

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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3 MARCH 2024

CHRIST, THE POWER AND WISDOM OF GOD

The image of a limp, distorted body on the cross, which we know as the crucifix, has a long history of development. While its central place with the altar in our churches and its focus for personal devotion may seem normal to us, it is an anathema to others. How is this the focus of our belief and worship? A reminder of the sacrifice, its very presence points to the resurrection, salvation and the hope of everlasting life with God who loves us.

Today's readings grapple with this dilemma. Paul's words to the Corinthians capture something of the complexity of those early days of preaching the Good News: "preaching a crucified Christ." Who would believe in a dead Messiah? Yet Paul insists "but to those who are called, Jews and Gentiles, a Christ who is the power and wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:24). Paul's tussle with this is juxtaposed with John's account of Jesus cleansing the Temple where Jesus says, "Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). This imagery made no sense to the Judeans for this Temple, the Holy of the Holies and dwelling place of God took 46 years to build. The narrator adds that the temple Jesus spoke of was his own body. The narrator also recounts that the disciples had heard Jesus' words but it made no sense to them either until the event of the resurrection. Let us contemplate Christ as the power and wisdom of God.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Ex 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17

A reading from the book of Exodus.

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 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.

'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.

Longer form, 20: 1-17.

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 / and 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

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.

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!



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Wallan: Our Lady of the Way, 30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East Vic 3756
Wandong: St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration: Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary: Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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ROSTERS:

	<u>2/3 Mar</u>	<u>9/10 Mar</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	2 Mar	9 Mar
Reader	Paul Fleming	Amy Leahy
Eucharist Minister	Julie Fleming	Arthur Donovan
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	2 Mar	9 Mar
Reader	Rianne Emmanuel	Assumption College
Eucharist Minister	Marita Dumaresq	Marg Fleischmann
PowerPoint	Boyd Family	Pauline Duff
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	3 Mar	10 Mar
Reader	John O'Callaghan	Lance Phillips
Eucharist Minister	Lance Phillips	Justine Sapiano
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	3 Mar	10 Mar
Reader	Nadesesha Mendis	Qaynath Britto
Eucharist Minister	Gabrielle Panuzzo	Marie Hoban
		Chris Banon
PowerPoint	Rosebelle Quinn	Fetu Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	3 Mar	10 Mar
Reader	Sandra McCaughey	Chris Edulan
Eucharist Minister	Lynne Beaumont	Christine Dodd
PowerPoint	Kathy Curry	Ian Pirie
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Elisa Ferraresi	Marg Fleischmann
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	John Dixon	Leonie Dunlop
	Mary Donovan	Rose Rich
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	TBA

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Vera Bosevski, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, John Pannuzzo, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Allan Gourlay, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Amanda Minniti, Vicky Katte, Peter Harvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Christopher William McDonald, Sheila Clancy, Angus Grant, Mavis Eades, James F Stute, Eric Salter, Kevin Kelly, Patrick Gannon, Fr. Geoffrey Webb, Br. Aiden, Francis Leo Donovan, Ern Best, Elizabeth Douglas, Joan Lawler and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Carmelo 'Charles' Farrugia

Sun 3rd Mar: Pray for the souls of Jim Welsh, Mary Ross, Maureen Fellows, Mary Brown & Allan Gourlay (Janette Hinchcliffe's family).

Mon 4th Mar: 9am Communion Service, no Mass.

Tue 5th Mar: Pray for the intentions of John Gaffney.

Wed 6th Mar: Pray for the soul of Frank Donovan.

Thu 7th Mar: Pray for the intentions of Manasa.

Fri 8th Mar: Pray for the souls of Fiorino & Elisa Costantin, Gilberto & Angelina Munari, Virginia Sibillin & Graziella Pesenti.

Sat 9th Mar: Pray for the deceased members of the Dempsey family.

Easter Mass and Service Times 2024

<u>Tuesday 26th March</u>	7pm – Reconciliation at Wallan
<u>Wednesday 27th March</u>	7pm—Reconciliation at Kilmore
<u>Thursday 28th March</u>	7pm—Holy Thursday Mass at Kilmore 7pm—Holy Thursday Mass at Wallan
<u>Friday 29th March</u>	9.30am—Live Stations of the Cross at Wallan Church grounds 11 am – Stations of the Cross at Kilmore Church 3pm—Good Friday Service at Wallan Church 3pm—Good Friday Service at Kilmore Church
<u>Saturday 30th March</u>	5pm—Mass at Broadford 7pm—Mass at Kilmore (Easter Vigil Celebration) 9pm—Mass at Wallan (Easter Vigil Celebration)
<u>Easter Sunday 31st March</u>	7.45am—Mass at Kilmore 9am—Mass at Wallan 10.30am—Mass at Kilmore
<u>Divine Mercy Sunday 7th Apr</u>	2pm – Adoration, Prayers, Chaplet of Mercy & Holy Mass



Stations of the Cross: Each Friday during Lent at 7pm in both the Kilmore and Wallan Churches.



Lenten Reflections—“An Introduction to Reading the Bible and the Gospels”:

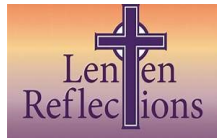
Each Wednesday during Lent at 7pm at Assumption College, Shandon House. Please park on the street & enter via Gate 5.

Weekly topics are as follows:

-Wednesday 6 March: An introduction to Mark's Gospel 1

-Wednesday 13 March: An Introduction to Mark's Gospel 2

-Wednesday 20 March: An introduction to Mark's Gospel 3



Celebrating 170 years of St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia 1854–2024

Fr Gerald Ward arrived in Melbourne in 1850 from England where he was familiar with the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. After serving a number of parishes, he was appointed parish priest of St Francis's in the city.

Fr Gerald Ward established the first conference in Australia at St Francis church in Melbourne on 5 March 1854. He became our first official 'conference president' and set about addressing problems, such as the devastatingly high numbers of homeless and deserted children roaming the streets – the direct result of parents leaving for the Gold Rush fields, such as Ballarat and Bendigo.

In 1855, Fr Ward became responsible for five orphaned children and, after discussions with the government, he witnessed the laying of the foundation stone for the St Vincent de Paul Orphanage in South Melbourne, where the first children were accepted in 1857. This was considered the first 'Special Work' of the Society in Australia.

Fr Ward told the Victorian Government (in the language of the day) that “the new conference aims to provide relief for the destitute, in a manner as much as possible permanently beneficial and the visitation of poor families”. Tragically, he died in 1858 (less than 10 years of arriving in Australia) and was widely known as “one in whom many a widow and orphan had found a good friend”.

Fr Ward's enduring legacy is the continuation of his early work through the Society's 242 conferences, 3,632 members, 6,434 volunteers and 113 Vinnies Shops across Victoria.

While the works of our Society have evolved over the past 170 years to cater for ongoing changes in our communities, our Mission, Vision and Purpose remain the same. The continuing story of the Society in Victoria and, more broadly, Australia relies on the Vincentian community which gathers in conferences across Victoria and our vast nation.

Please join us in celebrating our milestone birthday – the 170th anniversary of the establishment of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia. On Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7pm in St Patrick's Church, we will be having a live streaming of the 170th Anniversary Mass live from St Francis. Further information about this celebration can be located via the following link:

<https://www.vinnies.org.au/vic/about-us/170th-celebrations>

Explanation of painting in the Our Lady of the Way Church Wallan, by Maureen Kurzman: *Mary at the Cross*

Mary is looking up at her son, Jesus Christ as he is dying. She looks at his tortured body. Her face conveys what her eyes are seeing and her heart and mind feels.

As he draws his last breath, a single tear escapes her eye as she realizes he has died. She draws her shawl to her face to slowly wipe the single tear she has shed.

Mary's eyes and face tell the story of the love she had for her son, Jesus Christ.



Third Sunday of Lent 2 & 3 March



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia 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.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.