



3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

<https://www.ancb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/the-popes-monthly-intention>



Vox Populi – The Voice of the People

The gardener (aka Mother Superior)

By Fiona Brown

My role at the Hornsby Cathedral Parish is to accompany young adults in their faith

journey, assisting the two leaders of the Young Adults Group. They call me Mother Superior!

Fiona Brown

First Reading
Ex 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

Second Reading
1 Cor 1:22-25

Gospel Acclamation
Jn 3:16

Gospel
Jn 2:13-25

Sunday Reflection

Our lives – temple of God!

By Deacon Roger Delmonte

On this third Sunday of Lent, our readings challenge us to cleanse our hearts and minds to achieve true freedom in following Christ through his Paschal Mystery.

Lent itself comes from the middle English word *lenten* which means springtime. Today's gospel reading recalls a time when Jesus did some spring-cleaning to the Temple. John and the disciples see it as the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would purify the Temple. The temple indeed, needed radical cleaning at that moment, and so do our lives, at present. With the passage of time, excess baggage, useless junk, and dust balls tend to accumulate.

Just as the Temple of the Old Jerusalem became cluttered, the temple of our lives gets cluttered too in many ways. We sometimes live with overextended lives. We are pre-occupied with worldly things and concerns, to the point that we no longer have time to examine and pray for ourselves, or with our family. Lent indeed calls us to do some spiritual spring-cleaning, to make sure that we do not turn our lives - God's holy temple, into a marketplace, nor into a "den of thieves."

As we come together into God's temple, let us cleanse our heart of all selfish motives and sins. May our hearts be a worthy dwelling place for God. And may our acts of worship be authentic as we strive to deepen our relationship with God through our love and concern for one another.

Prayer Space in the Cathedral

The Students of OLOR Primary School are reflecting on the call of Prophet Joel; "Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving", at the back of their minds are the images of the Stations of the Cross, their reflections are placed before each of you, May I request you to spend some time during the day visiting and also reflecting on their great thought. *"May the hearts of these little ones in all their innocence, helps us on your journey of faith too."*

LENTEN PROGRAM 2021

Jesus Christ, The Alpha And The Omega

**Thursdays of Lent March 11, 18, 25
at OLOR Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.**

The Boundless Young Adults Group will be leading the Parish in prayer and reflection.

Copies of the program are available in the Church and online [here](#).

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent March 5, 12, 26

Stations of the Cross at:

1. Queen of Peace after the 8:45 a.m. Mass
2. OLOR Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. **While the stations are on, Priests will be available for Reconciliation.**

First Friday Adoration - 5 March 2021

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral is from 10 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. **The hours from 7 to 8 p.m. will be dedicated to praying for Vocations, with the Stations of the Cross.** All are welcome to join with the Lord in silent meditation and reflective prayer.

EMBER DAY – 5 March 2021 (from the German Quatember, 'quarter day' or, as the Irish used to say, Quarter Tense.) mark the beginning of each of the four seasons. Kept in the Roman Church since the fifth century, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has decided to observe the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance.

If a Priest is needed in a matter of emergency, after hours or on the weekend, please call **0458 351 843**.

Roof Queen of Peace Church

As you will be aware, the roof of the Church at Queen of Peace has been leaking for some time. Since 2010 we have had a number of roofers look at the issues and have previously redone flashings, repaired and resealed gutter joints and replaced sarking under some areas. This seemed to sort the problems for some time; however, more recently we have had major issues with water coming into the Church, the presbytery and the parish office. This has damaged the internal ceiling which will not be repaired until we do something to stop the water coming into the building.

It is important for you to know that we have not been ignoring this problem. We have been undertaking investigations as to where and how the water is entering the roof and finding its way into the internal areas. The building has an extremely complex roof and guttering design with some very high and steep areas. This makes resolving this matter very difficult. There have been many hours spent working with various roofing companies investigating the issues. The consistent advice we have received is that the tiles used for the entire roof area need to be replaced.

Initial quotes received for the roof replacement on all buildings came in at over \$250,000.

If we are going to replace the entire roof then we need to ensure that it is

- going to be done correctly;
- will solve the issue permanently;
- is the best value for money.

I am pleased to report that we are in the final stages of obtaining quotes, sorting minor building works and arranging the necessary finances. I believe that shortly we will be able to get the work underway.

What will happen is the following:

- Replacement of all tiles on all roof areas;
- Removal of the high glass windows which will be replaced by roof sheeting;
- Replastering of the internal areas where the windows previously were;
- Resealing of any guttering joints and repair of any guttering
- Replacement of any roof flashings that are damaged;
- Installation of leaf guard to all gutters.

I thank you for your patience and understanding.

Wesley Leverton

Chair of Parish Finance Committee

In the Year of St Joseph - 19 March 2021

The Feast of St Joseph will be celebrated on the 19th of March at 7:00 p.m. Please join us in dedicating the year to our Families, Communities, and the Diocese.

Caritas - Project Compassion

“Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” – St Oscar Romero
Please help yourself to the envelopes at the back of the church. For Online Donation go to www.caritas.org.au

8 March 2021 - International Women's Day

This year's theme is #ChooseToChallenge.
A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. So let's all choose to challenge.

Local event <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Activity/15691/Hornsby-Kuring-gai-IWD-2021-festival>

My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have come forward to clean up after our Masses; we still need more hands to continue the good work.

Our prayerful wishes and support to our Catechist Coordinator and her team of Catechists that begin their SRE classes in the coming days. Blessings to you and the students and their families you encounter.

May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19 in your special prayers.

We remember those who died recently – Maximiano Panopio
• Bishop Bede Heather • Louie Klauser • Manuel Royo Blanco • Paul Hutchinson • Sr Dorothy Costigan CSB • Arthur Fogarty

Anniversaries – Margaret Dewar • Darren Egelhoff • Nancy Richards • Noel Christensen