

ST MARY'S PARISH, SALE

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Third Sunday of Lent, Year B 2 - 3 March 2024



A NEW WAY OF LIVING THE FAITH

When I was younger, I remember being taught that this Gospel text was a good example of Jesus' humanity and was one that we could all relate to; like us, Jesus had a temper and gets mad too! I now see that there is so much more to this text; it demonstrates Jesus' divinity AS WELL AS his humanity.

The Gospel according to John is believed to have been written somewhere between 90-100 CE, later than the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). The Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE, so this major and still raw event is the lens through which John tells the story of Jesus. We must also be mindful that these events are written after the death and resurrection of Jesus which the author wanted to highlight.

There is no familiar nativity text at the start of John's Gospel. After the words, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (1:1)", we quickly meet John the Baptist and read of him bearing witness to Jesus as the Son of God. Next comes the calling of the disciples and their invitation to "Come and see". Then the Wedding at Cana and straight into Jesus Cleanses the Temple, our text of this Sunday and a text found in all four Gospels, though the timing of this event is different. Pretty quickly, John is getting into the serious business of inviting the reader, like the disciples, to "Come and See"; to get to know this person he clearly identifies from the outset as the Son of God.

But back to this week's Gospel text. It would have been an interesting sight, thousands of Jewish pilgrims gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the ritual of Passover, one of the key celebrations of Judaism. They would have gathered at the Temple, keen to offer sacrifice. Because many had travelled quite a distance to be there, the practice was to purchase cattle, sheep and doves from the merchants rather than bring them from home as the animals had to be free from blemish. This was the custom as was the paying of Temple taxes which needed to be paid with coins which didn't have the Roman Emperor's image, hence the need for the moneychangers. A necessary evil, some might say, but one which was accepted as part of Jewish life...until Jesus challenged the status quo. While there was the initial shock of Jesus driving out the merchants and moneychangers, the great controversy was that Jesus identifies God as his Father and names himself as a new Temple, a sanctuary, the dwelling place of God, living and openly available to them. No longer is God to be found solely in the Temple building but in the person and mission of Jesus, an encounter which they were, and we are, all invited into. Jesus' mission, his love for the Father, his love for all people, his sacrifice, cannot be confined between mere bricks and mortar. He reaches out to all the ends of the earth. Jesus is the new Temple where there is infinite room for all. But wait, there's more! Jesus gives a clear indication of his own death on the cross which the disciples would only comprehend in hindsight.

Just to be clear, Jesus is not attacking the Temple or the systems which were in place, but rather offering a new way of living the faith; no longer only measured by keeping the commandments which we hear about in the First Reading (and the 613 laws found in the Old Testament regarding ritual, legal, and moral practices), now it's about living as Jesus lived; at its core is the love of God and love of neighbour. It's not dependent on Temple sacrifice and the various processes involved. It's about embracing personal sacrifice motivated by love, such as the giving of time and talent, a listening ear, acts of service...when in reality, we may prefer doing something else.

As hearers of the word in 2024, let us be open to encountering God this Lent as we are reminded of the wonderful gift of eternal life which has been offered to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the sanctuary and Temple of God.

Reflection by Anne Taylor, Diocese of Sale

PARISH CALENDAR.

Fri 1, 8, 15 & 22 March 5.00pm: Stations of the Cross, Lenten reflection & Mass

Sat 2 & Sun 3 March: Collect Planned Giving Envelopes & receipts

Sun 3 March 10.30am: First Sunday Cuppa

Thurs 7 March 4.45pm: Serra Club Mass

Sat 9 March 10.30am: Lenten Reconciliation Loch Sport

Sun 10 March: Lenten Reconciliation Briagolong

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This weekend, **Sunday 3 March, Parish Pastoral Council** will be our host for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Please bring a plate to share. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

ALL SACRAMENTS FOR 2024:

Reconciliation is available to children in Grade 3 who have received the Sacrament of Baptism.

First Communion is available to children in Grade 4 who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation.

Confirmation is available to children in Grade 6 or older who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Reconciliation.

Enrolment information and forms are now available at the parish office. Phone: 5144 4100.

Email: Sale.sacraments@cdsale.org.au or at our Catholic Primary Schools: - St Mary's Sale, St Thomas' Sale, St Patrick's Stratford. Forms can be returned to the Parish office in Sale or to your local Catholic Primary School.

Sacramental enrolments close at the end of Term 1.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral this **Thursday 7 March** at 4.40pm for Rosary and **5.00pm Mass** followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Brenda Burditt.

31 CLUB REMINDER 4 to 10 March. Please pray for vocations.

ROSEDALE Stations of the Cross are held in the Church at **1.30pm on Monday** each week during Lent. All welcome.

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from 10.30am each Wednesday. New members are very welcome.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am

At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.

At Other times: Available on request

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

PLANNED GIVING: Envelopes & receipts for cash planned giving will be available in all parish churches for collection this weekend. If you use envelopes each week please make sure you collect them over the next two weekends. The postage, if we have to post these out, is an added expense for the parish. If you are involved in this program using credit card, direct debit or direct credit **a receipt will not be automatically issued. Please call or email the office if you would like a receipt.** Thank you to all the very generous parishioners involved in planned giving. If you are not currently part of the planned giving program and would like to be please email or call and speak to Clare or Mark in the parish office on 5144 4100 to discuss your planned giving options.

COME AND SEE: Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Agatha's Parish, 129 Sladen St, Cranbourne VIC 3977 on **Sunday, 7 April 2024 at 2:00pm** particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

VOLUNTEERS: We are seeking volunteers join the pastoral visitation team. This is the group who visits individuals who are unable to attend regular Masses and could take them communion. There will be a meeting in the Chapter House on Wednesday 13 March at 10.30am. Current members and new members are all welcome. If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to be involved please see Fr Francis.

LENTE DEVOTION thank you for promoting and participating in the Cathedral Lenten Devotions. The devotions will continue every Friday evening from 5.00pm during Lent. May we continue to come together and celebrate our faith as a community.

LENTE RECONCILIATION Loch Sport at **10.30am on Saturday 9 March** and after Mass at **Briagolong on Sunday 10 March.**

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
we give you thanks and praise
for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming
and serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen*

A NIGHT WITH FR ROB GALEA St Michael's Parish Traralgon is hosting a night with Fr Rob Galea at **6.30pm on Thursday 14 March.** Fr Rob Galea is an ordained Catholic Priest, currently serving in Sandhurst Diocese. He is an internationally acclaimed author, singer and songwriter.

Diocesan Mission Council Formation Day

Report: On Saturday, 24 February, the members of the new Diocesan Mission Council met at the St Mary's Cathedral Chapter House, Sale. The intention of this first gathering was for members to get to know each other, to be aware of what is happening in the Diocese, and to begin working towards developing a common vision of the role and key functions of the Council. At the end of the day, members expressed feeling privileged, excited, hopeful, and energised to participate in the mandate of the DMC. Some spoke of the honour and trust they felt in being representative of, and connected to, all the people of the Diocese. They acknowledged the importance of listening to the Holy Spirit and grasping the call to co-responsibility for mission. Appreciation was also expressed for the new initiatives developing in the Diocese.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$691.00
Presbytery:	\$1,287.60
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**Mass Timetable this week
Third Sunday of Lent Time, Year B
2 - 3 March 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 2 March	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 3 March	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 4 March	NO	MASS
Tuesday 5 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 6 March	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 7 March Serra Mass	5.00pm	Cathedral
Friday 8 March		
Exposition & Reconciliation Mass	10.00am	Cathedral
Stations of the Cross, Mass & Reflections	11.00am	Cathedral
	5.00pm	Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 9 March	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 10 March	9.30am	Briagolong
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral



Activity tubs & books: available in the Youth Corner for all children attending mass.

Youth Mass: The next youth mass will be held on this Saturday **16 March 2024 at 5.30pm.**

Children's Liturgy: Running every Sunday on school term during **9:30am Mass** (If you would like to volunteer please contact Parish Office, A WWCC & Parish Code of Conduct required)

If you have any further questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved please call the Parish Office of 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth Volunteer, on 0430 932 220

Date & Time	Sat 2 March 5.30pm	Sun 3 March 9.30am	Sun 3 March 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Claire Everard
Commentator	Veronica Stewart	Susan Mattson	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Nick Hall	Faye Flint
Eucharist	Frank Fidge	Margaret Shirreffs	Len Althaus
Counters	Sandra & Theo Smolenaars		

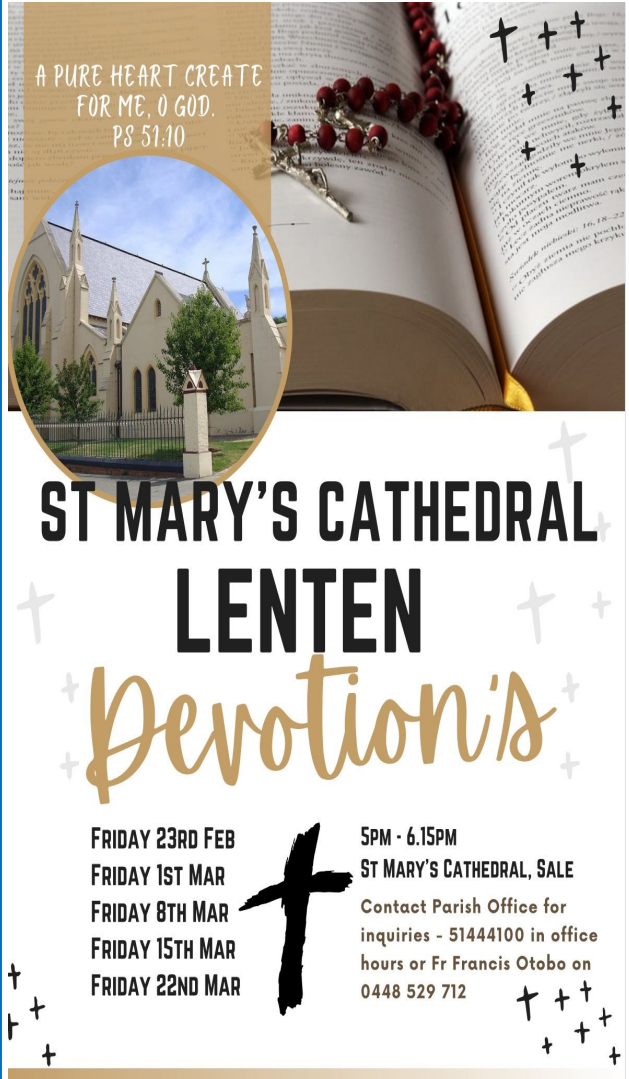
Date & Time	Sat 9 March 5.30pm	Sun 10 March 9.30am	Sun 10 March 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Gweneth & Angel
Commentator	Veronica Stewart	Amanda & Maya V	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Emma Morrison	Christine Lyon	Faye Flint
Eucharist	Carmel Wade	Margaret Shirreffs	Lyn Athaus
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 2 March 5.30pm: Jim Gray (A)

Sun 3 March 9.30am: Dave Rebbechi (A)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Margaret Pinkus** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Jim Gray, Dave Rebbechi, Fr Peter Dawson.** We pray for those who are sick Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, Jim Clottin, Nimal & Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**



A PURE HEART CREATE FOR ME, O GOD. PS 51:10

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

LENTEN

Devotions

FRIDAY 23RD FEB 5PM - 6.15PM

FRIDAY 1ST MAR ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SALE

FRIDAY 8TH MAR

FRIDAY 15TH MAR

FRIDAY 22ND MAR

Contact Parish Office for inquiries - 51444100 in office hours or Fr Francis Otobo on 0448 529 712

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

NAME: _____

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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:

A reading from the book of Exodus 20:1-17

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, not 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.'

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25

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. **All: Thanks be to God**

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:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:13-25

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. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral

Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

1st Reading: **2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 2:4-10**

Gospel: **John 3:14-21**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.