

**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!**

- Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).
- Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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 10.00 am.
- MONDAY: 9.30am Communion Service.
- TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
- FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.  
Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.
- RECONCILIATION: Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
- BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS: Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at the St Therese School Hall.
- Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
- Marriage: By appointment.
- Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year B)  
2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

**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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**2 / 3 MARCH 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM – FAMILY MASS	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	DAVID ELLIS	JOHN RAPER
READER	VIDURA PERERA / HARINI JAYAMANNE	ELIZABETH WHEELER	REBECCA DEARING
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	AMJAD SHEEKA		PAUL TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		VOLUNTEERS
MUSICIANS	SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR		LOUISE SPENCER & AMPIE CABANGON
COUNTERS	GROUP 5: ROBERT WHITE GAYLE WHITE PHILIP PAREKALAM		
ALTAR FLOWERS	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	MARCH ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

**9 / 10 MARCH 2024 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERT MORFUNI	DAVE D'MELLO	MARC MORELLI
READER	B CLARK	P TREACY	FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEER
PROJECTION	TONI MORFUNI		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE, CHRISTIAN HILL & EL-AZZI FAMILY		GRP 6: SIENNA BUIST, OLIVIA JOMA, ANNA MIRABILE, GENEVIEVE MCPHIE
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
MUSICIANS	SHEILA LEE & JOHN KENNY & CHOIR		
COUNTERS	GROUP 6: ROBERT LEUNG STEPHEN RATH PATRICIA BRODERICK		
ALTAR FLOWERS:	NONIE HAHN	MARCH ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	



**RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER – 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
Wednesday at 7.30pm

**PALM SUNDAY – 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> March**  
Saturday Vigil: 6pm, Sunday 8am and 10am.

**WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK**  
Monday to Wednesday - 9am Mass.

**HOLY THURSDAY – 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7.30pm with prayers and adoration till 12 midnight.

**GOOD FRIDAY – 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
Stations of the Cross at 10am.  
(Reconciliations will be available after the Stations.)  
The Passion of Our Lord at 3pm.

**EASTER MASSES – 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
Easter Vigil at 7.30pm – followed by Refreshments and finger food in the School Hall  
Sunday Masses at 8am and 10am.

**PARISH NOTICES:**

**Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have died recently especially **Sayad Karam**.

We also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially **Youssef and Gorra Karam**.



**Parish Council Meeting.**

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm in the presbytery. If you have any parish suggestions or concerns please speak with Father Simon or any council member.

**Parish Council**

**Course for Acolytes.**

Training *continues* THIS Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> Mar & 13<sup>th</sup> Mar at 6:30pm-9:30pm in the School Hall.

**Lenten programme.**

The group discussion evening continues on **Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30** in the St Therese School Hall.

The **Thursday session** has been cancelled due to lack of participants.

**Attention all Catechists.**

A reminder that our Term 1 meeting will be held on Tuesday on the **12<sup>th</sup> March** in the presbytery, beginning 10.30am. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

**Stations of the Cross.**

Will continue on **Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> March** and will run throughout Lent, every Friday evening at 7pm.

**Palm branches are needed.**

Please bring them to the Church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March or Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March *before the 9am morning Mass* and leave the palms at the **Church entrance closest to the presbytery**.



**Working bee.**

Our NEXT working bee will be held on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 9.30am. We will be preparing the church for our Easter celebrations and also cutting up the palms for the Palm Sunday Masses. Come along and help, bringing your rakes, gloves and secateurs.

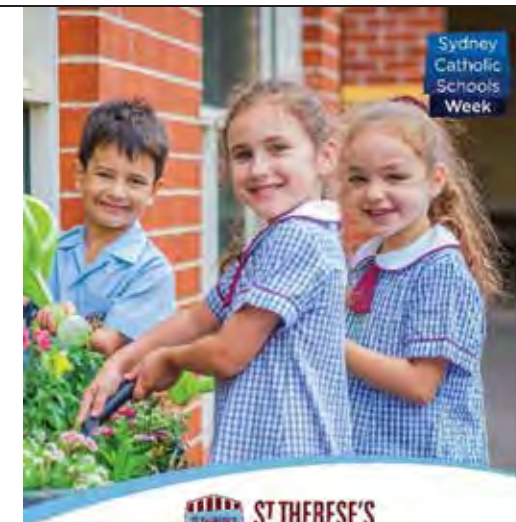
**Volunteers to Setup the Hall.**

Volunteers are needed to set up the tables for the Easter Vigil Celebration on the 30<sup>th</sup> March. **Please write your name on the clipboard at the front of the church.**

**Volunteers for Holy Week Roster.**

Our Holy Week volunteer roster sheets for all our Easter Services are in the foyer. Please add your name if you able to help at any of the Masses.

**rosters**



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**OPEN DAYS**

**Tuesday 5 March**  
9.00-10.30am & 11.30am-12.30pm

**Wednesday 6 March**  
5.30-6.30pm

**Thursday 7 March**  
11.30am-12.30pm

**Project Compassion.**

Please continue to be generous with your donations to help people like Leaia and her family have access to clean drinking water.

To make your donations please use the envelopes or money boxes from the front foyer.



**Easter Vigil Celebration.**

Our community will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with a catch up in the school hall after the Vigil on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March.



Due to the lateness of the Holy Saturday Vigil we suggest it be a night of casual drinks and nibbles. So please bring a bottle of wine or finger food to share with everyone.

**Catholic Weekly**

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- Monica Doumit: Bishop Saunders case shows the church has learned
- Tools to make the most of your Lent