

# The Living Word

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

3 March 2024

## First Reading Ex 20:1-17 (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 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.

## 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.**

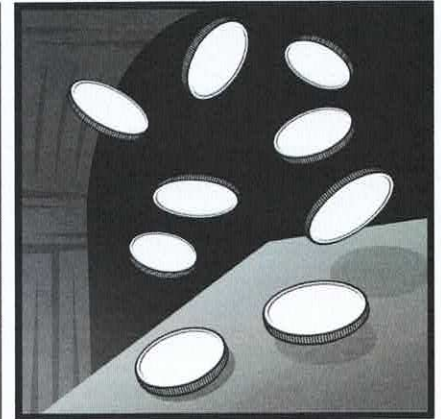
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## Gospel Jn 2:13-25

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 Fr Michael Tate

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf Ezekiel 36:23-26  
When I prove my holiness among you,  
I will gather you from all the foreign lands;  
and I will pour clean water upon you  
and cleanse you from all your impurities,  
and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:** Cf Psalm 83: 4-5  
The sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for her young:  
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my  
God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
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**PAUSE MOMENT**

GRATITUDE! What in my life keeps me  
grounded?

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday** ---- 6pm SPP Goulburn  
6pm Taralga

**Sunday** ----- 8am (OLOF), 10 am (SPP)  
9am (Crookwell)

Binda - 10.30am (1st Sunday)

Marulan - 8.30am (2nd Sun)

Tarago - 8.30am (3rd Sun)

Tuena - **Nil until further notice**

Bungonia St Michael's: 7pm, Thurs Rosary

**CONFESSIONS**

**SPP:** 11.30 -12 (Wed /Thurs/Fri), Sat 5.15pm

**OLOF:** Sat. 9.30am -10am

**Taralga:** 5.30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Sat)

**Crookwell:** 8.30am (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun)

**ADORATION & BENEDICTION: SPP**

11am Fridays

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday - 5pm (OLOF),

Wed, Thurs Fri - 12md (SPP)

Sat - 9am (OLOF)

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Mar 04: Crookwell Morning tea **MONDAY 10.30am**

Mar 16: ST Joseph's Motor pilgrimage **4pm -6pm**

Mar 17: St Patricks day **11am** Get together SPP

**MISSION NOTICES****Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent**

10.00am: Taralga, 4.00pm: Crookwell,  
Goulburn: 5.30pm SPP

**PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL 2024:**

Please take a Project Compassion box to support  
Caritas Australia this Lent.

Together, we can build a better world.

**Crookwell**

St Mary's Church will be closed for refurbishment  
**from 18 March.** Please help to shift the pews to the  
school Hall after the Mass on Sunday 17 March.

**Monthly Crookwell Morning Tea:** 10.30am in the  
Parish Meeting room. All welcome to attend.

**Goulburn****St Patricks Day 17 March**

After 10am mass at SPP, bring a lunch plate to share  
and enjoy good music, some jokes and the  
companionship of our parish community. Steven  
and Matt welcome any men to the Men's choral  
group practicing on Wednesday 7.30pm at SPP.

**St Joseph's Men's Social Evening**

6pm, Saturday March the 16th.

Center Town Lagoon for dinner and a talk.

Contact the office by March 10th to book a seat!!!

**PARISH MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The next men's breakfast will host Guest Speaker:

Fr. Damien Styles, Australian Military chaplain.

7.30am- Saturday April 13th 2024 at :Tattersalls

Contact: Michael Lamarra: 0419 019 304

**CONGRATULATIONS Fr Laurie Bent**

May God bless you abundantly every day and  
especially on the special day of your 25<sup>th</sup>  
Ordination Anniversary and 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary as  
Christian Brother. (5 March 2024)

**Recently Deceased:** Josephine Rankin Ng, Spiro Grech, Julie Kelly, Edward (Ted) Turley, John and Muriel Scrivener, James Unwin, Patricia Fairall, Samantha Manette, Rohna Mead, Christopher Hardman, Allan Worldon, Gloria Orton, Joan Percy, Stanley Edginton, Alf Yeardon

**Anniversaries:** Mary Jane and Braydon Golding, Claude and Gwenda Bourcaier, Anne Fisher, Monica Croke, Wynne Rendall, Noel and Ursula Riley, Lorna Lyons, Paul and Merylyn Vainross, Bill Murphy, Herman Boller, Joan Fincune, Alice Bogg, SR. M. Barbara Fogarty, Maureen Doherty, James Doherty, Bryan Kennedy, Father Blake, Margot Brewis, Wilma Hewitt, Ignacio Juaniza, Gordon Boyd, Noel Elliott, Marlene Elliott, Russell Croker, Mary Maloney, Ian Maloney, Lesley Croker, Pat Thistleton, Gerard Thistleton,

**Prayers:** Bruce Canning, Bob Bower, Damian Gleeson Gavin McKensie, Olivian Suess, Gerard Mackay, Judith Power, Stephanie Duss-Hasserra, John Gerathy, Jacinta Ojwang, Bill Bourke, Bruce and Lyn Pincott, Gerard Conroy,





## Event Notices

### **13 MARCH | An Evening of Dialogue with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP**

Genevieve Jacobs AM will host An Evening of Dialogue with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP on Wednesday 13 March 2024 from 7-8.30pm at Marist College Canberra, on the topic 'Transformed on the Edges'. For more information and to register for this free event visit

<http://tinyurl.com/nf3as9ex>

### **14 MARCH | An Evening with Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP**

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from 1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed speaker and retreat-giver.

**Date:** Thursday 14 March 2024, **Place:** Merci College Wise Street Braddon **Time:** 5.30 -7.00pm

**Free Tickets:** <https://bit.ly/4blSurY> This event will be live-streamed

### **16 MARCH | The Annual Loreto Reunion**

The Annual Loreto Reunion will commence with Mass at SFX at Hall at 11am on Saturday 16 March. This will be followed by lunch at 1882 restaurant in Hall. Any further information and RSVP: [loreto.canberra@gmail.com](mailto:loreto.canberra@gmail.com)

### **21 MARCH | Roundtables – Sacramental Initiation**

Join others from around the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on the realities and process of Sacramental Initiation in the life of our Church. REGISTER at [cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables). Online (Zoom) and In-Person (Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Manuka)

### **9 APRIL | Marriage Preparation Course**

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go

to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

### **20 – 22 MAY | A Current of Grace**

**Renewing Catholic Schools as Centres of Evangelisation:** An invitation is extended to Australian and international Catholic education and other Church leaders to a conference focused on renewing Catholic schools as centres of evangelisation, emphasising two high-impact strategies – Staff and Leader formation and student formation for peer-to-peer ministry. More details at [www.catholicvoice.org.au](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au)

# General Items for Parish Bulletins



## ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN LIGHTHOUSES

Join Archbishop Christopher Prowse on a Lenten Retreat through his Sunday Homilies. "What have I done for Christ?", "What am I doing for Christ?", "What ought I do for Christ?"

You can find the first and second lighthouse inputs on the Catholic Voice website or via the qr Code

## SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATION OFFICER POSITION - Holy Spirit Parish

Permanent Part-time – Four days per week (23 hrs) Tuesday to Friday – 9.00am to 3.15pm  
For the full job description and selection criteria, please [click here](#) or visit our parish [website](#).

**Applications:** To apply please provide a covering letter which includes your response to the Selection Criteria along with your Curriculum Vitae to Fr Troy Bobbin at [recruitment@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:recruitment@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au). Contact Theivani on 0472 921 518 or 6242 9622 (Tuesday to Friday).

## PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY - St. Gregory's Parish, Queanbeyan

St. Gregory's Parish, Queanbeyan, NSW. Part-time permanent position: **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9am to 1pm**. Start Monday 8 April 2024.

**Requiring:** Database experience, communication, liaison and organisational skills, personal initiative, team work capacities, compliance experience (WHS, child protection, copyright), knowledge of Catholic Church/teachings, office experience.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please contact parish for duty statement ([queanbeyan@cg.org.au](mailto:queanbeyan@cg.org.au)).

Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to Parish Priest ([tony.percy@cg.org.au](mailto:tony.percy@cg.org.au)) by **Friday 15 March 2024**.

## CAN YOU SPARE A FEW COPIES?

The Holy Spirit Parish is looking for some 'As One Voice' 1 and 2 or combined hymns and songs books. If your parish has some spare copies and no longer need them we would like to take them off your hands. Please contact Theivani on 6242 9622.

## HISTORIC PEWS FOR SALE

40 surplus pews from the restoration of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, which have been in storage for around two years. These pews are over 100 years old, made of a combination of cedar, maple and ash.

For more information, please get in touch with Christopher in the Parish Office: E: [goulburn@cg.org.au](mailto:goulburn@cg.org.au) M: 040 363 1797



## **TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on 6239 9813 or email [tribunal@cg.org.au](mailto:tribunal@cg.org.au)

## **PALMS AUSTRALIA**

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

## **SUGGESTED PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**For our seminarians and for priestly vocations:**

*O God, pour out in your Church a spirit of reverence and courage, to raise up worthy ministers for your people and make them ardent, yet gentle heralds of your Gospel.*

Lord in your mercy. Response: Hear our prayer