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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 5pm - 5.15pm

Also available by appointment

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From my desk,

Next Sunday we reach the half way point of Lent, the fourth Sunday of Lent which is called Laetare Sunday - Rejoice Sunday. This originates from the entrance antiphon ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem"). It is also called Rose Sunday the colour between purple and white. You might like to wear a rose garment in celebrating the day, next Sunday Last Sunday at St Andrew's we had a successful trial with collection basket. We will begin at Matraville this weekend, that as you are leaving the Church please place your weekly offering in the baskets at entrance of the church. Your giving is much appreciated.

If you are able to donate palms for Palm Sunday, large for the Altar or small for the parishioners, please bring them to the churches on Thursday, 25th March, or Friday, 26th March, many thanks.

You will note that a statue of St Joseph has been placed in the Sanctuary at both of our Churches. This is due to that fact that Pope Francis has called this year, the Year of St Joseph. On 8 December 1870, 150 years ago, Pope Pius IX declared St Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church, so we will celebrate this anniversary until 8 December, 2021. Also in this time of pandemic, Pope Francis has asked us to pray to St Joseph, just and mild foster father of Jesus, as a powerful intercessor, for us in our need.

St Joseph's feast day is Friday 19 March. We will celebrate it with St Joseph's Bread Masses at St Andrew's 9.10am, St Agnes' 10am. All welcome, and you may wish to bring along some bread for blessing.

Don't forget to keep in your prayers our 2021 First Reconciliation candidates, who are making this sacrament at St Agnes, Wednesday, 10 March 5pm and St Andrew's on Thursday, 11 March at 5pm & 6.30pm.

God bless you all

Fr John

Stations of the Cross will be on **Fridays of Lent at 7pm (both parishes).**

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Bishop Bede Heather (first Bishop of Paramatta),

Braidy North-Flannagan, Helen Borg, Betty Sullivan Patricia Flynn

Leanne McKenzie.

Anniversary: Moyah Buckley, Lloyd Ward, Barry Evans, Patricia Ryan, Margaret Bahram,

Mario Cocco, May Somerville, Barbara O'Brien, Yolande and Robert Aquilina.

Please try to download the Service NSW app so that your phone can scan the **QR Code**

St Agnes' and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe

Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend.

Please observe signs on the pews.

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation,

please form **one line** & keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles



PROJECT COMPASSION

enables us to observe Lent in a practical way by supporting Caritas's work among the needy people of the world.



Caritas Australia

THE CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Who's Celebrating Where?

This weekend 7 March

Fr John - St Andrew's Sat, 5pm & Sun 9am. St Agnes 10am.

Fr Paul - St Agnes' Sat 5.30pm

Next Weekend 14 March

Fr John - St Agnes' Sat 5.30pm & Sun 10am. St Andrew's Sun 9am.

Fr Paul St Andrew's Sat 5pm.

GOSPEL

Jn 2: 13-25

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

BEING TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

Lent has the capacity to shake us from our lethargy and turn our lives upside down. For some people change is exciting but for many it is less than comfortable as we search to find our bearings in a new situation. Today's readings can challenge us but they also provide a new set of bearings to help our journey in faith. The people of Israel had their world overturned when they were taken into slavery, but in some ways coming out of slavery was even more difficult. Led into the dangers of the desert and an uncertain future they were to find their bearings in the new covenant. Their new identity as God's people would find its expression in their faithfulness to the Ten Commandments. When Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers in the Temple he called into question the system that had developed around the Temple. His disturbing action was to be a reminder that even as one sign of God's presence was to pass away, it was soon to be replaced by a new sign of God's presence, his own Risen body.

Paul knew that God's wisdom always has a way of challenging the wisdom of the world. A crucified Christ was seen as madness and scandalous. As disturbing as it may still seem this is the wisdom of God that must become our point of reference. In Jesus crucified all our preconceptions of power and wisdom are called into question as we are invited to make God's wisdom our own.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / B

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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.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'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!