

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Mass Readings

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

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you 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 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 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

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

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.

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Gospel 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!

Gospel John 2:13-25

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

Praise to Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Parish Centre Construction Update

The Parish centre build is going very well, the trades are working inside the centre to render and plaster the walls and install the ceilings. Parishioners need to be careful when entering and exiting the carpark and to abide by any signs. Parents should ensure children are supervised around the works and when visiting the toilets. Be aware that there are some stormwater pipes that may become a trip hazard near the old Parish Hall. **Thank you., PPC**



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B – 3 MARCH 2024



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PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES

Sat 2nd	6:00pm	Vigil Holy Mass - 40th day memorial mass for Denzil Devisser
Sun 3rd	8:00am 9:30am 6:00pm	Holy Mass - For the Parishioners Holy Mass - Soul of Nonna Gina. Holy Mass - For the Parishioners
Mon 4th	9:00 am 9:30am	Rosary Holy Mass - Public Holiday
Tue 5th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary Holy Mass
Wed 6th	11:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Mass - Karingal Aged Care, High Wycombe Rosary Holy Mass
Thu 7th	10:45am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Holy Mass - Donovan Nursing Home Rosary Holy Mass
Fri 8th	9:00am 9:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Adoration Stations of the Cross
Sat 9th	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Holy Rosary Holy Mass Confession



**MATTHEW GIBNEY CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Last Wednesday I had the privilege of being invited to the opening and blessing of the new Science Laboratory at Matthew Gibney. What a wonderful way for the children to develop their curiosity and creativity in all things, being plants and small creatures, to the larger structures, plants and creatures that make up our world. Things like 5 & 6 year olds learning that glass is transparent, and as the ages go up the children do things like creating different small experiments and special activities.

Last Sunday at the Parish AGM I resigned from the council, this sadly included my being the Parish Representative on the Matthew Gibney Advisory Council which was something that I thoroughly enjoyed doing. Over the past 4 years things have progressed from many parishioners not even knowing there was a Parish Primary school to the great connection between the school families and parishioners that we have today.

I wish to thank you for the support you have given to me and ask that you do the same for Dianne Cook, our new Parish/School liaison person. Clare Arnold
For further information contact Matthew Gibney Primary School, 30 Munday Rd, High Wycombe on 62168400 or by email admin@gibney.wa.edu.au.

FEASTS OF THE MONTH OF MARCH SAINTS

- MARCH 18** St. Patrick
- MARCH 19** St. Joseph
- MARCH 24** PALM SUNDAY
- MARCH 28** LORD'S SUPPER
- MARCH 29** PASSION OF THE LORD
- MARCH 31** RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

NEW PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT | TARGET \$300,000.00

FEBRUARY '24 - \$13,669.45 | AMOUNT RAISED - \$200,883.45
 A big thank you to the families who have already donated. Would other families kindly consider our request and help us reach our target. There are brochures and a clearly marked Parish Fundraising Box in the Church foyer. EFTPOS terminal available for debit and credit card transactions with a printed customer receipt in the Sacristy after the weekend masses

EFT Bank Details:
 National Australia Bank Limited
 BSB No. 086-006
 Account No. 90517-9623
Cheques Made Payable to:
 St. Francis of Assisi Parish Fundraising

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!
Fr. Joseph (Parish Priest) and Joe Kaciuba (PPC)



LENTEN SUNDAYS - March 3rd, 10th, 17th, March 24th - Palm Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday

Holy Week
 March 25th, Monday - Mass 9.30am

March 26th, Tuesday Mass - 9.30am
 March 27th Wednesday Mass - 9.30am

Priests will be available for Confessions
 Tuesday & Wednesday evenings 6pm to 7.30pm

March 28th, Maundy Thursday - 7.00 pm Service

March 29th, Good Friday - Live Stations 10am
 Good Friday Passion Service - 3:00 pm

March 30th, Holy Saturday - 7.00pm Easter Vigil Service

March 31st, Easter Sunday Masses - 8am, 9.30 am, 6 pm
HAPPY EASTER

Parish Centre Diary		
Sun 3rd	9:30 am	Children Liturgy
Tue 5th	4:00pm 5:45 pm	PREP Legion of Mary
Wed 6th	4:00pm	Ukulele group
Thu 7th	9:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00pm	Craft Group Legion of Mary RCIA Bible Study
Fri 8th	10:00am	Morning Tea



I invite you to attend the **Chrism Mass** which I will concelebrate with the Priests of the Archdiocese of Perth at St Mary's Cathedral on

Tuesday 26 March at 7.00pm

+ Timothy Costelloe SDB
Most Reverend T Costelloe SDB, Archbishop

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION



3 PM FIRST SUNDAY

TOILET SAFEGUARDING SIGNAGE

Safeguarding signage has been removed from the male and female toilet doors. This was put there because a Parishioner who was cleaning the toilets was involved in an occupational health and safety incident which could have had serious consequences. The signage was there as a **WARNING** to protect the Parish and children against liability and insurance claims should an accident occur. Please be aware that the toilets are for private use only and not to be opened to the public. They are for **CHURCH AND HALL USERS ONLY.**

For the Sick: Lynette Arnold, Chris Muller, Phillippe and Noelle Payet, Clare Arnold, Bernadette Lach, Joan Andree, Doreen Webber, Theresa Hendroff, Rachel Kaciuba, Rudi Sirr, Justin Clohessy, Mary Aung-Sein, Florlito Tenido.

Contact Joela Sequeira, Parish Secretary for names to be added or continued to the Sick List, otherwise the names will be deleted after every two weeks. Thank you. Fr. Joseph

In Memoriam: Alberto Santa Maria, Jack Flynn, Donata Rubinich, Nell O'Neill, Bridget Stuart, Joseph Louise, Peter Kevin O'Loughlen, Mary Healy, Cyril Cornelius, Fr. Micheal Cave OSB, Tony Wright, Fr. Francis T. Ryan, Guido Zappacosta, Justin Bombardieri, Denis Ross, Denzel Connolly, Noreen Veronica Leahy, Peter Loh Kong Mui Lan, Nonna Gina, Denzil Devisser.



Third Sunday of Lent
24 & 25 February



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result. Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry. Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street. With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.
 Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

2nd/3rd March	6:00 PM	8:00AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	George F	Joe K	Adrian D	Benjo C
1st Reader	Jan F	Sue D	Helga S	Paolo J
2nd Reader	Abigail R	Kevin F	Philomena T	Sarah M
Acolyte	Michael	Clem	Adrian	David T
9th/10th March	6:00PM	8:00AM	9:30AM	6:00 PM
Commentator	Graham B	Jennifer D	Matt W	Philip M
1st Reader	Imelda B	Amanda A	Neha K	Margaret O
2nd Reader	Armelle P	Frances A	Renato B	Lauren M
Acolyte	Lester R	Michael	Brian M	Vince P

	2nd/3rd March	9th/10th March
Counters	Philomena Theseira, Brian Menezes	Ingrid Dekker, Bill Pocock, Betty Flynn, Christine Peters
Church Cleaner	Gina Nickles, Michelle O'Boyle	Liz D'Leno, Doris Rodrigues, Wendy Pinto
Reading for	Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25	2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4 -10; John 3:14-21