

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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / B

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BEING TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

Lent has the capacity to shake us from our lethargy and turn our lives upside down. For some people change is exciting but for many it is less than comfortable as we search to find our bearings in a new situation. Today's readings can challenge us but they also provide a new set of bearings to help our journey in faith. The people of Israel had their world overturned when they were taken into slavery, but in some ways coming out of slavery was even more difficult. Led into the dangers of the desert and an uncertain future they were to find their bearings in the new covenant. Their new identity as God's people would find its expression in their faithfulness to the Ten Commandments. When Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers in the Temple he called into question the system that had developed around the Temple. His disturbing action was to be a reminder that even as one sign of God's presence was to pass away, it was soon to be replaced by a new sign of God's presence, his own Risen body.

Paul knew that God's wisdom always has a way of challenging the wisdom of the world. A crucified Christ was seen as madness and scandalous. As disturbing as it may still seem this is the wisdom of God that must become our point of reference. In Jesus crucified all our preconceptions of power and wisdom are called into question as we are invited to make God's wisdom our own.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

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 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.

'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.

Longer form, 20: 1-17.

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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

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.**



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.

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!

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WEEKEND MASSES Vigil: Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30 pm

CONFESSIONS
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon: ****No Mass** Tues: ****No Mass**
Wed: ****No Mass** Thurs: ****No Mass**
Fri: ****No Mass** Sat: ****No Mass**

No weekday masses, due to clergy assembly and other commitment of Fr Anthony.

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.*

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Patricia Hawes, Norm Moran, Fay Sims, Giuseppe Pomponio, Bishop Luc Matthys.

Anniversaries: William Grima (3/3), Dalis O'Brien (12/2), Julia Blanch (12/2), Bill Blanch (12/2),

Deceased: Leonie Baker, Joy Makepeace, Emily Herden, Fay Bradbery, Hugh O'Brien, John Buckley, Janice Press, Thomas Brown.

Sick: Fr Bernie Flood, Barbara Brennan, Monica Austin, Erin Hansen, Bill Press, Mimmie Bennett, Bob Worthington, Kim Myers, Rachel MacPherson, Judy Cummins, Shirley Hobbs, Jenny Crawford, Sr Pat Bartley, Brindley Cavallaro, Elaine White, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Linda Bourke, Peggy Bussell, Margaret Doyle, Christopher Struck, Graeme Bussell, Jack & Marge Attard.

CRACKERS MEMOIRS RIP ON LENTEN SACRIFICES



Murphy had never stepped into a Church his whole life. After Mass, the priest asked him, "Murphy, I'm so glad you decided to come to Mass, but I gotta ask, what made you come?" "I got to be honest with you father, a while back, I misplaced me hat and I really, really loved that hat. I knew that McGlynn had a hat just like me hat, and I knew that McGlynn came to Church every Sunday and that he'd leave back of the Church; so I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

Noticing that Murphy hadn't taken the hat, the priest asked, "What changed your mind?"

Murphy said, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the Ten Commandments, I decided I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest gave Murphy a big smile and said: "After I talked about 'Thou Shalt not Steal', you decided you would rather do without the hat than burn in hell right?" Murphy shook his head and said, "No Father, after you talked about 'Thou Shalt not Commit Adultery', I remembered where I left me hat."

COMING EVENTS

17 Mar St Patrick's Day - Lunch
28 Mar Palm Sunday

20 Mar Men's Gathering at St Nicholas Parish
30 Mar Chrism Mass

Be faithful in the least, as well as in the greatest. (1873)



ST PATRICK'S DAY: Celebrations this year will be in the form of a light lunch in the Parish Centre, **Wed. 17 March** following 12 noon Mass. Please bring a plate to share. In keeping with the St Patrick's theme, please wear or bring something green. We are sure it will be a great day!

EASTER CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be held Wednesday **24 March at 5.30 pm**; **St Edwards Wednesday 24 March at 12 noon**; **St Nicholas Wednesday 31 March at 6 pm**.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available. There are several methods for donating this year. Please see the Notice Board.

SR KATHRYN SWEENEY RSJ ARRIVES: A very warm welcome to Sr Kathryn who has arrived in our parish. The Sisters of St Joseph have called her to a new ministry in our parish. We are very grateful to receive her presence and her talents in our Parish and look forward to her working in our Parish very soon. Sr Kathryn is assured of our prayers as she continues her journey following in the steps of St Mary of the Cross.

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Please note changes to week day masses this week due to Clergy Assembly. Please see [St Nicholas](#) and [St Edwards](#) weekday mass times.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION: Please see on the Notice Board a note from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the morality of Anti Covid-19 vaccines.

2021 ROSTERS: Thank you to those who have returned to 'normal' duties. We would love to re-engage our previous volunteers and welcome new ones. There are plenty of spaces for counters, readers, and cleaners. Please contact the office if you can help. Thank you.

PALM SUNDAY: Holy Week will commence with Palm Sunday on 28 March. It is coming around very quickly. There will be special COVID-19 requirements around Holy Week services and further details will be provided shortly. It is anticipated there will be the usual special Easter services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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WEEK 1 ROSTER: 7/3/21

Vigil: R D Gowing G Styman
9am Sun: R S Nichols S Brown
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting: P Sheils A Bowden
Sat Cleaning: 6/3 B & B Lane
13/3 K O'Brien
and J Cunningham
Altar Linen: B Flood

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 14/3/21

Vigil: R C Greer P Bamford
9am Sun: R A Sartori R Palmer
5.30pm Sun: R M and J Murray
Counting: J and O Whale; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 13/3 K O'Brien
and J Cunningham
20/3 J Hutt and J Moran
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