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## Mass Times

**Sat Evening:** Mass: 6pm

**Sunday:** Mass: 7am, 9am

**Tues - Sat:** Morning Prayer & Rosary: 6:45am  
Mass 7:30am

**Confessions :** 30 minutes before Mass

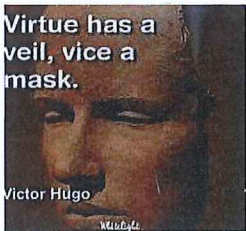
**Confessions, Baptism & Marriage by appointment**

## 3RD MARCH 2024

## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

### A Lenten Pathway to Spiritual Renewal <https://spiritdaily.org/>

+ As we continue our sacred journey of Lent, we should focus on the three pillars of this holy season: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These pillars serve as the bedrock upon which we construct our spiritual lives, steering us toward a profound communion with God and a heightened awareness of His presence in our midst. Yet, as we aspire to draw nearer to the Divine during this season of introspection and renewal, we must confront the barriers that obstruct our spiritual ascent. The seven deadly sins, recognized as the cardinal sins, have long been identified as the primary impediments to living a life of sanctity and moral excellence. These sins—pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and laziness—entangle us in a web of self-centeredness and estrangement from God. However, in lieu of these vices, we are called to foster the corresponding virtues that guide us toward authentic spiritual growth.



+ **Pride/Humility** - Pride, the foremost and most pernicious of the deadly sins, distorts our perception of self and our relationship with God. The Book of Proverbs cautions, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). Conversely, humility enables us to recognize our dependence on God and embrace our authentic identity as His cherished children. St. Augustine, among the eminent Fathers of the Church, extolled the significance of humility in our spiritual journey, affirming, "Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. Do you plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility." By humbling ourselves before God and others, we unlock our hearts to receive the grace and mercy that emanate from the Cross.

+ **Greed/Generosity** - Greed, the covetous longing for worldly possessions and wealth, blinds us to the genuine treasures of God's kingdom. Jesus admonishes against the perils of greed, asserting, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" (Luke 12:15). Instead, we are summoned to embrace the virtue of generosity, sharing our blessings with those in need and entrusting ourselves to God's providential care.

+ **Lust/Chastity** - Lust, the disordered craving for sensual pleasure, distorts the sanctity and dignity of human relationships. Jesus instructs, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you,

everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:27-28). In lieu of lust, we are summoned to cultivate the virtue of chastity, honoring the sacred gift of human sexuality and preserving it for its ordained context within the sacrament of marriage. The word of God reminds us, "It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality, that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable" (I Thessalonians 4:3-4).

+ **Anger/Patience** - Anger, the tempestuous fury that seeks vengeance and retribution, fractures relationships and wounds the body of Christ. The Epistle of James counsels, "Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness" (James 1:19-20). Instead of anger, we are urged to cultivate the virtue of patience, enduring with one another in love and pursuing reconciliation and forgiveness.

+ **Gluttony/Temperance** - The Book of Proverbs says, "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls" (25:28). Gluttony, the intemperate indulgence in food and drink, dulls our spiritual faculties and distracts us from the banquet of the Eucharist. Yet, through the practice of temperance, we learn to regulate our appetites and consecrate our bodies as living offerings to God.

+ **Envy/Charity** - Envy, the resentment of others' prosperity or possessions corrodes our relationships and depletes us of joy. Conversely, we are called to embrace the virtue of charity, celebrating the blessings of others, and collaborating in the advancement of God's kingdom. St. Teresa of Ávila, in her enduring work "The Interior Castle," urges us to foster contentment and thankfulness for God's abundant gifts in our lives. By entrusting our desires to God's providence, we experience genuine liberation from the tyranny of envy and comparison.

+ **Laziness/Diligence** - Laziness, which obstructs our progress in holiness and love, stifles our fervor for God and His reign. The Book of Proverbs says, "A sluggard's appetite is never filled, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied" (13:4). Through the practice of diligence and zeal, we enkindle the flame of faith and press forward toward the prize of eternal life. As we traverse this sacred season of Lent, may we be inspired by the examples of the saints and the teachings of the Church to uproot the seven deadly sins and nurture the corresponding virtues in our lives. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, may we open our hearts to receive the abundant grace and mercy of our compassionate Father, who beckons us to be holy as He is holy.



## Using What God Provides

<https://odb.org/2024/03/08>

March

- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March Baptism of Jaxon & Parker Barlow @ 11:00am  
 Tue 5<sup>th</sup> March Legion of Mary @ 9:00am  
 DVD group @ 11:00am  
 Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March Stations of the Cross @ 7:00pm  
 Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March Confessions/Reconciliation @ 5:30pm

Liturgy Roster for 9th/ 10th Mar 2024			
Mass	6:00pm	7:00am	9:00am
ACOLYTES:	D Mathews	A Dzieciol	C D'Monte; M Knubley
READERS:	Dee Mathews	I Kendall	F Johnson
COMMS:	M D'Cunha	I Darch	F Johnson
SERVERS:	T Makoni; A Silva		A Wilson; L Geyer
Counters	Team 1 - G.Vincent, D. Mathews		
Cleaners	P Batchelor		

### Mass Remembrances/Anniversaries/Sp. Int.

RS=repose of the soul /TG=thanksgiving /SP=special intention

- SAT 2-Mar 6:00 PM RS-All Souls, Liliana Catalini  
 RS-Rop Lawrence, Lourdes Mudi,  
 Janet Silvia  
 SUN 3-Mar 7:00 AM RS-Dujo Krsticevic  
 9:00 AM RS-Basil, Benedict & Stella Lopez,  
 Earl Daniels  
 RS-Dec mbs Van Hoek & Handley fam  
 TG -Margaret Daniels  
 TUE 5-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Holy Souls  
 WED 6-Mar 7:30 AM SP- Simon Foo, healing  
 THU 7-Mar 7:30 AM  
 FRI 8-Mar 7:30 AM RS-Sven Nordholm  
 SAT 9-Mar 7:30 AM  
 6:00 PM SP-Simon Foo, healing  
 SUN 10-Mar 7:00 AM  
 9:00 AM TG-Vernon Vincent

**Pray for :-**  
 Those who are suffering in wars, in natural diasters, in religious persecutions and the sick, Simon Foo, Francisco Paterniti, Ventura Ramos-Nunez, Maria Pacca, Geraldine O Sullivan, Ermelina Vescovo and Clara Pound.

The Brisbane City Hall in Australia was a dazzling 1920s project. White stairs boasted marble from the same quarry Michelangelo used for his David sculpture. The tower reflected Venice's St. Mark's Basilica, and the copper dome was the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. The builders intended for a massive Angel of Peace to adorn the pinnacle, but there was a problem: no money left. Plumber Fred Johnson came to the rescue. He used a toilet cistern, an old lamp post, and bits of scrap metal to craft the iconic orb that's crowned the tower for nearly one hundred years.

Much like Fred Johnson and his use of what he had, we can join God's work with whatever we have—large or small. When He asked Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt, Moses balked: "What if they do not . . . listen to me?" (Exodus 4:1) God answered with a simple question: "What is that in your hand?" (v. 2). Moses held a staff, a simple stick. God told him to throw the staff on the ground, "and it became a snake" (v. 3). Then He instructed Moses to pick up the snake, and it turned back into a staff. All Moses needed to do, God explained, was carry the staff and trust Him to do the rest. Remarkably, He would use that stick in Moses' hand to rescue Israel from the Egyptians (7:10–12; 17:5–7).

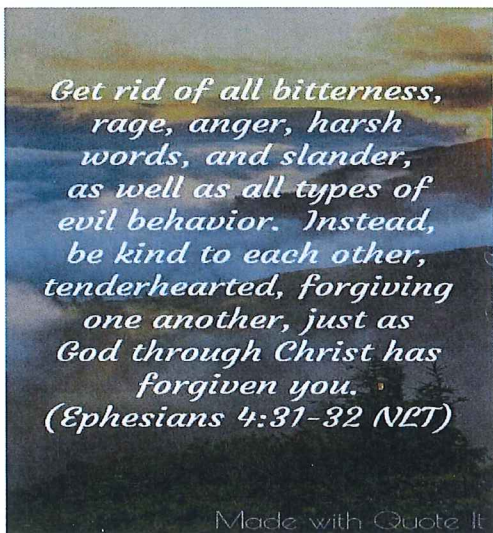


What we have might not seem like much to us, but with God, whatever we have will be enough. He takes our ordinary resources and uses them for His work.

### Reflect & Pray

What small thing can you use for God? Why is it vital that you trust Him with it?

Dear God, I surrender what I have to You.



*To know Jesus is to know reality.  
 He not only has directions for us to follow,  
 but He is the pathway upon which we travel;*

*He not only has things to say to us,  
 but He is the Truth we seek to know;*

*He not only has answers for our existence,  
 but He is the Life that we so desperately seek.*



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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## LOVE CONQUERS ALL

One way that Jesus asks you to love Him in return for the great sacrifice He made for us, is to spend one quiet hour with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

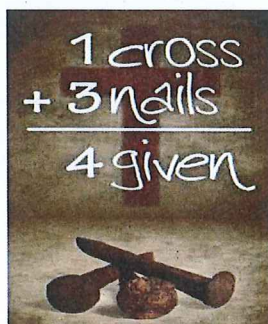
"Where your treasure is, there is your heart...."

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"  
(Mt 6:21; 26:40)

Can you spare an hour during this Lenten season to offer to Our Lord? Choose from a set hour each week, or fill-in from time to time for those permanent adorers who are away or unwell.

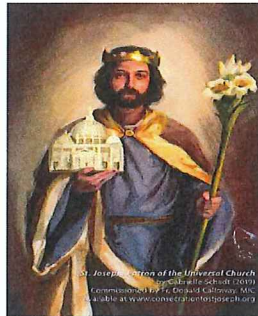
### The hours of need for the month of March are:

- 4pm Tues: 5th, 12, 19th
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- 4pm
- Midnight Wed/Thurs: 7th
- 1am Thurs: 7th
- 8am Thurs: 7th
- 9am Thurs: 7th
- 1am Fri: 8th
- 2am Fri: 8th
- Midday Fri: 8th, 15, 22nd
- 2am Sat: 9th
- 3am Sat: 9th
- 4am Sat: 9th
- 10pm Thur: 14th



To book an hour please call Tina Russo 0419 004 944 or email [marianfaithful@hotmail.com](mailto:marianfaithful@hotmail.com)

## St Joseph Feast



In honour of and to celebrate the feast of our patron Saint, St Joseph, parish would like to have 3 days devotional prayers starting Thur March 14 - Sat March 16 at the 7:30am morning Mass.

On Sun March 17, a solemn consecration to our patron saint @ 9:00am Mass, followed by celebrating the feast at our monthly parish cuppa.

And we also invite parishioners to offer a 9 day novena to St. Joseph starting on Sun March 10.

*If Joseph was so engaged, heart and soul, in protecting and providing for that little family at Nazareth, don't you think that now in heaven he is the same loving father and guardian of the whole Church, of all its members, as he was of its Head on earth?" Venerable Pope Pius XII*

## Meditative Prayer in the style of TAIZE

Dates 2024  
7pm - 8pm

Chapel doors open at 6.30pm,  
Commencing on Sun Mar 17  
3rd Sunday of following months

- + May 19
- + June 16
- + August 18
- + September 15
- + October 20

Invite your friends and pray  
in a relaxing, meditative way  
(bring a torch & a friend!)  
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Presentation Sisters  
Visit: [www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr)

**\*\* Stations of the Cross  
with Benediction** during Lent every Friday @ 7:00pm, Acolytes who are serving at the weekend Masses are reminded to serve at the Stations.

## **\*\* 06 Mar PRAYER OF LIBERATION AND INTERCESSORY MINISTRY - HEALING MASS**

The Prayer of Liberation Ministry, Healing Mass with Adoration and Rosary led by Fr John Piumati, Wed 6 March 7pm to 9pm. St Brigid's Catholic Church, 211 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge. [www.prayerlim.org/](http://www.prayerlim.org/) or John Mutoya 0404 194 788.



# The Living Word

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

3 March 2024

## First Reading Ex 20:1-17 (or shorter form Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)

*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, 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

**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  
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

*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.***

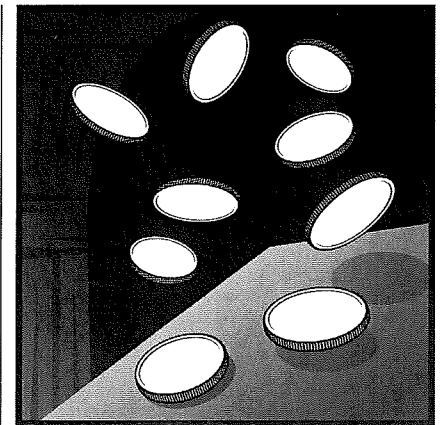
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## Gospel Jn 2:13-25

*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.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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.'

## Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.