



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

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“Don’t shine so others can see you. Shine so that though you others can see Him”- C.S. Lewis

On these final Sundays of the Lent before the Holy Week, we have the ‘Scrutiny’ for our sisters Sabrina Cook, Kate Fletcher, and Tracey Parison who are preparing themselves to embrace our Catholic Faith through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation during Easter Vigil. Let us keep them in our prayers that they are open to the Divine and experience Him in unimaginable ways.

On behalf of the community, I like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the family (who prefers to be anonymous) who has sponsored the new Paschal Candle stand and those individuals who have contributed towards the Processional Crucifix for our church. More of God’s blessings to you all! I am in touch with the architect to bring something in and out of our church that would elevate the worshipping atmosphere. Your support is earnestly sought after.

We met Jesus in the wilderness (1st Sunday of Lent), on the mountain (2nd Sunday) and this Sunday, we meet Him at the temple. The loving, compassionate Jesus is angry (legitimate) as the temple of Jerusalem was not serving God’s purposes. The temple was to be God’s house, God’s home, a place where all people could feel at home in God’s presence. As Jesus says in today’s gospel reading, that house was converted into a market and a den of thieves. Instead of being a spiritual home for all the nations, it was filled with injustice, corruption, inequality, and exploitation of the poor. Jesus felt that this institution needed reform. Hence, the cleansing of the temple as depicted in the gospel.

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Boston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had occasion to ride the bus from his house to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the bus driver had mistakenly given him a quarter (25 cents) in change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, “You’d better give the quarterback. It would be wrong to keep it.” Then he thought, “Oh, forget it, it is only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a ‘gift from God’ and keep quiet.” When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then handed the quarter to the driver and said, “Here, you gave me too much change.” The driver with a smile, replied, “Aren’t you the new preacher in town?” “Yes,” he replied. “Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I will see you at Church next Sunday.” When the preacher stepped off the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, “Oh God I almost sold your Son for a quarter.”



In the temple precincts of our lives are “money changers” and connivers – fear, ambition, addictions, selfishness, prejudice – that distort the meaning of our lives and debase our relationships with God and with one another. Lent is a time to invite the “angry” Jesus of today’s Gospel into our lives to drive out those things that make our lives less than what God created them to be. To raise one’s voice against injustice, to stand up before the powerful on behalf of the weak, to demand accountability of those who exploit and abuse others for their own gain is to imitate the “holy” and legitimate anger of Christ. (Source Kayala)

Our Lenten yearning for the newness, freshness, warmth and light of spring mirrors Jesus’ angry expulsion of the merchants from the temple. Christ comes to bring newness to humankind, to bring a springtime of hope to people who have lived too long in a winter of alienation and despair. All of us who make up the church need to be open to his purifying presence. In the works of the book of Revelation, we need to be listening to what the Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Lord, is saying to us the church. Those in positions of leadership in the church have a special responsibility to listen to what the Spirit may be saying to the church, so as to bring it more into line with what God intends. However, we are all called to listen to the challenging word of the Spirit and to be open to the purifying presence of the risen Lord. We are all the church, and we all have our part to play in ensuring that the church is what the Lord intends it to be. Let us never forget the words of St Paul that ‘we are the temple of the Holy Spirit’. May we allow Jesus to purify our lives and let His light shine through us before and men.



**God’s blessings
Fr. Vince**

This Sunday's Readings



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.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 *The Law given at Sinai.*

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 that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor 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.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18(19):8-11

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 Corinthians 1:22-25 *The crucified Christ, the power and 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

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 *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.

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blesses are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

PARISH ROSTERS

9/10 March 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Lynette Rodrigues	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Oscar G Matilda S	Michelle Acharya Sue Farrar	Patrick Edouard-Betsy Bill O'Shea	Sue Galletto Robert Saad	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
Sun 8.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Gail Dick Helen Wong		Lina Flores Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Vartguess Markarian	Jessica Tapiador Lorna Argal	Angelina B Isabella C	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

16/17 March 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Sr Maureen Leah Garcia	Jemma L Isabella W	Sr Maureen Diane O'Shea	David & Sue Boulous Tuti Sugita	Monica Jung	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick
Sun 8.00am	Anthony Wong	Angela Finnane Will Finnane		Lina Flores Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Romeo Urqueza Yolanda Urqueza	Tashen W Tashnie W	Elaine Gade Sheila Tapiador			

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maree Buttenshaw,
Robert Power

Recently Deceased

Anthony Huynh Van Hoang, Ruby Moses,
Noelene Wilkinson,
Jaime Pablacio,
Fr Kevin Bates SM,
Deryk Anthony Rodrigues, Ilias Atie

Anniversaries

Helena Raoul & family,
Fr Peter McGrath CP

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Donations for Altar Flowers

Altar flowers help to make God's house beautiful.

Our Parish is asking for people who can,
to donate for the purchase of the Altar
flowers.

If you wish to donate, kindly
contact the Parish Office.



Holy Name of Mary Lenten Activities

Lenten Reflection
Wednesdays 7pm-8pm

Stations of the Cross
Fridays 7pm

All are welcome!



Did you know? Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is being celebrated in all schools in the Diocese from today (3rd March)? During Catholic Schools Week, schools will be reaching out to their communities and showcasing learning. It is important to celebrate and strengthen the close connection between school and parish, and it is for this reason that parishioners from Holy Name of Mary Parish are encouraged join with us as we celebrate together on **Wednesday 6th March from 8.50am**. Please feel free to visit our learning spaces following our Liturgy. On Friday 8th March we will hold tours for families new to our school from 9.15am to 10.45am. If you have a child who will start school next year we would love to see you on Friday.
For more information call the School Office on 8844 5700.

Filipino Chaplaincy Feast of St Joseph Celebrations

The Filipino Chaplaincy of the Diocese of Parramatta invites you to join Holy Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on **Saturday 16 March at 10:30AM at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown.**

There will be Novena Masses in preparation for the Feast from March 6 to 14 at 7:30PM (except Mar 6 and 13 at 8:00PM) at St Michael's Church, Blacktown South.



Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion

Please pray for the children and their families as they celebrate Enrolment and Commitment and this weekend Masses.

To support the children on their journey there is a Parent Session on **Thursday Night 7.00pm** in the Church.

The children's Preparation commences on **Saturday 9th**, 3.00pm in the hall, and will continue the following weekend, **Saturday 16th** - 3.00 pm in the hall.

Please note that there is a change to the Celebration of the Sacrament for Children.
This will be held **ONLY** on March 19th at 7.00pm.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Safeguarding Face-to-face Training Opportunity for Cycle 1

Have you had a chance to complete your first three Mandatory Safeguarding Modules as yet?

Face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre Blacktown on Tuesday mornings in March.

To register: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?topic=safeguarding>

- Module 1: Tuesday 5 March (10am - 11am)
- Module 2: Tuesday 12 March (10am - 11.30am)
- Module 3: Tuesday 19 March (10am - 11.30am)



Third Sunday of Lent
2 & 3 March



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-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Saints of the Week

7th March

St Felicitas & Perpetua

8th March

St John of God

9th March

St Frances of Rome

Frances' life combines aspects of secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service. Frances was remarkable for her charity to the poor, and her zeal for souls. She won away many Roman ladies from a life of frivolity, and united them in an association of oblates attached to the White Benedictine monastery of Santa



Maria Nuova.

She had the gift of miracles and ecstasy, as well as the bodily vision of her guardian angel, had revelations concerning purgatory and hell, and foretold the ending of the Western Schism.

She was remarkable for her humility and detachment

Saint Frances of Rome is the Patron Saint of:
Motorists & Widows

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

BAPTISM:

1st & 3rd Sunday of the
Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu

Jodie MacGregor

Susie Lee

Parish Priest

Parish Secretary

Tue / Wed / Fri
10am to 5pm

Finance Secretary

Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator

Diane O'Shea

Childrens Liturgy Coordinator

Allison Markarian

Lectors Coordinator

Glenys Oxlee

Senior Server Coordinator

Anton Massillamany

Finance Chairman

Ron Della Vedova

St Vincent De Paul President

Ron Della Vedova

Rydalmen Coordinator

Shane Young

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