



ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

07 MARCH 2021

Entrance Antiphon | Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
 for he rescues my feet from the snare.
 Turn to me and have mercy on me,
 for I am alone and poor.

First Reading | Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the Book of Exodus

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 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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 18(19):8-11

Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
 they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
 it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
 abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
 and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,
 than the purest of gold
 and sweeter are they than honey,
 than honey from the comb.

Second Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

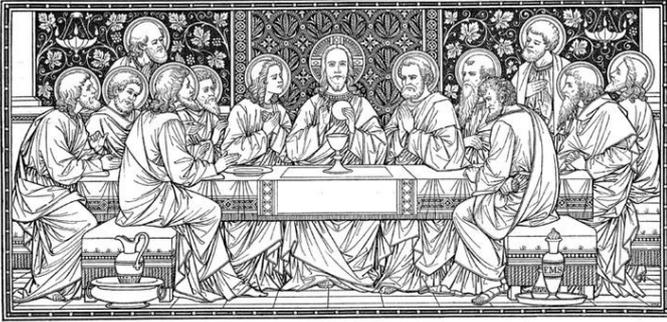
A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.

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PARTS OF THE MASS



Penitential Rite

✠ Have mercy on us, O Lord.
✠ For we have sinned against you.
✠ Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
✠ And grant us your salvation.

Credo | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Orate fratres

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours...

The people will stand and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Mysterium fidei

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

Libera nos

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days...

The people conclude the prayer, acclaiming:

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

After the Lamb of God, the people kneel.

Ecce Angus Dei

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

And together with the people, the priest adds:

Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph



*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace,
mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

TV / ONLINE MASS

TV Mass - Channel 10, every Sunday 06.00am
St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney) | Sunday 10.30am
<https://www.stmaryscathedral.org.au/>

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

08 December 2020 to 08 December 2021
150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of
Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clergy Assembly

Tuesday & Wednesday 9-10 March Armidale

No Masses in our church during these days.

Invitation | St Patrick's Day

This the season of the Irish and the wearin' o' the green and we are looking for a reason to celebrate, and we think you know what we mean. You will be sure to find a ton of friends and fun at our St Patrick's Day dinner on Wednesday 17 March, 6.00pm at Family Hotel cnr of Bridge Street and Belmore Street. Meal from \$16. RSVP by Sunday 14 March.

Invitation | Solemnity of St Joseph

All are invited to the celebration of St Joseph's Day with a Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration on Friday 19 March, 11am to 12 noon. During the Holy Hour Fr Paul Chandler will deliver a reflection on St Joseph.

Save the Date | Men's Gathering

St Nicholas' Parish is hosting a men's Event on Saturday morning, 20 March 2021. The Programme will be led by several outstanding presenters from the 2020 Gathering. This is open to all men of the Diocese. For more information please contact: Patrick Mahony 0427 851 651 or Bruce Stewart 0419 011 096.

On the Morality of Some Covid-19 Vaccines

Bishop Michael Kennedy, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith have explained the ethics of using vaccines that have an association with (aborted) foetal cell lines. Copies of the statement are available at the foyer or read online at: <https://stedwardsparish.org.au/blog-3587>

Changes in the NSW Health Covid Restrictions

At 12.01 am on 26th February, 2021 new requirement in relation to singing at religious services was introduced in NSW.

Read online at: <https://tinyurl.com/3k7sjp8w>

LENTEN SEASON

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday 9.00am

Parish Lenten Reconciliation

St Edward's Parish South Tamworth	Wednesday	24/03	12.00 noon
St Nicholas' Parish East Tamworth	Wednesday	31/03	06.00 pm

LENTEN PENANCE

During Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choices. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain.

2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary.

(b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.

(c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

In your charity, please pray for

Our sick

Fr John Willis
Chris Fardy
Petrina (Fardy) Keys
Baby Isabelle Mathew
Addison Peachy
Narelle Albans
Julien Ryan
Patricia Owen

Our Deceased

+Therese Post
+ Matthew Pearson

Mass Intentions

08/03 + Joseph Thai Duong Tran
11/03 + Vince Smart
12/03 + Patrick Clancy

Roman Martyrology

8/3 St John of God, *religious*
9/3 St Frances of Rome, *religious*
10/3 St Victor, *martyr*
11/3 St Eulogius, *priest*
12/3 St Gregory, *pope & doctor*
13/3 St Christina, *virgin & martyr*

*Omnes sancti Mártyres,
oráte pro nobis*

MASS THIS WEEK

Monday	07.00am
Tuesday & Wednesday	No Masses
Thursday & Friday	09.30am
Saturday	05.30pm
Sunday	8am, 9am, 5.30pm

BAPTISM

by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

by appointment

CONFESSIONS

Saturday & Sunday 04.45 - 05.15pm

Weekly Collection

28 February 2021

1 st Collection	\$ 772.55
Envelopes PG	\$ 899.00
Loose	\$ 18.00

Home Visitation

If there is a parishioner in hospital, nursing home, or homebound who you know would appreciate a visit from our priest or deacon please contact the Parish Office.

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Gospel Acclamation | John 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!

Gospel | John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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,
for ever singing your praise.



LITURGICAL NOTES

6 Liturgical No-No's During Lent (Part 2)

5. Emptying holy water fonts

In recent years, some parishes have taken the holy water out of the holy water fonts during Lent. They have even filled them with sand in some cases. The idea, they say, is to convey the thought that Lent is a time of spiritual dryness — a "desert" experience — that precedes Easter, in which we refrain from using the sacramental of holy water. Despite its popularity in some places, this practice is not permitted.

It has been the Church's practice to empty the holy water fonts during Triduum, but for a *different* reason. It is not permitted to have them empty through the whole season of Lent.

The Congregation for Divine Worship has stated:

This Dicastery is able to respond that **the removing of Holy Water from the fonts during the season of Lent is not permitted**, in particular, for two reasons:

1. The liturgical legislation in force does not foresee this innovation, which in addition to being "praeter legem" [i.e., "apart from the law"] is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent, which though truly being a season of penance, is also a season rich in the symbolism of water and baptism, constantly evoked in liturgical texts.

2. The encouragement of the Church that the faithful avail themselves frequently of the sacraments is to be understood to apply also to the season of Lent. The "fast" and "abstinence" which the faithful embrace in this season does not extend to abstaining from the sacraments or sacramentals of the Church. The practice of the Church has been to empty the Holy Water fonts on the days of the Sacred Triduum in preparation of the blessing of the water at the Easter Vigil, and it corresponds to those days on which the Eucharist is not celebrated (i.e., Good Friday and Holy Saturday) [3/14/03: Prot. N. 569/00/L].

6. Veiling crosses and statues before the 5th Sunday of Lent

In recent years, some parishes have veiled or otherwise removed crosses and statues as soon as Lent begins. They're jumping the gun. This practice is permitted beginning with the Fifth Sunday of Lent, but not before. The Roman Missal states: The practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church **from this [Fifth] Sunday may be observed**.

Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil (Roman Missal p. 280). If it is not observed, in a particular parish, from the Fifth Sunday of Lent, there is additional encouragement to remove or veil crosses after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The rubrics in the Roman Missal for that day state: At an appropriate time, the altar is stripped and, if possible, **the crosses are removed from the church**. It is expedient that any crosses which remain in the church **be veiled** (Roman Missal p. 345).

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<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/6-liturgical-no-nos-during-lent>

WEEKLY ROSTER

4th Sunday of Lent B | 14 March 2021

		Reader	EMHC	Piety	Counters <i>this week</i>
Saturday	5.30pm	G Smith	J Milne	H Oades	J Murrie & B Burgess
Sunday	8.00am	D Pawsey	-----	Volunteer	
	9.00am	F Gooley	A McEvoy	H McCluand	Counters next week
	5.30pm	K Ringland	-----	Volunteer	G Tighe & F Gooley