

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 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: John 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23;
Eph 2: 4-10; Jn 3:14-21.**

Days of Penance!

1. Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).
2. Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) Prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making that Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) Self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) Helping other – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 9.30am (changed to 10 am till further notice)
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)
6th / 7th March 2021**

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

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 have no gods except me.

'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.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18:8-11

RESPONSE: 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.

Response.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

Response.

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

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

Response.

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

Response.

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ACOLYTES & READERS	6pm Vigil	8am	10am
MAR 6 / 7 Acolytes	T DABBAH	J KWONG	A STANTON
Readers	VOLUNTEER	E WHEELER	VOLUNTEER
MAR 13 / 14 Acolytes	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
Readers	B CLARK	P TREACY	H VAZ
MAR 20 / 21 Acolytes	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	G MOODLEY
Readers	V PERERA	S JAYAMANNE	VOLUNTEER
MAR 27 / 28 Acolytes	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
Readers	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER

Project compassion 2021 – “Aspire not to have more, but to be more”.

WEEK 3 – Oliva from Tanzania:

Twenty-two-year-old Oliva lives in Tanzania with her farmer husband, two young sons and an adopted niece and nephew.

She didn't have the opportunity to go to school growing up - and was embarrassed that she couldn't read, write or count. Around 25 percent of Tanzanian girls and women over 15 years cannot read or write, with many families unable to afford school fees or uniforms.

Now, as an adult, Oliva runs a kiosk and works as a farm labourer - but her business was losing money because she couldn't add up.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a classroom at home to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, as have some of her students. Attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she can help her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election.

Oliva aspires to “Be More’ and wants to help her community to achieve its vision of a better life for all.

“I am proud to be a teacher who helps others to achieve their dream,” Oliva says.

We invite you to use the envelopes or money boxes provided at the front of the Church. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

So don't forget to pick up your envelopes OR money boxes.



PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Tamar Marterossian Harfvani. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Elaine Braidwood.



Stations of the Cross.

Stations continues on Friday evenings throughout Lent at 7.30pm.

Sunday 10am Mass will be ongoing.

After much consideration Fr Roberto has decided we will not be reverting back to the 9.30am Sunday Mass time slot. **So the Sunday 10am Mass will continue.** Our website will be updated to reflect this change.



Catechist Meeting.

Catechist Term 1 meeting will be held on Tuesday on the 9th March in the presbytery, beginning 10.45am. Please know the number of students in your class for that meeting.

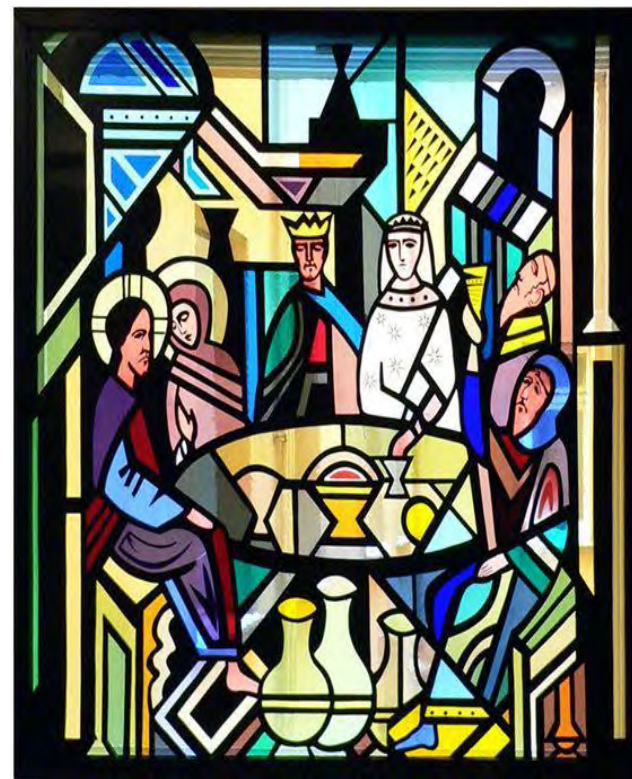


'One Voice - The Voice'

Continuing every Sunday and Thursday Night in Lent @ 7.30 PM in the Church.

God found Abraham, Let God find you, and in return he will rebuild your temple thru the Risen Lord.

These catechesis' hold the KEY to Life. COME and LISTEN, and spread the word to others to come and experience Christ entering our daily lives.



Holy Week.

The timetable of Masses for Holy Week will be decided soon.

Lenten programme.

Lenten Group continues every **Wednesday evening throughout Lent at 7.30pm** in the Church. So the next session is on the 3rd March.



Working bee.

Our next working bee will be held on Saturday the 27th March at 9.30am. So bring your feather dusters and enthusiasm as we prepare the church for Easter.

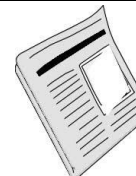


Are you OK?

In these uncertain times don't think you are alone with no one to talk to or to offer support. Don't hesitate to see Fr Roberto as he can advise of available services.

Bulletins.

More bulletins will be available for everybody from this weekend. But they are to taken home with you.



Thank you!

Anointing of the Sick.

Fr Roberto will anoint the sick and elderly parishioners after each Mass on the weekend of the 21st and 22nd March. Please remember that this sacrament is not for everybody. The sacrament is for:

"those who are dangerously ill through sickness or old age" or "a sick person...before surgery whenever the surgery is necessitated by a dangerous illness" or "elderly people...if they are weak, though not dangerously ill" or "sick children...sufficiently mature to be comforted by the sacrament"



So if you meet the noted criteria and wish to receive this Sacrament please stay back after the Mass.

Confession has benefits. Here are ten:

1. Confidentiality guaranteed.
2. Housekeeping for the soul. It feels good to be able to start a clean life all over again. Like going into a sparkling living room in your home, it's nice when clutter is removed – even if it's your own.
3. A balm for the desire for revenge. When you have been forgiven you can forgive others.
4. Low cost therapy. It's free, which makes it cheaper than a psychiatrist for dealing with guilt.
5. Forced time to think. Socrates said that the unexamined life is not worth living. To examine our lives and acknowledge failings marks the first step of making things right with God, others and ourselves. Life can be more worth living when you ponder the meaning of your own life.
6. Contribution toward world peace. The imbalances in the world that lead to war and tensions “are linked with that more basic imbalance which is rooted in the heart of man.” Peace of soul leads to peace of heart leads to peace beyond oneself.
7. A better neighbourhood.
8. Realistic self-perception. Confession helps overcome arrogance when you have to admit you're as much of a sinner as anyone else.
9. One more benefit of being Catholic. The sacrament that leads us to inner peace is among the greatest boons.
10. Closeness to God. Confession helps you realize that you have a close connection to God and receive his grace through the sacraments.