

## MASS ROSTER

Date	Time	Commentator	Lector	Music	Minister	Minister	Data
13-Mar	5:30pm	Masterson	Walker	Adams	Edis	Mullins	Evans
14-Mar	8:00am	Reilly	Gibson	Dewhirst	Gibson	Tooth	Brady
	10:am	Locke	Temple-Brown	Volunteer	Vanlierop	Baker	Locke
20-Mar	5:30pm	McGovern	Sutton	Edis	Gash	Maloney	Goonan J
21-Mar	8:00am	Burgess	Burgess Peter	McAuliffe	Tooth	Burgess Peter	Volunteer
	10:am	Martens	Donebus	Dewhirst	Martens	Brown	Moses

### LAST WEEKS COLLECTIONS INCLUDING DIRECT GIVING

**1st Collection \$642.30 2nd Collection \$1,377.40 Thank you!**

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Home of Compassion Auxiliary:** New members required. Meeting Monday 8th March RSL Lounge area at 2.00pm. Margaret 6925 2363

**8 March: St Joseph's Men group:** Bishop Mark Edwards OMI speaking on St Joseph at Astor Hotel Wagga - dinner from 6:15pm. Talk from 7:30pm. Please RSVP.

**9 March:** mainly music Group A. For further information contact Bernadette 0477887783

**9 March: St Vincent de Paul conference** meeting in White House at 6pm.

**11 March:** Anointing Mass for sick and elderly people at 10am.

**13 March:** An invitation is extended to interested people to attend the Kairos Prison Ministry Renewal Day from 10am-3pm at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Bardia Street, Ashmont. Info: Bruce James: email: [rnbjames@exemail.com.au](mailto:rnbjames@exemail.com.au) or Phone 0487 626 729.

**17 March: CHOIR PRACTICE:** As choir is allowed back for Mass we are after some new members to join especially with Easter coming. Our first practice will be on Wednesday 17th March at 7 pm, so love some new voices. If you could let me know who of you are available for Easter it would be great, Kath 040869551.

**Pope Francis visits Iraq 5-8 March.** He said on Wednesday:

“The day after tomorrow, God willing, I will go to Iraq for a three-day pilgrimage. For a long time I have wanted to meet those people who have suffered so much; to meet that martyred Church in the land of Abraham,”  
 “I ask you to accompany this apostolic journey with your prayers, so that it may unfold in the best possible way and bear the hoped-for fruits,” (vaticannews.va)



## Sacred Heart Parish Koorinal 6th/7th March, 2021

### Sunday Mass Times:

Sat. Vigil: 5:30pm Sunday: 8am and 10am

### Daily Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday: Friday 5:45pm

Tuesday, Thursday 7am.

Saturday: 9.30am

*Changes of Mass times on Chapel door.*

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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### **WE PRAY FOR:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bob Barclay, Beth Gillard, Eileen Gaynor, Theresa Gallucci, Rosalind Lim, Terry Phegan, Camilla McLaughlin (Dublin). Dorothy Waterford, Frances Melloney Wade, Peter Koth, Sharon Taylor.

**ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES:** John Maloney, Lawrence Stout.

**SICK:** Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, , Mary Condell, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Brianna Papworth, Harry Edmonds, Jeff Edwards, Joan Taylor, Gwen Castle. Danitsa Moses, Margaret Casey, Fran Ellis, Steven Bourke, Stephen Buchanan, Ian Buchanan, David Pulver (Millie Bright's Father)

### **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Pope Francis' prayer intention in March 2021

*When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul.  
 To leave with greater spiritual health. To pass from misery to mercy.*

*The center of confession is not the sins we declare,  
 but the divine love we receive, of which we are always in need.*

*The center of confession is Jesus who waits for us,  
 who listens to us and forgives us.*

*Remember this: In the heart of God, we come before our mistakes.  
 And let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the forgiveness and infinite mercy of God. And let us pray that God may give his Church merciful priests and not torturers.*

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the book of Exodus 20:1-3. 7-8.12-17

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. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 18:8-11.

*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

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold, then the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

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

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**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!*

**GOSPEL:** John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOSPEL CONNECTION

### *God's building*

Why is Jesus angry? – they have missed the point and the religious leaders are allowing this to happen! Religion has come down to ritual, and the centre is missing. Jesus was not much at home in the temple. He went there sometimes, and always caused trouble. The finding in the temple, the words – my body is the temple. Jesus is more at home at the table – the loaves at the lake, the fish on the beach, the last supper in a home. This is where he is most himself.

The falsity of the occasion was the using of the temple to be entrapped by riches. The poor were being overcharged to pay for the materials for sacrifices. This caused the anger of Jesus.

The temple has disappeared. We are God's building. If we do not make God's presence real in our area, then maybe we should knock down the church! Only if God is alive in us all the time, will he be alive in the building. If God is not alive all week in us, God will not be alive on Sunday. If he is not alive in our hearts – well, maybe that's sometimes why religion can be so boring – it's religion only from the neck up.

The forty six years are over, and the three days of the rebuilding have been going on for years, in the hearts of all who are faithful to God's love. The building continues still and we are the living stones.

*Think of what is most central to your life.  
Is that a concern of God too?  
Lord, keep me close to all you love and value in life.*

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