

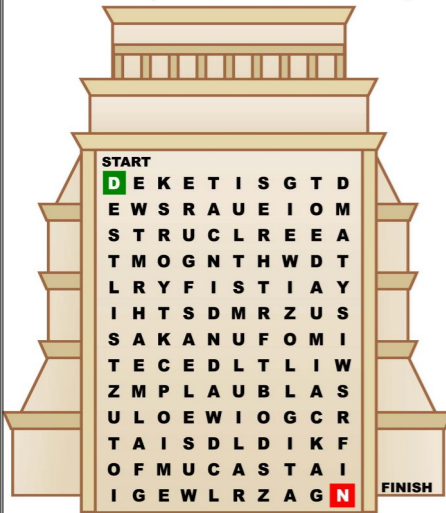
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

# Jesus cleanses the temple



## COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will build it again"



Jesus was not pleased when he found people selling things in the temple. Some people sold cattle, sheep and doves for sacrifice and some people changed Roman coins for temple coins. Draw some traders and money-changers in the temple and write down what Jesus said to them.



There are times when things make us angry; even Jesus got angry and upset sometimes. But there are good and bad ways of dealing with anger. Complete the statements below by using words and/or pictures.

When I'm angry I sometimes do the wrong thing by...

When I'm angry I can do the right thing by...



## SAINT OF THE WEEK: SAINT JOHN OF GOD, 8 MARCH Patron Saint of Booksellers, Firefighters, Heart Patients, Hospitals, Nurses, Printers, Sick

Having given up active Christian belief while a soldier, John was 40 before the depth of his sinfulness began to dawn on him. He decided to give the rest of his life to God's service, and headed at once for Africa where he hoped to free captive Christians and, possibly, be martyred.

He was soon advised that his desire for martyrdom was not spiritually well based, and returned to Spain and the relatively prosaic activity of a religious goods store. Yet he was still not settled. Moved initially by a sermon of Saint John of Avila, he one day engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life.

Committed to a mental hospital for these actions, John was visited by Saint John, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart, and shortly after left the hospital to begin work among the poor.

He established a house where he wisely tended to the needs of the sick poor, at first doing his own begging. But, excited by the saint's great work and inspired by his devotion, many

people began to back him up with money and provisions. Among them were the archbishop and marquis of Tarifa.

Behind John's outward acts of total concern and love for Christ's sick poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, 20 years after John's death, formed the Brothers Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order.

John became ill after 10 years of service, but tried to disguise his ill health. He began to put the hospital's administrative work into order and appointed a leader for his helpers. He died under the care of a spiritual friend and admirer, Lady Ana Ossorio.

### Reflection

The utter humility of John of God, which led to a totally selfless dedication to others, is most impressive. Here is a man who realized his nothingness in the face of God. The Lord blessed him with the gifts of prudence, patience, courage, enthusiasm, and the ability to influence and inspire others. He saw that in his early life he had turned away from the Lord, and, moved to receive his mercy, John began his new commitment to love others in openness to God's love.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

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# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH Bayswater



## HOLY MASS

### Weekend

- Saturday: 9am Morning Mass; 6pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

### Weekday

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am  
(Benediction & Adoration on First Friday at 8:30am)
- Tuesday: 7:30pm  
(Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction at 6:30pm)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary: 30 minutes before weekday Masses

## SACRAMENTS

- **Baptism** 2nd Sunday of every month, 11:15am (2 months advance notice)
- **Baptism Preparation** 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.
- **Reconciliation** Tuesday: 6:30pm & Saturday: 9:30am and 5:30pm
- **Marriage** Minimum 6 months advance notice is required
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Call the Parish Office

## PRESBYTERY

- Parish Priest: **Fr. Sabu Thomas Adimakiyil VC**
- Secretary: **Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)**
- Bookkeeper: **Emalyn Rivera**

## OFFICE HOURS

- Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm
- Friday 9am - 12pm

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- Chair: Michael Di Paola

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## VISION

Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.

## MISSION

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth, elderly, and new families into the orbit of the parish.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'





# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

3 MARCH 2024

*'We aim a Safe and Inclusive Parish'*

YEAR B / 2



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10  
Gospel: John 3:16

### RESPONSE

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

### ACCLAMATION

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!

## CHRIST, THE POWER AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

As we enter this third week of Lent, our readings remind us of God's love for us, soon to be witnessed in the suffering and death of Christ Jesus. In the First Reading, God speaks to the people of Israel after their release from slavery in Egypt. The Ten Commandments show his people how to freely live in service of the One who has liberated them.

St Paul in the Second Reading reflects on the way in which those who are called to follow Jesus see the crucified Christ. For those early Christians, and ourselves, this is not a sign of God's foolishness or weakness, but a demonstration to the world of God's power and wisdom.

In this week's Gospel, we see Jesus sweep away the buyers and sellers from the Temple, which should be revered as the house of God. We are reminded that it is through Christ's suffering and death that salvation will come, and the power and wisdom of God will be revealed.

Source: Excerpted from the Scripture reflection courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK available at [www.australiancatholics.com.au](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au). Image from [www.jesufollower.ca/](http://www.jesufollower.ca/)



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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 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.'

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- 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.)
- 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.)

- The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

- 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 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. The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.



## LEAP OF FAITH: EASTER'S ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEAP YEAR

The leap year is a well-known quirk in the Gregorian calendar by which much of the world organises itself, but the part played by the Church's Easter celebrations in the development of the leap year is less known.

Darius von Güttner is dean of Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus and a specialist in Church history. He said that while leap years have ancient origins, it was the way they affected Easter that prompted Pope Gregory XIII in the 16th century to reform the widely used Julian Calendar.

'The need to accurately calculate the date of Easter—a fundamental aspect of Christian liturgy—was a major driver behind the Gregorian reform,' Prof von Güttner points out. 'This concern for maintaining the liturgical calendar reflects the broader role of the Church in mediating the relationship between human society and the cosmos.'

'The connection between leap years and the history of the Church thus lies not only in the technical adjustments made to the calendar but also in the broader context of the Church's role in shaping Western intellectual and cultural developments.'

Full report at [www.melbournecatholic.org](http://www.melbournecatholic.org)



## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM 'VIOLATED' IN ONE THIRD OF THE WORLD

The Holy See's Permanent Observer to the United Nations in Geneva has called for renewed international efforts to address the ongoing violations of human rights, including freedom of religion.

Human rights, including those against freedom of thought, conscience and religion, continue to be violated on an alarming scale across the globe, Archbishop Ettore Balestrero said on Wednesday.

Speaking at the 55th Session of the Human Rights Council, Archbishop Balestrero said discrimination and persecution of believers are on the rise worldwide.

He cited the data from the pontifical foundation Aid to the Church in Need, which shows that religious freedom is violated in almost one-third of the world's countries, affecting around 4.9 billion people.

To improve multilateral diplomacy, he said, it is important "to uphold values that are rooted in human dignity". This requires in turn "rebuilding a shared vision of our inherent nature." Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)

## STATION OF THE CROSS

- Every Friday of Lent at 7pm followed by a Holy Mass.
- Every Sunday of Lent after the 5pm Mass



## ANOINTING MASS FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCHEON 16 MARCH AT 11AM

Please bring all elderly and sick members of your family and friends.

## THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE VAIL FAMILY

Joe Vail and family would like to sincerely thank Fr Sabu and the parish community for their support during Ruth's recent passing and funeral. They feel so blessed to be part of such a caring parish family.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- ANNIVERSARY:** Bernard Rees, Mario Munato, Jason Wentworth, Bernard Joseph Hyland, Tom Carey, Lukes Scudds, Peter Loonstra, Myrtle Poynter, Kathleen Robertson, Ron Murfitt, Bert Gardner, Frederick George Wood, Ivy Tellis, Paul Hay, Elizabeth Richards, Denis Johnston, Lola Mary Jones.
- SICK:** Peter Lisle, Wendy Markby, Fiona Scudds, Elisa Iacovitti, Evelyn McDougall.

## POPE'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION: FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY



Pope Francis releases his prayer intention for March, asking for prayers for the martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ so that they might "imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive."

Pope Francis recalled a story he was told by a widowed Muslim man when he visited a refugee camp in Lesbos. The man recounted the martyrdom of his Christian wife as she defied terrorists when asked to throw a crucifix to the ground. She didn't do it, and they slit her throat in front of the husband. The Pope says the story "is a reflection of the Church today" and one that is "the story of a little-known witness of faith".

Pope Francis notes that this man "held no grudges" and was instead "focused on his wife's example of love, a love for Christ that led her to accept, and to be faithful to the point of death".

The Holy Father emphasises that there will always be martyrs among us and that "this is a sign that we are on the right path" as the courage and witness of the martyrs, "is a blessing for everyone". The Pope continues, "I have been told that there are more martyrs today than at the beginning of Christianity."

Thus, Pope Francis invites all the faithful to pray for those who risk their lives for the Gospel, all over the world, so that they "might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive, and be open to the grace of martyrdom". Full report at [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)



## POPE GOES TO HOSPITAL FOR 'DIAGNOSTIC TESTS'

After telling people at his general audience, "I'm still a bit sick", and having aides read most of his prepared remarks, Pope Francis on Tuesday

paid a brief visit to Rome's Gemelli Isola Hospital for "diagnostic tests", the Vatican press office confirmed.

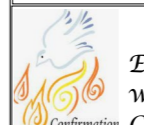
The 87-year-old Pope had cancelled his appointments on Saturday and Monday because of what the Vatican press office described as "mild flu-symptoms" but Francis led the recitation of the Angelus prayer on Sunday without obvious difficulty. The Vatican provided no health update on Tuesday since that is his usual day off so he did not have to cancel any appointments.

Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)



## OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISOR

The Parish needs a volunteer Occupational Health and Safety Advisor. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

Enrolment is now open for children in Year 5 and up who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Enrolment form is available in the Narthex or you can download a copy from our website. Preparation classes will be held over six Saturdays from 4-5 pm in the parish Narthex which will start on Saturday 13th April.

## THE GUARDRAIL



## A Joyful Toon by Mike Waters



Whoever keeps commandments keeps their life, but whoever shows contempt for their ways will die. - PROVERBS 19:16 NIV