

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

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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!

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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

NEW Sunday Mass Times beginning 20th Sep 2020:

8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) and 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Third Sunday of Lent – 7th March 2021



Recently Deceased: Inger Urban, Perfecta Lopez, Roberto Oppus, Roberto Viray

Our Deceased: John Davidson, Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Felix Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Pigott, Stewart and Casey families; John, Velia & Sylvia Paoloni, Rina & Mario Rovere, Livia Bosi, John Davidson, Matthew Warrnor, Patrick O'Connor

Our Sick: Agnes, Heru Ie, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw, Mercy Candido

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

St Patrick, 17th March

PARISH NEWS:

- **We welcome Olivia Trocio into the family of God. Congratulations on your baptism!**
- **Liturgical rosters will be updated soon.** Contact the parish office for any changes.
- **Stations of the Cross every Friday right after the 5pm Mass during Lent.**
- **We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Inger Urban**, wife to Errol - parishioner and active volunteer here at St Kevin's. A Requiem Mass will be held in our parish on Fri, 12th Mar at 10.30am. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.
- **The Men's Prayer Group is taking part in the Heartbeat Lenten Program.** Wednesdays during Lent starting at 6:30pm in the Holy Family Chapel. ☺ Lou Youssef 0400 303 733
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** The next gathering will be on Sat 20th Mar at 7am in the Haseler Centre. All men are welcomed. For more info contact Lou Youssef 0400 303 733
- **Men's Choir will be singing at the 9:30am mass on Sun 14th March.** Any men interested to join the Choir should contact Lou Youssef or Francis David 0421 511 987.
- **First Sunday afternoon concert by Kevinwood in the Haseler Centre -14th Mar at 2.30pm** - orchestral music, handbell choirs and choral performances. Handbills in Piety Store or visit: www.kevinwood.org and click on the calendar listing for that day.
- **Congregational singing remains suspended in our parish** as we gather at maximum capacity using the **2sq meter rule**. Face mask is no longer mandatory but encouraged. Please use the NSW Government issued QR code to register on entry, otherwise sign-in manually. Attendance at all Masses are on a first come, first served basis. Observe physical distancing and use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave. Thank you

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **St Patrick's Day Mass led by Bishop Terry Brady**, 17th Mar, 10.30am, St Mary's Cathedral.
- **Vinnies call for volunteers at Matthew Talbot Hostel.** Information session on Sun 14th Mar at 9:30am (Entry 22, Talbot Lane, Woolloomooloo) beginning with a Mass celebrated

by Fr Danny Meagher followed by tea, tour, and info session. Enquiries ☺ Tony Cranney 0419-255-943. To RSVP ☺ Joy Bowen 0447 636 619 or Email: Joy.Bowen@vinnies.org.au.

- **Catalyst for Renewal!** First reflection morning for 2021 will be on Sat 13th Mar, 9:30am-12:30pm in the parish hall of Hunters Hill. Fr Michael Whelan sm will lead the reflection on: *'Recovering the Mystical Heart of our Faith'*. No need to book. Enquiries: Carole Wilson 9869 1036. Tea & Coffee provided. For the time being PLEASE BYO SNACK PACK.
- **Y-Factor is BACK for 2021!** April 13–16, 2021 at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale NSW. Y-Factor is for teens in years 7 to 12 led by Sydney Catholic Youth (SCY) For more info Email: info@sydneycatholicyouth.org or call SCY on 9307 8152 To register go to: <https://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/yfactor2021>

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

POPE FRANCIS amidst SOME YOUTH!

Our current Pope the Argentinian born Francis is for many people the constant world face of the Catholic Church.

Before the COVID-19 lockdown, he hosted an audience of 7,000 young people in Rome, to the shock of his *minders*, he invited 10 youngsters onto the stage to ask him *their* questions. Below are some of the questions and the answers he gave; *"Holy Father I find it hard to sometimes believe in God and then remain faithful?"* The Pope replied, *"Life for us all is a journey where we are looking towards a future horizon while checking where we have come from. The challenge is not to get discouraged in doing God's will as in time it will be your best life option."*; *"Holy Father how do you stay hopeful in a world that is plagued by so many problems?"* He responded, *"Having a problem has a good side as it challenges me to confront its root cause, then I can better see opportunities for growth within myself and with the people around me."*; Finally, one of the teachers of the young people asked this question; *"Is it important for Catholics to be involved in politics?"* The response was *"Of course it is, to be politically involved is one of the best ways anyone can serve the common good."* In many ways the papacy of Francis is one of constant surprises in what he says and does!

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 14th Mar 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – B Leung)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	S Dick	B Gibson	M Velasco	C Jonas
Junior Servers	W Darmadi J Quizon		K Velasco E Velasco	C Brix-Nielsen A Brix-Nielsen
Readers	R: J Alam C: D Arputhanathan	R: Br J Curry C: R Brayan	R: W Aloisi C: V Aloisi	R: N Williams C: S Polson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	L Tesoriero Br J Guthrie	D O'Connor D Tan	C McPhillips M Polson	D Brix-Nielsen A Brix-Nielsen