



# St Mary's Parish

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## Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

4 March 2018

### First Reading Ex 20:1-7 (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 we are 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.**

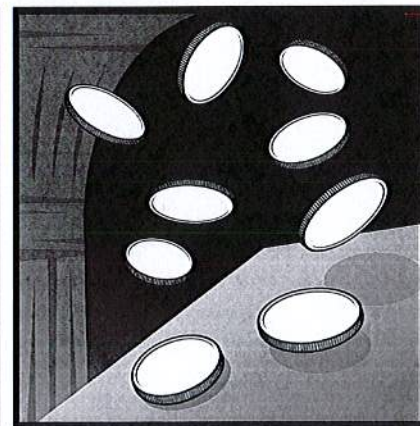
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### Gospel Jn 2:13-25

*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 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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*We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gunditjmarra people.*

## Country Mass Schedule

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Sun
<b>Penshurst</b> 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass
<b>Dunkeld</b> 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Glen)	Mass	SAWC	SAWC
<b>Glenthompson</b> 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	SAWC
<b>Macarthur</b> 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)	Mass	No Service (To Ham)	No Service (To Ham)

## St Joseph's Penshurst

4 March - No service to Hamilton

11 March - Cuppa after Mass

### 11th March 2018

Lector	Coleen Page
Prayers	St Joseph's School
Gifts	St Joseph's School
Special Minister	Brendan Kelly
Leader	
Communion to Hospital	Colleen Page

## Our Parish Collections

**1st Collection: Priest Support:**\$662.

**2nd Collection: Stewardship (2017-2018 FY)**

Pledged: \$118,820 Given: \$67,263

## St Mary's Parish Mission Outreach

(10% of Stewardship) This Financial Year;

**Sr Lorudes—Kenya Mission \$5,000**

## St Mary's Parish Ministry Roster

	3 & 4 March Ministers of Communion				10 & 11 March Minister of Communion			
6 pm	R Roache, P Fallon & K Brewis				J Ryan, J Gustus & M Byrne			
10.30am	A Campbell, Necola, Charlotte, J Bond & J Hockey				F Soulsby, D Dunn, M Bell, G Howell & P Fitzgerald.			
Date	Welcome	Computer	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
03/03	Helen Watt J Schurmann	Bev Kaaye	Ted Oliver	Ian Ferguson	Ray Corbett	B & T Shanahan	Bob & Julie Roache	R Corbett B Shanahan & T Oliver
04/03	Richard, Ursula & O'Brien Family	Glenn Howell	Chelsea Storer	Rohan Fitzgerald	Charlotte Stanhope	Patricia Blohm	Sherrie & Bridget	
10/03	Kylie-Ann S J Schurmann	Pauline Murphy	Michael McGrath	Terrielynn Groves	Margaret Meagher	J & M Duyvestyn	Kylie-Anne Shanahan	I Ferguson
11/03	Anne & Des Slattery	Jo-Anne Bond	Bryan Roberts	Ursula Murphy	Val Lovell	Stanhope Family	J & Glenn Howell	L Stevens.



# PLENARY COUNCIL

AUSTRALIA 2020

## Why is this important?

Sunday 4 March  
Day Chapel @ 11:45am

(All Welcome)

# Rebuild

## Aged Pensioner Service

Emergency Home Maintenance —

Cost of materials your only expense.

Replacement of light bulbs,

Dripping Taps, Fly screens, Doors,

Cupboards & Drains.



Contact **Peter Fitzgerald**

on

0427 752 475 or  
5572246.

# St Mary's Parish

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Deaths:

Margaret Nailon, Margaret Hardingham.

### Anniversary:

Elizabeth McArthur, Irish Matuschka,  
John Wishart, Michael Reid, Clive Adamson,  
Konstantine Celewych, Catharina Kaspers.

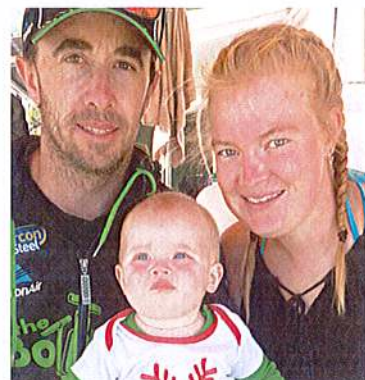
### THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Noreen Kenny, Jenny Jenz-Watt

We welcome into the family of God  
through Baptism  
at St Mary's Parish  
on Sunday 4th March.

**Bella  
Anne  
Thompson**

daughter of  
Alyssa & Darren



## What's happening this week in St Mary's Parish?

Sunday: Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Rosary** 7pm St Mary's Church.

Wednesday: **Meditation** 7.30-8.30pm Parish House.

**Men's day out** Dunworth Centre 1.30-4.30pm.

Thursday: **Stations of The Cross** 7pm during Lent.

Church Cleaning MARCH - J Wilson & H Watt.

**Volunteer with Palms Australia-  
Get out there and be the Church,  
"bruised, hurting and dirty"**

Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse  
themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill  
exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or  
trade skills, share them with our global family!

[www.palms.org.au/volunteer/](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/)

## PRAYER

Merciful God,  
we come before you  
with hearts of contrition and sorrow.  
You call each one of us to turn away  
from greed, domination  
and oppression.

Free those who live with abuse-  
physical, mental, sexual, financial or spiritual-  
so that they may be blest and healed.  
May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Looking To Rent?

Family of 4 and a outside dog looking for a  
3/4 bedroom house for long term rental.  
Please phone Kevin: 0412 521 264

[www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchhamilton](http://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchhamilton)







Third Sunday of Lent

4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Bayan is a 12 year old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan. An ambitious student, Bayan has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. As a quiet, young refugee she struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone and faced the prospect of missing out on schooling.

With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is an academic high-achiever who is flourishing in a stable school environment.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan. A Just Future starts with your support!

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)



## Reconciliation

Wednesday 21st March 7:30pm



## Easter Ceremonies Hamilton

**Palm Sunday - 25th March @ 10.30am.**

**Holy Thursday - 29th March @ 7pm.**

**Good Friday - 30th March @ 3pm.**

**Easter Vigil - 31st March @ 7.30pm.**

**Easter Sunday - 1st April @ 10.30am.**

*Country Centres to be confirmed next week.*

Please let us know

if you are available to take part in the Easter ceremonies.

There is an opportunity for you to volunteer.

Lists available at the table in the gathering space of church.

THE HAMILTON AND DISTRICT RURAL  
AUSTRALIANS FOR REFUGEES  
and  
THE HAMILTON AND ALEXANDRA COLLEGE  
LAIDLAW HOUSE  
proudly present

# HOPE ROAD

A REFUGEE FILM BY TOM ZUBRYCKI

MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> 7:30PM

AT THE HAMILTON & ALEXANDRA  
COLLEGE KANTOR MUSIC AND  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

**\$10 PER PERSON OR**

**\$5 FOR STUDENTS**

INCLUDES COMPLEMENTARY SUPPER

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## Celebration of St Patrick's Day

Saturday 17th March

**ALL WELCOME**

**St Patrick's Church Dunkeld**

Mass at 6pm followed by  
an "Irish" meal.

**Cost \$10per head. BYO DRINKS.**

Raffle tickets available on the night  
for Wood & Photographic Voucher  
(donated by Greg G).

### Bookings essential

by Tuesday 13 March

Helen 55772375 OR

Keryn 55772364



**Dunkeld Catholic Women's League**

I give you a new commandment: love one another; you must love one another just as I have loved you. It is by your love for one another, that everyone will recognise you as my disciples. *John 13: 34-35*

**Please stay for a cuppa after Mass to live this Commandment!**