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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

3rd March 2024



Jesus cleanses the Jerusalem Temple

The First reading describes how the Lord God gave the ten commandments to Moses. It also explains to us how these commandments are to be observed by the chosen people of God. These commandments are the road maps for the people to lead a holy life pleasing to the Lord God. They were told to observe them to have a special relationship with the Lord God. Hence these commandments are to regulate and to govern their relationship with the Lord God and fellow humans.

Today's Gospel explains Jesus' cleansing Jerusalem temple. Often in the Gospels we meet a Jesus who is compassionate, kind and forgiving. But in today's Gospel we meet a Jesus who is full of zeal for His Father's house. The context is the misuse or abuse of the temple and its premises where less of worship of God and more of trading and business was taking place. People from different parts of the world came to Jerusalem temple to offer sacrifices. The temple premises looked more like a marketplace rather than a place of worship. There were money changers and those who were selling pigeons, goats and other sacrificial animals. Jesus was disturbed and pained to see all these unholy activities taking place there. So, He told them, "You shall not make my Father's house into a house of trade." Then He made a whip and drove out all those who were buying and selling and exchanging money.

This action of Jesus should make us reflect and help us to stand against distortion of values in the Church and in the society at large. It is a specific warning for us not to make places of worship into places of business.

"The risen Lord is the new Temple, the real meeting place between God and man." - Pope Benedict XVI

Fr. Tomy

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Baby Sunday: 7:30am Fr Baby

> 9:00am Fr Baby 6:00pm Fr Tomy

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:00am

Mass (except school holidays)

St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr Tomy Sunday: 8:00am Fr Tomy

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 9:00 am Tuesday 9:00 am Wednesday 9:00 am

Thursday 9:00 am (Ordinariate of Our Lady of

the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 9:00 am

St Brendan's Church Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

Thursday 9:00am

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 9:30am -10:00am (by appointment at other times)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30 -5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

8:20 am Monday to Thursday & Saturday 8:45 am Friday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 12.30am



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Lent, Year B.**

Welcome We welcome you to our Church & are very pleased to see you here.

Upcoming Parish events - Save the Date:

Sun 3rd Mar: Parish Morning teas

Tues 5th Mar: St Mary's School open day Thurs 7th Mar: St Brendan's Year 6 Mass

Thurs 7th Mar: Lectio Divina

Tues 12th Mar: St Brigid's school open Day Thurs 14th Mar: St Brendan's Year 1 Mass

Thurs 14th Mar: Lectio Divina

Sat 16th Mar: Family Mass/cricket St Brendan's from 3.30pm **Sun 17th Mar:** St Patrick's day and St Mary's Year 4 Mass

Thurs 21st Mar: St Brendan's Kinder Mass

Thurs 28th Mar: St Brendan's Whole School Mass

Thurs 28th Mar: Holy Thursday Fri 29th Mar: Good Friday Sat 30th Mar: Easter Saturday Sun 31st Mar: Easter Sunday Mon 1st Apr: Easter Monday



Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross - during Lent we have the Stations of the Cross on every Friday at St Mary's 8:30am (before 9:15am Mass). Each

week a different group will lead the Stations. On Fri 8th March, The Senior Servers and Acolytes will be leading. The Stations of the Cross on first Friday will be at 10:30am before healing Mass. The Light is On at St Mary's with Confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00-7:30pm every Friday of Lent.

<u>Mass Collections</u> - In explanation of the way the collections work during Mass, **the First Collection** is for the support of the Priests around the Diocese.

The Second Collection is for the support of the Parish.

You can give directly online into the Parish Account:

BSB: 062-784

Account:100001614

Account Name: Toukley Catholic Parish

Reference: Your name

Parish Volunteers Needed! We are in search of a Planned Giving Co-Ordinator and also Counters. We also need help cleaning St Brendan's Church on a Friday at 1.30pm for 1 hour. We are 2 people short for this duty. If you feel this is something you could volunteer for, please contact the Parish office to discuss the details further. Any amount of time you could spare would be so helpful. Contact Natalie Partridge 0467425750 regarding St Brendan's.



<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation -</u> This weekend our candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be presented during the Mass. Please be their prayer buddies throughout their preparation. The candidates and their families will truly appreciate it.





Unit 4, 11-13 Arizona Road, Charmhaven 2263 Ph: (02) 4393 2443 Email: charmhaven@internode.on.net <u>St Brendan's Coffee & Chat -</u> St Brendan's Social Group invite friends & newcomers to join them on Wed 6th March at The Doylo. Everyone is welcome!

<u>Parish Morning Tea</u> - Please join us for our Parish morning tea on Sunday 3rd March. The Reader's Group will be providing morning tea at St Mary's after 9am Mass & St Brendan's will have morning tea after 8am Mass.



<u>Easter Rosters -</u> This weekend the Rosters for Easter are now in the back of the Church. Please take a look at them and see where you would possibly be able to help in some way. The Rosters encompass Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, Adoration of the Cross at 3pm Good Friday, Vigil on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Please be aware that families are particularly welcome to take a turn of carrying the Cross on Good Friday at the Stations of the Cross.

<u>Warden's Meeting</u> - All wardens, welcomers and those interested in this ministry are invited to a meeting at the Parish Centre on the 16th March at 11am. Light refreshments will be provided.

<u>Invitation: Atrium Blessing</u> - Please join us to celebrate the opening of the Atrium Children's Ministry. There will be a blessing and a chance to see the space that so many have prayed for and donated their gifts, time and talents to help create. Sat 9th March 3pm. Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance.

Reminder to Register for Will/Power of Attorney - All adults are advised to have a Will however many do not or are not aware of how to go about organising a Will and what you need to know. The Diocese is offering a Free Seminar on Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney to help navigate your way to peace of mind. Specialist guest speaker at the seminar on Tues 12th March at the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills, will be solicitor Cecilia Castle from Castle Lawyers.

Cecilia is a parishioner in the Diocese and will talk about all matters relating to Wills, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney and provide the opportunity for those attending to make a free Will through a donation to Pastoral Works Broken Bay or a Bequest to the Diocese or a Parish. All are welcome however you need to register now.

Date: Tuesday 12 March 2024, 10.30am-12.30pm

Venue: Fr Harry Davis Room, Building 2, Level 8 at the Caroline Chisholm Centre (CCC), 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills, NSW 2120.

Registration: https://www.trybooking.com/CPGPL

Please pray for those who have died and those who are sick

<u>Recently Deceased</u> - Sr Tincy Thomas, Ken Newbold, Helen Elliott, Frank McGill

<u>Anniversaries</u> - Jack Goonan, Gloria Morath, Salvinea Vella, Vic Moir, George Castle, Gerundia Castanares, Rita Bowring, KJ Buckman, Milagros Llamas, Olga Salaic

Remembrances - Mary Jane (Jean) Jurd, Alice Suico, Jose Castanares, Mary Cefai, Edward Redman, Colin McIntyre, Shiela Glennon, Georgina Baker, Valmai Joseph & Stark Family, Wendy Woodhouse & Carol Brown

Please Pray for the Sick - Krissy & Craig Taylor, Gloria Smith, Tim Keogh, Peter Dormer, Patrick Hobson, Judy Kay, Marion Campbell, Wayne Stafford, Mark Wilson, Michelle Maroon, Diane Booth, Mick G, Kylie Musgrave, Avis Sullivan, Brian Fletcher, Rhondda Rey, Christine Yousef, Florian Stoffel, John & Bev Jessop, Graham & Sandra Campbell, Mia, Robbie Depares, De-Anne Richards, Jackie Chaplin, Michael Casey, Koen Mackaway, John Jessep, Eva Cusick, Melissa, John Jessep, Margaret Connolly, Rita Cini, Baby Mia Lilli, Maria Butseties, Shirley Campbell, Josh. R, Robyn Brand, Susan Simmons, Denis Tansey, Miklos Beothy & Liz Kelman.

Funeral Notice: Mr Kenneth Newbold St Brendan's Church 4th March at 11am

March Birthdays

Islay Mahoney (1st)
Ivy Rosen (1st)
Brianna (5th)
Connie Camilleri (11th)
Michelle Sutherland (12th)
Terry Reid (14th)
Elsa Rosen (17th)
Jacqui Fletcher (17th)
Jo Spek (19th)
Sister Josie (19th)

Dan Buckman (21st)

Rose Huby (24th)





Wedding Anniversary

Dan & Christine Buckman celebrating their 57th Wedding Anniversary! May God bless you both always.



Pope Francis' Lenten Message

"Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom" is the theme of Pope Francis' Message for Lent. Let us make room for God, who delivers us from all forms of slavery. May we welcome Lent as an opportunity for conversion.

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Male & Female

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Please call Anne-Marie
4396 1555

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17 A reading from the book of Exodus *The Law was given through Moses.*

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you 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 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 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11 **R. 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. R.

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.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R.

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 Reading1 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

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

Next Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Second Reading - Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel - John 3:14-21

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