracles that show Paul has the backing of the God of Israel. The Greek sophisticates, on the other hand, look for the sublime, a wisdom that satisfies the intellect, even a mathematical equation that would explain life. Paul has only one answer and it is a paradox. He preaches Christ crucified as God’s foolish Wisdom and Christ’s weakness as revealing God’s ultimate power over Death.

In the Lenten liturgy we face up to the realities of Life. In the Collect prayer in today’s Mass we are reminded of the means we have to help us cope with life as it really is - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (donating money/goods to the poor).

Perhaps we can pause and ask ourselves: How’s my prayer life at the moment? Am I practising any physical penances? Have I been putting money aside for Project Compassion? Or similar charity? Am I a cheerful giver?

*Joe Quigley*







## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Monday 4th March**

**Sunday 10th March**

**Monday 4th:** No Mass

**Tuesday 5th:** Mass 5pm

Adoration 4pm

**Wednesday 6th:** Mass with

Anointing of the Sick 9am

2nd Rite of Reconciliation 5pm

**Thursday 7th:** Mass 9am

**Friday 8th:** Mass 9am

**Saturday 9th:** Mass 6pm

Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm

**Sunday 10th:** Mass 9am

### Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

### ROSTERS

#### 2/3 MARCH

##### Cleaning

4-8 March D & L May

##### 6.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson

Commentator: P

O'Kelly

Reader: M Bridges

Eucharistic Ministers

J Wain,

Computer Screen J

O'Sullivan

##### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M de Smet

Commentator B Basevi

Reader: M Lowe

Eucharistic Ministers

K Corbin, C Lowe

Computer Screen D

May

##### MORNING TEA:

**COUNTERS:** J.

O'Sullivan

G Norris

#### 9/10 MARCH

##### Cleaning

11-15 M DeSmet J

Maher

##### 6.00PM MASS

Welcomer: K Conway

Commentator: S

Ebejer

Reader: J Mackay

Eucharistic Ministers

M Bridges

Computer Screen

M O'Neill

##### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer D May

Commentator: N Beatty

Reader: D Herring

Eucharistic Ministers

N & L Page

Computer Screen T

Priest....

##### MORNING TEA:

J Barroman/G

Berryman

##### COUNTERS:

B Basevi

G Norris

THE PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM continues each  
Wednesday until Easter in the Church Meeting Room  
@ 9.30 am-11am AFTER MASS

(PLEASE NOTE) Evening Lenten Program has been cancelled  
WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH  
WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH  
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

Enquiries: Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

Stations of the Cross with Soup Dinner  
Will be held each Friday evening until Easter  
@ 5.30pm

March - Friday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

Fr John Walter will be celebrating Mass next Week  
Tuesday 12th March—Friday 15th March as Fr Loi will  
be away.

### Pastoral Care One Day Introductory Course

For those who would like to join the PC Team or those  
who would like to review their pastoral practice.  
Saturday March 23rd from 9am – 4pm @ St Bernard's  
Parish Office.

Cost/Resources: Free

**BYO Lunch.** Booking essential: **RSVP March 19th.**

Enquiries: Marie W: 0405 028 057

**Rosters for Holy Week** If you would like to assist with the ceremonies  
in Holy Week and have not let Anne know, could you please put your  
name where you are available on the list under the noticeboard in the  
foyer or email the Parish office. Thank you

### Holy Week Timetable

#### Holy Thursday

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Mass 6pm

#### Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March—

10am Stations of the Cross

3pm Commemoration of the Passion

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Confession 10am-12 noon

#### Easter Vigil

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Mass 6pm

#### Easter Sunday

31<sup>st</sup> March - Mass 9am

### Cursillo Retreat, 12-14 April, St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong

Cursillo provides an opportunity for men and women to renew and  
deepen their faith life through a program of talks, meditations and  
prayer.

For further information contact Irma & Joe at [irmandjoe@gmail.com](mailto:irmandjoe@gmail.com)



Samoa may be a country  
surrounded by water, but  
access to clean drinking water  
is scarce in some areas, with  
many families facing extreme  
hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five  
children, husband, brother  
and sister-in-law on the island  
of Upolu in Samoa. Not

having access to a reliable source of clean  
water caused Leaia a lot of worry.  
Their home is not connected to a piped water  
system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater  
collected in old fridges. When their water ran  
out, Leaia had to walk with her young children  
to collect water in buckets and containers from  
a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local  
partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was  
installed at Leaia's home. She and her family  
now have a steady supply of clean drinking  
water at home. Next year, they will also have a  
toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa,  
which will further improve their health and  
living conditions.

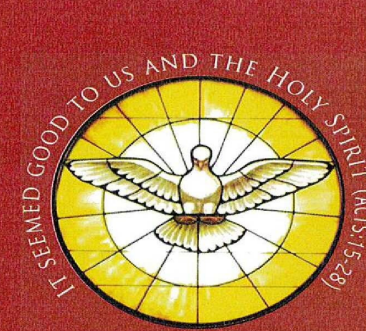
"We are very thankful and grateful for the  
water tank. It has helped us so much and made  
our daily life easier," Leaia said.

#### Please donate to Project Compassion

Together, we can help vulnerable communities  
face their challenges today and build a better  
tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion  
donation boxes and envelopes available from  
your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)  
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## YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts  
of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in his  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

### Farewell and Thank You Morning Tea for Phil Billington

will take place after the 9am Mass on  
Palm Sunday March 24.

Phil has given very generously of her  
time and expertise to our Parish and St  
Vincent de Paul and so we hope you  
can join us in thanking her and wishing  
her well for the future. **Enquiries:**  
Mick Lowe [m] 0466 790 567

### Remembering the Sick:

Karen Nixon, John de Smet, Lynette Arundel, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson,  
Maria de Rocco, Laurence Foran, Julie Morgan, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann  
Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony  
Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter  
O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita  
Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim  
Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor  
Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy  
Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and  
nursing homes.

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and  
names can be added to it if dates are provided.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** : Nancy Sykes, Lillian  
Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Gerard Carew, Brian  
O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Barbara Fogerty rsj,  
Carmen Morphet, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley House, Vin Taylor,  
Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante,  
Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman,  
Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter  
McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall,  
Dawn Miillman

Pope Francis Monthly  
Prayer Intentions  
**MARCH**

### For the new martyrs

We pray that those  
who risk their lives  
for the Gospel in  
various parts of the  
world inflame the  
Church with their  
courage and  
missionary  
enthusiasm.

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