

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 3 March 2024



**Readings
for this week:**

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-35



Readings for
next week

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21



Liturgical Jottings

Collections and Appeals

Turning over the money changers tables though quite dramatic became a minor incident in the Gospels in relation to Jesus' subsequent teaching. Nonetheless sincere people have compared today's gospel with gift stalls, tourist shops, etc. within the walls of great cathedrals. Are they not repeating the errors of the past?

Also within the liturgy there are collections for the upkeep and mission of the parish, annual projects like Project Compassion and special appeals. We must deal with cash, donation envelopes and "tap and pay" credit card readers.

The 2010 General Instructions to the Roman Missal says very little about money in church:

"The offerings are then brought forward. ... Even money or other gifts for the poor or for the Church, brought by the faithful or collected in the church, are acceptable; given their purpose, they are to be put in a suitable place away from the Eucharistic table." GIRM n.73

Looking at the Readings

The first readings on every Sunday in Lent commemorate one of the significant moments in salvation history. In Cycle B, the First Sunday: The Great Flood, the second Sunday: Abraham's test of faith, and today: The Ten Commandments given to Moses. As God freed his chosen people from slavery, the giving of the law is freeing them from the evils and their devious entrapments by offering them a code of life St Augustine used them as a framework for his moral teaching which is carried through in the present Catechism of the Catholic Church,

Political alliances can be short lived, diplomatic negotiated peace can be so fragile, even friendships have their limits, yet St Paul first letter to the Corinthians bypasses human expectations in miracles or human wisdom and goes straight to God. In God there are no vagaries or fancies. God's wisdom and strength exceeds anything human. Hence the Jesus' Cross makes sense, yet we struggle to make sense of our crosses.

Lenten Poem: The Trace of God

Here is the promised land
where the human assembly knows the love of God.
Here is the festive space
where the human family gives a face to God.
Here is the house of peace
where those who share receive the gift of God.
Here is the open temple
where those who adore become witnesses of God.

French Cistercian poem

Prayer over the People


Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful,
and in your kindness grant your servants this grace:
that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour,
they may fulfil the whole of your commands.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Roman Missal, 3rd Sunday of Lent)

On the Lighter Side

At the Australian Catholic University, my roommate decided that he would be giving up pizza for Lent. Food-related Lenten sacrifices are fairly common. What's notable about my roommate's pizza abstinence was the fact that he started on the first weekend in December and carried through the end of the year. Mr. Observant, it turns out, confused Lent with Advent. We didn't have the heart to tell him otherwise.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Kitty Blackall, Angela Poppa (1 month)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Pat Baldwin
	Our sick and their carers	Ellie Kleindienst, Jillian Taylor

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 4 March

Weekday Mass

Mon 4 March	No Mass
Tue 5 March	No Mass
Wed 6 March	9:15 Mass
Thur 7 March	No Mass
Fri 8 March	9:15 am Mass & Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass

Sat 9 March	No Mass
Sun 10 March	10:30 am Fr Uday's Installation Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 11 March	No Mass
Tue 12 March	No Mass
Wed 13 March	9:15Liturgy
Thur 14 March	No Mass
Fri 15 March	9:15 Mass & Stations of the Cross

Weekend Mass

Sat 16 March	6:00 pm Mass
Sun 17 March	10:30 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 6 April 5 pm

Plate Collection and Envelops

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Parish. May God bless you always.

\$464.30

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA & WAGGA WAGGA INC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The CWL will hold its conference at St Mary's Hall, Tatura on Wednesday 13th March 10-4.

Fr Peter Ferwerda will be celebrating Mass at 12 noon in Sacred Heart Church

The guest speaker will be Marita Crowther-Harris, a member of CWL Numurkah Branch, and drives for the Flying Doctors Service.

It is a service that picks up patients and takes them to hospital or appointments for people who do not drive; it is fairly new in this area.

Hoping to see many of you there,

Rosters

Sunday 10 March– 10:30 AM

Commentator: – Debbie Worm
Reader: – Carol Coulston
Gospel Procession: - Domelina Phelan
Gifts: – De Lai Family
Special Minister: – Debbie Turvey

Saturday 16 March – 6:30 PM

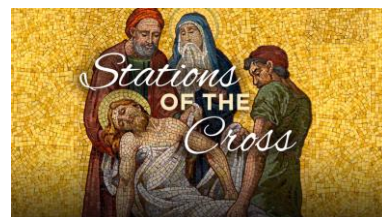
Commentator: – Carol Coulston
Reader: – Denice Bourke
Gospel Procession: - Peter Crombie
Gifts: – J Caifa, D Hamilton
Special Minister: – Not Required

Sunday 17 March– 10:30 AM

Commentator: – Debbie Worm
Reader: – Ross Kelly
Gospel Procession: - Connie Sera
Gifts: – D Phelan, B Miller
Special Minister: – Evert Worm

Lunch for Fr Uday – 10 March 2024

If you are planning on attending the Lunch for Fr Uday after his Installation Mass on Sunday 10 March, could you please complete fill in the form in the Narthex and please let us know what dish you can bring to share.



Every Friday during Lent immediately after Mass we will be doing Stations of the Cross.

ONLINE EVENT:

Join Caritas on Tuesday 5 March at 4pm for a special seminar about incredible work being undertaken in the urban slums of The Philippines. You'll hear about life-changing programs to improve health, wellbeing, income generation & community connection in one of the most vulnerable areas in the world, featuring speakers from Caritas Philippines & Faithful Companions of Jesus. Learn how vulnerable individuals and families are overcoming hardship and becoming architects of their own future, thanks to the support of generous people like you. Register at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/mission-in-action-seminar-the-philippines/?fbclid=IwAR2VWbIBRVBJ-BLxSVFR6eWJAMOGSivPsBcBIJA3o-Pc9063VFDgzA9ItYk>

Mass Readings in Italian and other European languages

The Archdiocese of Vienna offers Mass Readings in Italian and other European languages for Parishioners that may find it helpful.

Link to the resources available:
<https://www.virc.at/unit/virc/en/masreadings>

It includes translations of the Sunday & Feast Day readings, as well as a psalms and a short homily/reflection.

Ladies Cuppa and Chat

Everyone is invited to join the ladies for a Cuppa and Chat.

Date: Wednesday
6th March 2024,
Time: 2pm
Venue: St Mary's Hall.

Please bring a plate to share.



Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7 pm

SHEPPARTON

KAMMER PHILHARMONIE KÖLN ST. BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

VIVALDI

CONCERTI VIRTUOSI

Concert for Violin, Strings and basso continuo »Summer«

J.S. BACH

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G major BWV 1048
»Mache dich, mein Herze, rein« -Aria from »Matthew's Passion« for Baritone

TCHAIKOVSKY

»Andante cantabile« for Violoncello and String-Orchestra

PAGANINI

»Carnival in Venice« for Violin and Orchestra

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

(Germany)

Sergey Didorenko * Violin Jaime Roda Segrelles * Baritone Thomas Grote * Violoncello



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Doorsales 30 minutes prior to the concert (cash sales only)
Ticket Cost: \$40 Adult, \$35 Seniors/Pensioners

 **Book here**



Attention all Volunteers

Just a reminder if you are a volunteer at Sacred Heart Parish you need to have the following:

- 1) a current Working With Children's Check that is linked to Sacred Heart
- 2) completed the Sandhurst Safeguarding Training.

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults.

If you have any questions speak to our Safeguarding Officer is Debbie Turvey 0407 804 317

Positions Opened for the Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Uday is seeking additional people to join the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The PPC Provides support and advice to Fr Uday in fostering the spiritual growth of the parish.

If you are interested in becoming part of the PPC you will need to have or a willing to obtain a Working With Children's Check and undergo a formal interview including reference checking.

For more information please speak to Fr Uday.

Reflection Questions for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

<https://young-catholics.com/>

Evaluating Distractions in Worship: Reflect on what aspects of your life distract you during Mass. Are these distractions rooted in daily worries, preoccupations with work or relationships, or perhaps the allure of technology and social media? How do these distractions impact your ability to engage with the liturgy and the Eucharist? Consider practical steps you can take to minimize these distractions, such as turning off your phone or practicing mindfulness before Mass begins, to enhance your focus and participation in the celebration.

Cleansing Our Parish Community: Inspired by Jesus' action in the Gospel, take a moment to consider what might need cleansing in your own parish community. Are there practices, attitudes, or behaviors that detract from the sanctity of worship or the sense of community among parishioners? This could range from excessive noise before or after Mass, to a focus on financial matters at the expense of spiritual growth. Discuss with fellow parishioners and church leaders how you might collectively address these issues to foster a more prayerful, welcoming environment.

Personal Lenten Commitment: Lent calls us to introspection and conversion. Reflect on areas of your life that may be overshadowing your relationship with God. Are there specific habits, such as excessive use of technology, certain lifestyle choices, or even negative thought patterns, that you feel called to change? Identify concrete actions you can take to simplify your life and focus more on God, such as fasting from certain foods, dedicating specific times for prayer, or engaging in acts of service. How can these practices help you to turn back to God with your whole heart this Lent?

Applying the Gospel to Daily Life: The cleansing of the temple by Jesus serves as a powerful metaphor for personal transformation. Reflect on what "merchants and money changers" exist within your own heart and mind—these could be sinful habits, selfish desires, or anything that keeps you from God. Consider how you can "cleanse your temple" this Lent. What steps can you take to eliminate these distractions or impurities? This might involve seeking reconciliation through Confession, engaging in spiritual reading, or dedicating time for silent meditation. How can such actions help purify your intentions and align your will more closely with God's?

Rosario italiano

Venerdì 8 marzo alle ore 14 in Chiesa si celebrerà il Rosario italiano. Tutti sono invitati a partecipare.

Italian Rosary

The Italian Rosary will be held on Friday 9th February at 2pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.



Third Sunday of Lent 2 & 3 March

Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result. Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street. With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

2024 Synod Consultation:

As the Church prepares for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024, we have been invited to contribute our response to the question: How can we be a synodal Church in mission?

Please join other parishioners from our Deanery on 14 March 2024 at 5.00 – 6.30 pm in St Mel's Parish Gathering Room, to take part in the discussion, consider how our own parish can be more synodal and help shape the communications provided to the Second Session of Synod in October.

Some pre-reading of the Synthesis Report of the First Session would be valuable - the focus will be on Chapters 8-12, 16 and 18 during this session.

Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

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