



Third Sunday of Lent

3rd /4th March 2018

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday Mercy Place, includes sacrament of anointing **11.00 am**

Wednesday **9.30 am**

No Mass this Thursday

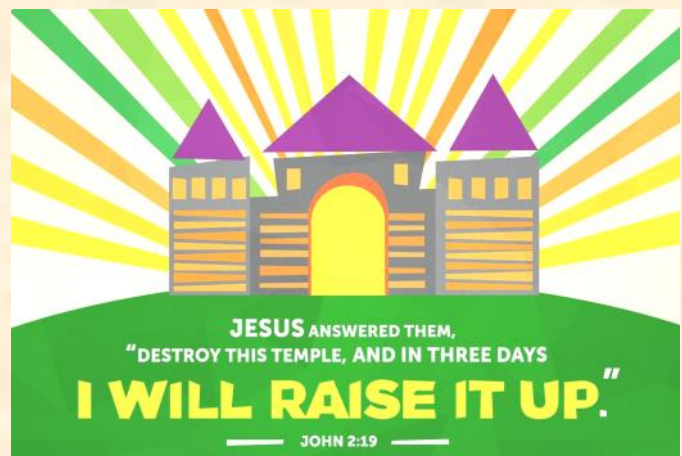
Friday St Anne's School Hall **9.30 am**

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment.

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661



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? (Dianne Bergant CSS)



Parish Community



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

RECENTLY DECEASED: Arnold Fletcher, John Mills, Donna Gogoll, Mary Corrin, Anne Pitcher.

ANNIVERSARIES: Terry Conway, Moya Buckhorn, Ned McSweeney, Dave Murray, Fred Brooner, Tim Robb, George McArdle, Vic Dolenc, Kevin Gordon, Esther Smith, Colin & ianne Surrige, Thelma Conroy, Milton Mulholand, Henry Carter, Olga Howalczyk, Denis Maloney, George Devcich, Philippa Hailey, Frank Kelly, Laurence Williams, Fr Tony Fitzgerald, Grahame Ledwidge, Pat Hagan, Geoff Frauenfelder, Mary Scott.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 3rd /4th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Anthony Foley	Jane Murtagh
Lector 1	Karen Purtle	Terry Hillman
Lector 2	Virginia Mitsch	Ray Murtagh
Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteer Jeneice Harding	Pauline Willis, Carey Menz-Dowling Kevin Kennedy
Cantor	Brian Waters	
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Michael Byrnes		Church Cleaning: 1

Sat /Sun: 10th /11th March

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Kellie Gordes	Gavin Dykes
Lector 1	Michael Byrnes	Kathy Nyan
Lector 2	Pat Hickman	Sr Carina Morton
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Pat Hopkins	Trish Parkinson Peter Treacy Dianne Treacy
Cantor	John Van Lint	Anne McIntyre
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Nardia Scarvell		Church Cleaning: 2

Prayer for being Loved by God

Father, thank you for your great love for us. You sent your only Son to live with us and show us how to love. He gave His life for us and resurrected on that third day so that we could also be with you in eternity! Lord, to feel just an inch of the radiance of your love and the glow from your excellence will be more than we can imagine. Knowing your love for us is humbling too.

We are imperfect humans moving around on this Earth day to day attempting to live lives that are worthy of the calling you have on us. We need your guidance and direction.

Thank you Father that no matter where our hearts are you are always reaching out to love us unconditionally! You are the ultimate example of love and we are so grateful for that!

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

'Only the person who feels happiness in seeking the good of others, in desiring their happiness, can be a missionary.'

Parish News

Project Compassion Story this Week

Bayan is a young Syrian girl in Jordan who struggled to overcome the trauma of living in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on school. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is excelling in her studies, with ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan.

60th Anniversary Celebrations—St Anne's School

Please join our school community in celebrating St Anne's Primary School's Anniversary on Friday 9th March 2018 at 9.30 in School Hall. It will be followed by morning tea and the opportunity to walk through the school. Everyone welcome.

Mass will be held in School Hall this Friday instead of Church

There will be no Mass on Thursday this week

Men's Breakfast

To be held at St James's Church, Urana Rd Lavington at 8.30 am on Saturday 10th March. All welcome.

Footy Tipping Competition

It is that time of year again and we are looking for anyone who is interested in joining our competition. There are slips and drawers available from side table at front of church (Swan St side). If you are after more slips please contact Fran at Presbytery on 6025 1516 or email: sacredheartna@gmail.com

During our Lenten Journey may:

God bless you with the waters of joy

God bless you with the waters of peace

God bless you with the waters of compassion

God bless you with the waters of mercy

God bless you with the waters of freedom

God bless you with the waters of forgiveness

God bless you with the waters of comfort

God bless you with the waters of abundance...



This weekend we welcome into the community of the Church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Cooper James & Hayden Maurice McNamara
Sons of Ryan & Danielle.

Project Compassion Prayer 2108

God of all peoples and nations, you accompany us on our Lenten journey.

Through the life and mission of your son, you give us the gift of mercy.

May we learn to walk your way of justice and compassion with all your people. In a special way, we keep in mind the children, women and men around the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. In this Year of Youth, may we support young people as they recognise that through their efforts, their desire to change and their generosity, they too are participating in the building of a better world.

Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project Compassion. Through these actions, may our hearts be open to receive your grace as we work towards a just future for all your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Together

Our diocesan newspaper for the month of March has arrived. There are a couple of articles on Fr Kevin. Please take a copy from church entrances.

Liturgy of the Word

Third Sunday of Lent—Year B

Readings: Ex 20: 1-17; 1 Cor 1: 22-25 ; John 2: 13-25

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 who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



Reflection on the Readings

We all cherish our freedom. In the shared religious history of both Jews and Christians, the story of the exodus is one of God's liberating presence, drawing the people of Israel out of slavery to freedom. It is in the middle of this desert journey that the story of the Ten Commandments is found. God speaks face to face with Moses. The Ten Commandments are as valid today as when they were first given on Mt Sinai. The Commandments continue to guide people of all the ages to live in right relationship with God and one another, to work for justice and peace.

In the second reading we get a glimpse of the community of the early church which is struggling to live in right relationships because they still carry the baggage of their former lives. In the Gospel reading Jesus recognised that the commercial practices of buying and selling in the precinct of the holy place were a barrier to people living in right relationship with God and others. He passionately intervenes to stop what appears to have become common practice in the temple precinct and 'calls out' the injustice.

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion story this week takes us to Jordan to meet 12 year old Bayan who with her family made the perilous journey from Syria. For Bayan the trauma of the conflict, and the disruption of her childhood, the Caritas Education Program in Jordan has been a source of encouragement. With this support Bayan looks with hope towards a future where she can finish her education and achieve her dreams.

The Project Compassion theme is 'A Just Future'. For Bayan and many other children around the world, a just future starts with a safe place to learn. The major humanitarian crisis which continues to unfold in Syria highlights the inevitable chaos when we forget we are one human family. Programs such as these are an example of what a community like ours can contribute. By supporting and acting for justice and speaking out for the hundreds of thousands of children, women and men who have become displaced in Syria, we imitate Jesus taking action in the temple.



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