

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

15th March 2009

THEME: John 2: 13-25

In today's Gospel we witness Jesus' anger at the moneychangers in front of the temple.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow even finds a home, the swallow finds a nest wherein to place her young, near to your altars, Lord of hosts, my King, my God! How happy they who dwell in your house! For ever they are praising you.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17th March	St Patrick, bishop
Thursday 19th March	St Joseph, Husband of Mary, foster father of Jesus

JESUS HAS THE POWER TO KNOW THE HUMAN HEART

Jesus has come from God; he remains one with God; therefore, he has the power of God to know our innermost thoughts.

But Jesus is also fully human, and because of that, God, in Jesus, has become one of us. Through the Incarnation, God, in Jesus, has agreed to speak the language of our humanity. Jesus' understanding of us arises from his being flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone.

Because Jesus has chosen to be so profoundly immersed in all things human, there is no aspect of the human condition with which he cannot empathise. For that reason, he is ever approachable, and we, with all our guilt and self-deprecation, need not fear to draw near. There, in Jesus' presence, we will not find reproach or anger; there will be no belittling or biting critical remarks. On the contrary, he who has chosen to be our yoke-mate in life desires only to share the joys and ease the burdens of our lives. He who knows us, warts and all, loves us, warts and all. That love invites us to become our best selves so as to incarnate in our world the love and the goodness of the God in whom we believe.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Mitchell Wallace (baby), Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Mary Hamilton, Lillian Roberts, Michael Rooney, Norm McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Mihovil Katalinic, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Mary Cooper, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus,

Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlca, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Gregory Cummins, Patricia Bourke, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Effie Ray, Bob Woods, Sandra Varrasso, and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

Pat Murray, Paul McCormack (Malasia), Brian McGee, Noel Flanagan (Fr Kevin's brother), Sr Emily Watts and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Harry Livsey and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Rose Livsey, Bill Livsey, Mary, Bill & Ken Kotthoff, Bert Scammell, Lorraine Hill and all our dear ones deceased.

LORD HEAR US

FOR YOUR DIARY

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League will be held on Monday 16th March at 7.30pm in the presbytery. All ladies welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for Easter will be held each Saturday at 11.00am at St Patrick's Church (one hour only). Past and new members most welcome. Please contact John Harrold on 6021 4079 for details.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held in St Patrick's Church at 7.30pm each Friday evening during Lent.

PALM SUNDAY - WYD09

Come and celebrate World Youth Day 2009 in the Wagga Wagga Diocese on Sunday 5th April at Holy Spirit parish Lavington. The day starts with Mass at 10.00am, followed by a day of prayer, catechesis and recreational activities. Lunch and afternoon tea provided. There is no cost but donations of \$10.00 are welcome to cover the costs of the day.

Contact Miriam: 0400 419 981, mizmim@gmail.com

LENTEN STUDY GROUP FOR 16-35YRS

A Lenten Study Group for 16-35yr olds meets weekly on Wednesday night at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's Hall.

Contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email mizmim@gmail.com

John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships for Xavier High School are available for students entering Year 7, 9 and 11 in 2010. Application details may be obtained by contacting Mrs Cerina Meredith on 6040 6388 or email info@xhsww.catholic.edu.au

GRACES OF ITALY

A 14-day pilgrimage - Padua to Rome - with Fr Michael Kennedy, departing 29th June 2009. See noticeboard for details.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - SCHOOL FETE

The Holy Spirit Parish and School will hold their annual fete on Sunday 3rd May this year. The fete will run from 11.00am until 3.00pm in the school grounds, on the corner of Mutsch & Prune Streets, adjacent to Holy Spirit Church.

ST PATRICK'S PRAYER GROUP

St Patrick's Prayer Group meets each Tuesday evening at 8.00pm. For details please ring Kath Ryan on 6021 3821 or Maree Sobolewski on 6021 5433.

A VOICE FOR WOMEN

Sacred Heart Church, Koorungal, Saturday 28th March 1.30-3.30pm. Melinda Tankard Reist is an author, researcher and commentator with a special interest in issues affecting women. She is coming to Wagga Wagga at the request of the Council for Australian Catholic Women to speak to the women (and interested men) of our Diocese about her work with Women's Forum Australia.

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SNIPPET

For Christians, the love of God is inseparably bound to the love of our brothers and sisters, of all men and women, without distinction of race and culture. (Benedict XVI)