



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 Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the *axis mundi*, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where three-way cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it?

Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law.

Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him?

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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!

CONGRATULATIONS

Rosetta & John Misitano
ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR
50th Wedding Anniversary
2ND MARCH 2024
MAY GOD BLESS YOU BOTH

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ann Cincotta, Veronica Micallef
ANNIVERSARIES

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 3rd March 2024

Zahli Smith & Chase Smith

Please pray for these children and their family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

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ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED'

We need more volunteers to serve as Readers, Greeters, Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Mass Helpers, Altar Servers, Musicians & Singers. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form, which can be found on the display stands in the narthex, and email it to Helena at the Parish Office: keiloreast@cam.org.au. or drop it into the Parish Office. Training will be provided.

PARISH NEWS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN REFLECTION

Continues each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm, followed by Lenten Reflection. *All welcome.*

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanks to all parishioners who collected their new Thanksgiving envelopes and receipts from the narthex over the past 2 weekends and those who very kindly delivered to neighbouring homes. There are still some left to be collected.

PALMS

If anyone has Palms for Palm Sunday (24th March), please bring them to the Church on Friday, 22nd March or contact the Parish Office if they need to be collected from your garden.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – MARCH-JUNE

Ministers' rosters have been emailed. Please check your inbox. If you don't have email, please find your roster in the narthex. Extra hard copies have been printed if you would like to take one.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

If you know of any sick or housebound Catholics living in Keilor East who would like Holy Communion brought to them at home, please contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS OFFICE MELBOURNE

Would like to thank all parishioners for your prayers for Vocations over the years. "We are delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year: Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble. Please continue to pray for them."

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2024 "For all Future Generations" Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaila and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations.*

PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER 2024

God of all hope,
we pray for our world with all its beauty and need.

We thank you for the love in our lives that is a mirror of your unending love.
May all creation know your compassion this Lent and may we take courage to share it, especially with those who don't have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses:
'I will be with you.'

when you ask us to do courageous things.
Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, move us to act in the company of your

Spirit,
showing compassion and acting for justice to renew the face of the Earth, now and for all future generations.
We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen



Mission: Transform Lives – theirs...and yours. Join our two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 6/5/24 to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together. Contact: 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

2025 PREP ENROLMENT – "OPEN DAYS"

Tuesday, 5th March, Thursday, 7th March & Tuesday, 12th March from 9.15am.

Enrolment Applications for 2025 close on:

Tuesday, 26th March at 9.00am

Please contact the school on 9337 4111 for all enquiries.

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