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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YR B**

**6TH & 7TH MARCH, 2021**

### **WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS**

In consideration of your safety and the safety of others, it is strongly recommended that you wear a mask during all Masses.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

**SATURDAY VIGIL 5PM & 6PM**

**& SUNDAY 7.30AM, 8.30AM & 9.30AM**

You are now invited to attend Mass every week at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

If you need to change your allocated time, please phone Fr Chris.

**ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP ADHERE TO THE 2 SQUARE METRE RULE AND AS SUCH WE HAVE A LIMIT OF 120 PEOPLE.**

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell or you are advised not to attend Mass.

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

**TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)**

**THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM**

*You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.*

**\*\*\*PLEASE USE THE QR CODE TO SIGN IN**

### **RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT**

Please contact Fr Chris on his mobile 0415 505 594 to make an appointment.

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

**120**

**PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.**



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per government regulations, please observe the 2 square metre rule.

*Please note that hand sanitiser is available at the Church entrances for use upon entering and exiting the Church.*



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Corpus Christi Primary - ph 4726 2200  
(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900  
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

## Parish News

The Parish Lenten Reconciliation  
will be held on  
**TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 at 7:00PM**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
WILL BE CELEBRATED DURING LENT EACH  
FRIDAY AT 7.00PM IN THE CHURCH.



### Easter Parish Working Bee For Front Gardens

SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
STARTING 8.30AM UNTIL 1PM

Bring your own brooms, rakes and weeding equipment.  
Many hands make light work.

### The Net

If you know of anyone who is not receiving The Net via email and they would like to, please ask them to contact the Parish Office.

### Planned Giving Envelopes

**THE NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR  
APRIL – OCTOBER 2021 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AND  
CAN BE COLLECTED IN THE FOYER.**

*If you are:*

- ◇ contributing to the Planned Giving Programme by way of credit card and your details have changed;
- ◇ or contributing to the Planned Giving Programme via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme, please contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

### Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

#### Recently Deceased:

Cathy Nadalini (Marie Cottee's aunt - 28/02), Jerry Kunciewicz (dear husband of Monica – 10/02)

#### Mass Intentions:

Maria Aquilina, Josephine Portelli, Margaret & James Vella

#### Anniversaries:

Fr George O'Mara (28/02/18)

#### And for those who are sick:

Pauline Rugg, Joan Schneider



## Parramatta Diocesan News

### Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

13th & 14th March, 2021

Help CatholicCare chaplains bring comfort, faith and hope to the sick and isolated. **Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare chaplains provide spiritual, sacramental and emotional support in the footsteps of the Good Samaritan.** Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal). **Thank you for accompanying them on their journey.**

### Positions Vacant:

- \* St Patrick's Gift Shop Manager – St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta – **Applications close 14 March 2021**
- \* Diocese of Parramatta Receptionist – Bethany Centre, Parramatta

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

### 'The Well' Offers New Refreshment in 2021

'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. Catholic Education and Catholic Youth Parramatta are 'first cabs off the rank' with content uploaded for Lent and the Year of Saint Joseph. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### Glenbrook Parish Lenten Biblical Studies

Parish Priest Fr Joseph Lam will be running Lenten Biblical studies on the Passion of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Mark at St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook.

- The Death of Jesus – 9 March at 7.30pm;
- The Resurrection of Jesus – 23 March at 7.30pm



Due to COVID restrictions, places are limited. To register, contact [secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:secretary@stfinbars.org.au) or call 4739 8928.

### St Dominic's College Open Day

Sunday 7th March

College Tours will commence at 9.30am.

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### Third Sunday of Lent 7th March 2021



Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

# The Living Word

Third Sunday of Lent

7th March 2021

## 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 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.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**(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. **(R.)**

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.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

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.

## 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.

## Different View – Just like Jesus

This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!



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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.'



## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the *axis mundi*, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where three-way cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it?

Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law.

Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him?

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

### Intention for evangelization -

#### Sacrament of reconciliation



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



## REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* What aspects of this gospel passage do you find confronting or challenging?
- \* What was it about the practices in the Temple that spurred Jesus to such violent anger?
- \* What might the poor have thought about what Jesus did in the Temple?
- \* Have you ever seen something that you knew to be unjust? What did you do?
- \* How can you work against injustice in your local community?

### Questions for Adults

- \* In what ways is this a 'difficult' story about Jesus?
- \* What was Jesus' dream of the way people should be able to relate to God?
- \* Are there Church practices today that may be seen as unjust or discriminatory?
- \* What everyday forms of injustice exist in your local community?
- \* How can you challenge injustice?

***This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.***

- \* What do you like about our (your) church?
- \* How is it holy?
- \* What do we do inside the church that makes it a holy place?
- \* In today's gospel Jesus visited his temple. What did he do when he saw that people had set up stores?
- \* Why was Jesus angry?
- \* When are the times that we can come to our church to pray?

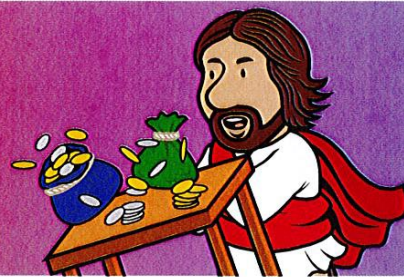
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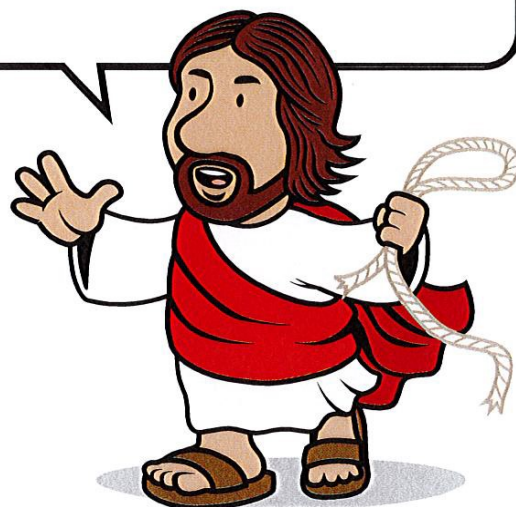


# Jesus cleanses the temple

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B



Jesus was not pleased when he found people selling things in the temple. Some people sold cattle, sheep and doves for sacrifice and some people changed Roman coins for temple coins. Draw some traders and money-changers in the temple and write down what Jesus said to them.



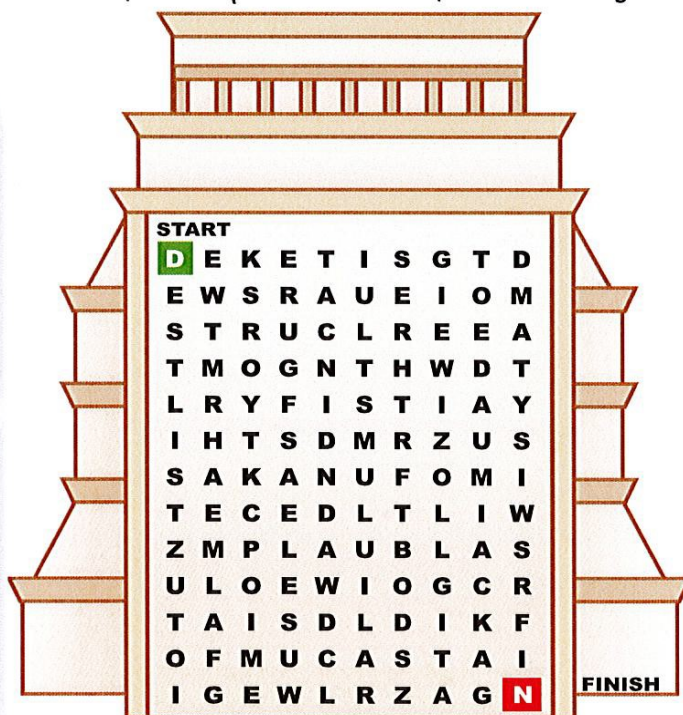
There are times when things make us angry; even Jesus got angry and upset sometimes. But there are good and bad ways of dealing with anger. Complete the statements below by using words and/or pictures.

When I'm angry I sometimes do the wrong thing by...

When I'm angry I can do the right thing by...

## COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will build it again"



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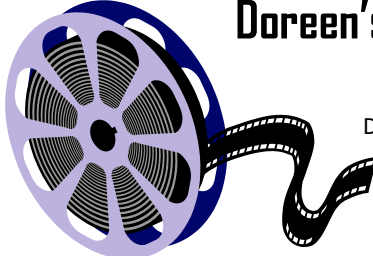
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# Solutions

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