

3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B 6th - 7th March 2021

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

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 he 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 he 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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

R/ Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 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.

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.

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Gospel: John 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Today's readings from Holy Scripture teach us that Lent is the ideal time to clean out the Temple of our own hearts and to offer to God proper Divine worship, by obeying the Ten Commandments. They also teach us that our *New Covenant* with God demands that we should keep our parish Church holy and our Divine worship vibrant by our active participation in the liturgy with hearts cleansed by repentance, and holy by allowing the Holy Spirit to control our hearts and lives.

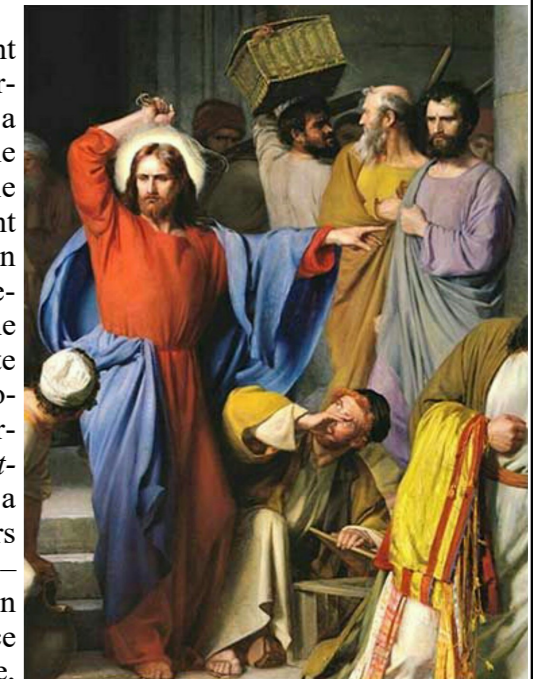
Today's first reading teaches us that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our religious and spiritual life. Instead of restricting our freedom, the Commandments really help us to love and respect our God and our neighbours. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19) depicts the Mosaic Law's life-enhancing attributes: it refreshes the soul and rejoices the heart; it is pure and true, more precious than gold.

The second reading reminds us that we must appreciate the Divine "foolishness" of the crucified Christ and obey His commandment of love, as our expression of Divine worship.

Today's Gospel gives us the dramatic account of Jesus' cleansing of the Temple of its merchants and moneychangers, followed by a prediction of his death and Resurrection. The synoptic Gospels place the "cleansing of the Temple" immediately after Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem on the back of a colt on Palm Sunday, while John places it at the beginning of his Gospel. Jesus cleansed the Temple which King Herod began to renovate in 20 BC. The abuses which kindled the prophetic indignation of Jesus, were the conversion of God's Temple into a "noisy marketplace" by the animal merchants and into a "hideout of thieves" by the moneychangers with their grossly unjust business practices – sacrilege in God's Holy Place. Jesus' reaction to this commercialised Faith was fierce. Since no weapons were allowed inside the Temple, Jesus had to construct his own weapon, a whip of cords to drive out the merchants and moneychangers from the Court of the Gentiles.

Let us remember that we are the temples of the Holy Spirit: St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples, body and soul, because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, or jealousy. Let us be cleansed by asking God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us love our parish Church as our "Father's house" and use it: Let us make our Church, our "Heavenly Father's house" a holier place by our active participation in the liturgy, by offering our time and talents in the various ministries and by our financial support for its maintenance and development.

Let us treat every person with dignity, love and respect.



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am
Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:
**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass
Holy Rosary: Thursday (English)

Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

2021 Patrick Oratorion

On the feast of St Patrick, patron saint of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will deliver the 2021 Patrick Oratorion.

The last Patrick Oratorion was held two years ago, where the Archbishop proposed a framework for how the Church in Melbourne might forge a way ahead. The proposal was to move away from the institutional centre and relocate the Church among what he called 'local neighbourhoods of grace', where the seeds of the Gospel could be nurtured among people 'who strive to live lives according to the way of Jesus Christ.'

Since the 2019 Patrick Oratorion, the world has been shaken by the COVID pandemic, with Victorians experiencing one of the world's strictest lockdowns. And it is only in recent months that parish communities have been able to return to public worship.

Looking ahead to this year's Patrick Oratorion, the Archbishop acknowledged the dramatic changes that have taken place since 2019.

'I spoke then about needing to set out for new territory and to plant the seeds of the Gospel in amongst our people, in our families, in our local communities and amongst all those who seek to know Jesus,' said Archbishop Comensoli. 'Well, none of us expected COVID – and that has shifted us in such a dramatic way this past year.'

'Once again, I will take the opportunity to set a sense of where I see us at this moment, and how we move forward. 'We might call it the Patrick Oratorion: COVID edition.'

The 2021 Patrick Oratorion will be held on Wednesday 17th March. The broadcast begins at 7.30pm and can be viewed on community channel C31 (channel 44 on digital TV) and via [YouTube](#) at 7.30pm.



Welcome!
This weekend through Baptism
we welcome
Harriet Alice Wellavize
into our Parish family

Dates to Remember

All Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross - 7pm

Friday 19th March:

Healing through Adoration and Stations of the Cross

Saturday 27th March: 11am - 12.30pm

Healing through Meditation on Jesus

Last Week's Collection: 28/02/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$928.00

Direct Debit for February: \$1315.00

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$630.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacred Heart Primary School 2021 Enrolments

Enrolments for the 2021 school year are open as of Monday 1st March. For a school tour, please contact the school principal on 9487 1001 or via the school website <http://www.shpreston.catholic.edu.au>

At Sacred Heart School, our students are at the heart of every decision we make.

Every day is Open Day and prospective students and their families are warmly invited to tour our school.

Update #29: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne



As of 11:59pm Friday 26 February 2021:

- All people must carry a face covering when they leave home unless they have a lawful reason not to. Whilst it is not mandatory to wear a face covering indoors or outdoors (apart from public transport, in rideshare vehicles and taxis, in sensitive settings such as aged care facilities – and in some larger retail settings including indoor shopping centres, supermarkets, department stores, indoor markets), it is strongly recommended that people wear a fitted face covering if the 1.5m personal distancing cannot be maintained.

Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings

All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services may open for permitted religious ceremonies.

- Religious gatherings can be held indoors or outdoors. Venues must apply the 1 person per two square metre rule to ensure people have enough room to maintain 1.5 metres distance between them.
- People must carry a fitted face covering at all times. Fitted face coverings are no longer mandatory indoors or outdoors (except in particular circumstances, note above), but should be worn by participants (unless they have a lawful exemption or are children under 12 years of age) if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.
- Record Keeping is required for all attendees beyond a 15 - minute visit and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended the place of worship. Records must be kept for 28 days;
- People must carry a fitted face covering at all times.
- Hygiene precautions must continue to be maintained throughout;
- Doors must remain closed to prevent public access if there is no-one available to ensure that particular number limits are maintained

More guidelines can be found at

<https://bit.ly/2MMwYX1>



Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:

Visit <https://bit.ly/3uVCqbr>
where you can listen anytime!

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus,
your beloved Son. We remember how he
opened his heart in love to all people. Open our
own heart to receive the gifts that continue to
flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who
lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.



Project Compassion 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.

Computer Projectionists Required!

Computer Projectionists are required for
Sunday Evening Mass.

Volunteers with some experience with the
operation of on-screen projection via a
laptop are being asked to share a regular
roster, to enable full prayerful participation in the Sun-
day evening Liturgies.

If you are able to allocate some time to this role, or
even occasionally at another Saturday or Sunday Mass,
please contact Cristina at the Parish Office or leave
your name and contact number with the priest or choir
leader after Mass.

**A Working with Children Check is required for this
role. Thank you.**



Roster for weekend of 13th - 14th March 2021

	Readers
Saturday 6.00pm	Celia Lemos Terry Murphy
Sunday 9.00am (Italian)	Volunteers
Sunday 10.30am	Ophelia Swai Catherine Zanatta
Sunday 6.00pm	Marijana Jurjevic Robert Dullard

WE PRAY FOR:
The elderly and the sick
*Anthony, Peter Bourke, John Plum
Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph,
Ray Mc Veigh and Bronislawa Slobodzian*

We Commemorate
Vincenzo Roda

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



Online Masses

St. Patrick's Cathedral - Live Streaming at:
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

Monday- Friday: 1pm, Saturday: 8am, Sunday: 11am

TV Masses

Channel 44 (31)

Live telecast from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday
at 11am



Oliva's Story

Oliva, 22, didn't have the opportunity to go to school,
and was embarrassed that she was unable to read, write
or count. Her business was losing money because she
couldn't add up.

Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia's literacy and
numeracy classes. She also set up a home classroom to
teach her neighbours for free, because they were too shy
to attend larger classes.

Oliva has now graduated, attendance at her classes is
growing, her kiosk is thriving and she is helping her
children with their homework. She aims to become a
pastor and run for leadership in the next local election -
to help her community to 'Be More' and wants to help
her community to achieve its vision of a better life for
all.

**"I am proud to be a teacher who helps others to
achieve their dream," Oliva says.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by
visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning
1800 024 413.

Project Compassion - International Women's Day

This Monday, March 8th is International Women's Day
Please click on the link below to see how communities
are being empowered by empowering women!

You can view it on YouTube, here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Brp1YvjVD9Y>

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 13th March 2021

Cory and Volunteer

Thank you for your help!

