



St Mary's Parish

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3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

8 March 2015

First Reading Ex 20:1-17

or shorter form Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

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 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.'

The word of the Lord.

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

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.

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.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!*

Gospel Jn 2:13-25

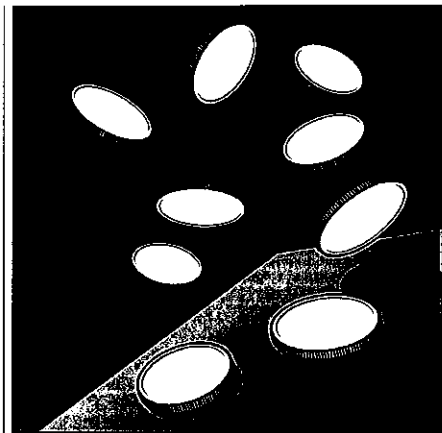
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. This was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.**DEATHS:****ANNIVERSARIES:**

Clive Russell, Konstantine Celewych,
Catharina Kaspers, Beryl Pickett, Kevin Cass, John
Baumer, Patricia Kempton, (Vincent) Baden merrett.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Connie McArthur, Bernie Ronchi, *Jacinta Carson,*
Bernadette Smith, Vu Cuong, Gay Lee, Kerry
McCluggage, Dorothy Harrison, Val Carter, Dawn
Anson, Joan Birrell, Percy Mills, Louise Byrne.

**ST MARY'S ROSTER: Next W/nd - 14th & 15th March**

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurmann	Rita Taylor Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Margaret Meagher	Patricia Blohm
1st Reader	Karen Brewis	Ursula Murphy
2nd Reader	Michael McGrath	Phil Wheaton
Offertory	J&M Duyvestyn	Debra Fitzgerald
PowerPoint	Chris Jansen	Bev Kaaye
Ministers of Communion	J Gustus, G Bourke & R Roache	R Taylor, S Pierce & G McDonald
Cuppa		

	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun
Penshurst 8:30am	Mass	No Serv (To Ham)	Mass	SAWC	Mass
Dunkeld 8:30am	SAWC	No Serv (To Glen)	Mass	Mass	SAWC
Glen 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	Mass	No Serv (To Dunkeld)	SAWC
Macarthur 8:30am	Mass	SAWC	No Serv Ham or Orford 9am	Mass	Mass

	This Weekend Ministers of Communion
6 pm	M Walter, K Brewis & Volunteer.
10.30am	F Soulsby, G Howell, D Dunn & D Brody

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER - 15th March

Lector	Don Adamson
Gifts	Helen & Aileen
Prayers	Andrea Page
Special Minister	Terry Pezzutti
Flowers	

St Mary's Church Cleaning March
A Milne, H Watt, P Daffey & M Grinham

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Hamilton

Fri. After 10am Mass

Sat. 5.30 before Mass

Other Mass

Centres

Sundays

Before 9am

**St Vincent De Paul**

Maryknoll

Clarendon St, Ham.

Welfare, Assistance,**Support Centre**

Mon.- Fri. 1-3pm

55719859 or 0408923181

Interested volunteers please
enquire on above Mobile No.

Weekday Mass or SAWC**Hamilton**

Tuesday Mass 10am

Wednesday Mass 10am

Thursday Mass 10am

Friday Mass 10am

* If there is a funeral, it replaces the Mass of the Day.

Monivae Chapel

Tuesday 8.15am

Penshurst

Mass 10am

Parish Collections

Weekend counters : A Milne & M Meagher

Next w/end counters: F&D Soulsby, B&J Roache
& G Howell.

F.Y.T.D \$69,769 Pledged total \$109,200

Weekly Priest's Support \$941

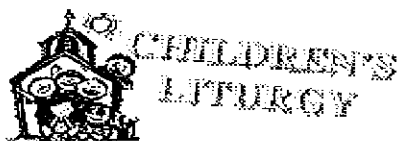


Food in remote Australian communities can be very expensive, making it difficult for many First Australians to provide healthy diets for their families. Many families are experiencing reduced health due to low incomes, limited access to healthy, affordable foods, and poor food choices (due to lack of education).

The Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes Manage Your Income, Manage Your Life program (supported by Caritas Australia) is helping First Australians, like Karen, to take control of their money, and choose and prepare nutritious food to ensure a healthier future for their families.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help First Australians in remote communities gain the skills to make healthier food choices, building a better future for their families.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



Children's Liturgy beginning on Sunday 15th March hosted by Charlotte Stanhope. At St. Mary's Church 10.30am Sunday. Fun activities include worksheets, watching videos and saying prayers.

Children aged 4-12 years welcome.
Helpers requested please contact
St. Mary's Parish on 5571 1161
Thank you, Charlotte.



Raffle tickets
\$2 a ticket
on sale before &
after mass

Saturday & Sunday proceeds
to Sr. Lourdes Kenya Mission Appeal.



Volunteer Needed

Any parishioners looking for a nice drive??
Our Communion wine is due to be reordered from : **Best's Winery**
111 Best's Road, Great Western
If you can help out in picking up our order from Best's please call parish office on 5571 1161.

Bulletin Notice

- ♦ **MONIVAE BOARDERS** have offered to participate in the Saturday night masses for the rest of the term, **except Sat, 7th March**, which is the long weekend. If you are rostered on for any roles on the 14th March & 21st March, except for Ministers of Communion, you may have a night off your duties.
- ♦ **PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING**
Our first pastoral care team meeting for this year will be held on **Wed. 11th March at 11am** in the parish house. All inquiries, please contact Colleen Johnson via parish office 5571 1161 or email: pastoralcare@stmaryshamilton.org.au
- ♦ **Fr Andrew Hayes presents Minaret - a concert of his thoughts in poetry and song**
Ararat Performing Arts Centre
on Sunday, March 22, 2015 at 4.00pm.
All proceeds will be given to the Ararat Islamic Welfare Association for the building of their Mosque. Tickets at the door \$10.00 or more, students free. Let us know you're coming andrew.hayes@ballarat.catholic.org.au or call (03) 5352 5460.
- ♦ **Meditation**
Each Wednesday Parish House @ 7.30
- ♦ **Stations of the Cross**
Each Thursday of Lent @ 7pm



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP:

Meetings for the St. Mary's Catholic Youth Group will commence on Sunday 15th March in the Dunworth Centre. It will be after mass, so come along for a delicious lunch and bring your ideas and suggestions for any upcoming events.

Grade 5 - Adult



Prayer

God of abundant mercy
we come before you
with open hands and open hearts.
Through your holy wisdom transform us
so that our lives may give witness
to your loving kindness.
When we see pain and sorrow
move us with compassion.
When we see violence
and oppression inspire us to respond
with justice and mercy.
Through Christ Our Lord
Amen.

Keeping up with the News *Rebuilt*

Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter

THANKS to all those who participated in the **Rebuilt Leadership Team** discernment after mass last Sunday.

The following accepted the discernment to form the Leadership Team:

Sonia Shaw, Ursula Murphy, Bryan Roberts, Frances O'Brien, Rohan Fitzgerald. Their 1st meeting will be after mass Sunday, March 15.



The Church's internal battle over Francis
First he changed the little things - not moving into the lavish papal apartments, living in the Santa Marta guesthouse, eating in the staff canteen. Then he began engaging with major issues, such as climate changes, asylum seekers, restoring relations between the US and Cuba, and critiquing what he says is the failure of free market economics. For this, conservative US talk show host Rush Limbaugh called Francis a Marxist. Now, there's a fight in the Catholic Church over who owns Pope Francis. Is he the darling of Catholic liberals or a conservative hiding his true colours?

In the *Religion and Ethics Report* this issue is explored. Worth a listen. Google it!

Third Sunday of



Pope Francis set on 'radical revolution' of mercy, says Cardinal Kasper

Cardinal Kasper

Cardinal Walter Kasper has said Pope Francis is engaged in a "radical revolution," but it is one that might disappoint both progressives and traditionalists, reports *The Tablet*.

In his new book, *Pope Francis – Revolution of Tenderness and Mercy*, Cardinal Kasper says the Pope is neither conservative nor liberal but a radical who wants to bring about a revolution of mercy. Francis is a pope of surprises who does not fit into our categories of "progressive" or "conservative," which have meanwhile become "somewhat time-worn and hackneyed," the Cardinal said, adding that Francis clearly distanced himself in his final address at the Extraordinary Synod in October 2014, from both these positions.

Cardinal Kasper gave a much-discussed keynote address on the theology of the family to the College of Cardinals in Rome in February last year. He proposed a "penitential path" for divorced and remarried Catholics that might lead to their receiving Communion.

"Francis does not represent a liberal but a radical position in the original sense of the word which goes back to the Latin word *radix* meaning root," Kasper explains. The Pope talks a great deal about the Gospels, he points out, but "remarkably little" about the Church's teaching - for him the Magisterium must be interpreted in the light of the Gospel message.

CathNews Reports: (cathnews.com.au)

Truth Justice and Healing Council eNewsletter
<http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au>

Best-selling Benedictine nuns release new album

Pat O'Regan ordained as Bishop of Sale

Vatican Secretariat rejects reports of overspending by Cardinal Pell

"And all shall be well. And all shall be well. And all manner of things shall be exceeding well."
— Julian of Norwich