



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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PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

EAST KEILOR

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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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Saturday 6th March 2021

RICHARD & MELINDA

We pray for them as they begin their married life together.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe Nucara, Matthew Sesto, Carmela Pugliese, Elisbertha Renga, Rita Rajakariar, Aloysius & Katherine Grbac

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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Caritas Australia Lenten Prayer

God of all peoples and nations,

As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,

May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in solidarity,

Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and

Our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.

Through living simply and loving generously,

May we care for our global family and our common home, as we

*"Aspire not to have more, but to be more."**

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN SCRIPTURE JOURNEY WITH ST JOSEPH AT ST PETER'S PARISH, KEILOR EAST.

FOR THIS WEEK ONLY, THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 8TH MARCH.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD – Commencing Friday 19th March

We will commence our 24 Hours for the Lord Eucharistic Adoration on **Friday, 19th March** after the 9.15am Mass from 10.00am and end with the 9.15am Mass on Saturday, 20th March. Come for 30 minutes, an hour or longer if you wish, it's up to you. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome. (at least 2 people are required each hour). **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to add your name, contact number, and the time you will be attending.** Tea & coffee will be available.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanks to all parishioners who collected their new Thanksgiving envelopes from the narthex last weekend and all who very kindly delivered to neighbouring homes. There are still some boxes in the narthex as well as letters and receipts to be collected.

MASS ATTENDANCE RECORDERS & GREETERS

Volunteer Attendance Recorders and Greeters are needed for all Weekend Masses. If you are available to assist, and can be at the Church at least 20 minutes before Mass commences, please contact the Parish Office on 9337 4141. A current Working with Children Check is required for all Parish volunteers. Checks are free for volunteers. Go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au Should you need assistance in applying for a Check, please contact the Parish Office and we will help you.

We wish all the incredible women in our parish a HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY. May your day be filled with happiness and joy and God bless you with good health!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 'BE MORE'

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes from the basket in the narthex.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

PALMS

If anyone has Palms for Palm Sunday (28th March), please contact the Parish Office.

REGISTERING FOR A WEEKEND MASS

All online bookings for weekend Masses 13/14 March open Monday morning, 8th March at 9.30am and close Saturday 13 March at 3.00pm. The link to book is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPCRK>

If you do not have a computer to book in online, please contact the Parish Office by 11.00am Friday and we can book you in.

It is preferable, as much as possible, if people still wear their face mask inside the church. Please remember to keep a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres. Please do not come to Mass if you are feeling unwell.

ST BERNARDS'S COLLEGE -

Year 7 – 2023 Enrolment Parent Information Evening A virtual online presentation Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 7.00pm. Applications close Tuesday 27 April 2021. College Tours – Bookings essential Refer to College website: www.sbc.vic.edu.au

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – Tuesday, 9 March

2022 PREP ENROLMENT – OPEN DAYS

Come and see learning in action!

10th March – 9.15am-10.45am. Tour and presentation.

11th March – 9.15am-10.45am. Tour and presentation.

Enrolment Applications close Wednesday, 31st March 2021 at 1.00pm.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.