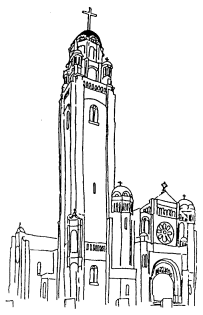

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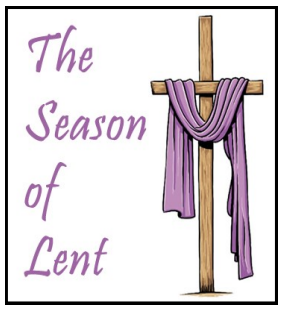
at a glance

Today's Readings

Exodus 20:1-17	The Law was given through Moses
1 Corinthians 1:22-25	The Christian paradox: Christ crucified is the power of God and the wisdom of God.
John 2:13-25	Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up



Third Sunday of Lent Year B
3/4 March 2018

In a nutshell

The Ten Command-ments are a code of conduct for God's people. The aim of all the rules was to draw them to God in love.

By turning the Temple into a marketplace, the people show their disdain for God and his house.

Jesus, in cleansing the temple, is jolting the people from their complacency and urging them, and us, to believe in him as the sanctuary of God.

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God.

The tradition dictated that a sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals, as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers, as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point, where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal, and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. *This* was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

Greg Sunter, Liturgy Help, 2018

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon:	My eyes are ever fixed on the Lord, for he releases my feet from the snare. O look at me and be merciful, for I am wretched and alone.
Response to the psalm:	The Lord is kind and merciful.
Gospel acclamation:	Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Readers

Saturday Vigil	Janet Neenan (Coordinator)
March 3rd	Anne-Marie Snelling
March 10th	Chelsea Albert
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
March:	Gerry Walker & Charlie Robinson
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
	Tracey Wilcox
Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

March 2nd:	Paula O'Connor
March 10th:	John & Margaret Betros

Money Counters—Parish Office

March 4th:	Group 3	**March 11th**	Group 4
March 18th:	Group 1	**March 25th**	Group 2

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil	Sr Gabriel (Coordinator)
March :	Anne Wright, Sr Gabriel
Sunday 7.00 am	
March:	Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating, Peter Frost
Sunday 9.30 am	Paula Hudson (Coordinator)
March:	Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Phil Docherty
Sunday 6.00 pm	Andrew Poidevin Coordinator)
March:	Paula O'Connor, Michael O'Sullivan, Therese Compton, Denise Haylen

Gardeners

Susan & Kevin Bradley

Sacristy & Altar

Carol Miller and Pilar Ovelar

Altar Flowers

Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros

If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass
March 3rd : Members of Cormac McAnnallen's GAC

Offertory Gifts— Sun 7.00 am Mass
March 4th: Vicki Attard & Family

Mass Offerings: ***Your prayers are requested for the following:***

Recently Deceased: **Graziano Capuano,** Joyce McCarthy, Bonnie Trimmer**,** Sandra Sutcliff.

Other Deceased: **Vena & Barry Smith,** Desmond & Alice Ryan, Ron Newman.

Anniversaries: **Cormac McAnallen, William Knight, Essie Knight,** Sr Trish Davis, Jim Lynch (Ireland) Helen Freestone, Jessie Falvey.

Sick: **Tony Cruikshank,** Scarlett Herbert, Cassie Andrews, Neil Thornton, Conor Cassidy (Ireland), Sr Kath Conlan, Tony Kelly**,** Mary-Jane Saunders, Thelma Shepherd, Enid Hampshire, Anne Hampshire, Barry du Bois, Alistair Ross, John Miller, Maureen O'Connor, Esteban Ovelar, Trish Shadwick, Patrick Herlihy, Alma Reid, Steve Elias, Win Wallace, Dillon Lynch, Fr John Rate msc, Fr Frank Perry msc.

Confirmation

Confirmation Enrolment - note please, that Confirmation date has been changed, as advised from St Mary's Cathedral.

Tuesday 20th March 1pm—3pm & Thursday 22nd March 2.30—4.30pm
Please bring your child's baptismal certificate and $30 enrolment fee.
We have been allocated a parish quota, so preference will be given to our local schools, and those families living within parish boundaries.

Sunday 27th May 2018 @ 12.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times	**Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm**
Morning Tea	Most Sundays after the 9.30 am Mass
Weekday Masses	**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am**
Reconciliation	**20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass**
Sacrament of Anointing	**During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month**
Baptisms	By appointment, usually on the first and third Sundays of the month
Marriages	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office	**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 am to 3 pm (phone 9315 7562).**

St Brigid's Parish this week and beyond

Lenten Reflection Groups meet each week. *All welcome. Two groups are available.*
Tuesday evenings @ 7pm in parish house chapel—160 Coogee Bay Rd.
Thursday evenings @ 6.45pm in the parish office. (at this one you are welcome to join the RCIA group, as they prepare for baptism and reception into the Church at Easter)

Choir At Easter
We would like to invite parishioners to sing with the choir at Easter. Practices are every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm—9.30pm. The choir will be singing on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter Saturday vigil and Easter Sunday morning. Please contact Jeremy on 0414 540 439 or Angeline 0405 420 159

Sunday 4th March: 9.30 Family Mass will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week.
All are welcome, and there will be refreshments afterwards. (*St Brigid's School Open Day: Thurs 8th March*)

Monday 5th March - Requiem Mass at 12 noon for ***Graziano (Jim) Capuano. Burial 1.45pm at Botany.***

Thursday 8th March: Sacrament of Anointing during 9.30am Mass.

Saturday, 10th March: The Cemetery Mass for the deceased will be celebrated at 11am, in the South Chapel, Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens & Crematorium, Botany.

Sunday 11th March: Children's Liturgy during 9.30am Family Mass.

Fr Phil

Season of Lent—Project Compassion 2018

In the foyer of the Church, we still have Project Compassion boxes and envelope packs.

Families are invited to take one or other or both. St Brigid's School children have already brought boxes home. Envelopes often suit people at weekend Masses.

The theme for Project Compassion 2018 (organised by *Caritas Australia*) is

"For a Just Future"

By supporting this appeal during Lent, we enable *Caritas Australia* to help our Asian neighbours to build a just future for their families and their communities. *(all donations tax deductible)*

Spirituality in the Pub - Paddington RSL Club Wednesday 7th March 7.30pm—9.00pm

"Wisdom seekers." Speakers: **Monsignor Tony Doherty**, recently retired (Parish Priest from Rose Bay and Dover Heights (described by Ailsa, his co-speaker , as "an 82 year old swimmer, walker, educator and Priest") and **Ailsa Piper**, writer, walker, teacher, theater director and actress. Mons Tony and Ailsa are co authors of the book The Attachment, and will open up our year's theme and invite our questions and comments.
Entry by donation.

Afternoon for Couples hoping to conceive: Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promotes in regard to fertility awareness and assistance are invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. It is also an important opportunity for fellowship with other couples facing similar difficulties. Where: Dooleys Waterview Club, Silverwater Road, Silverwater.
When: Saturday 17 March 2018, 2.00pm –4.30pm. Please direct RSVPs and inquires to LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org or phone (02) 9307 8404 *(brochures in church foyer)*

Sacramental Program at St Brigid's in 2018

(Pastoral Associate & Sacramental Co-ordinator: Anne–Marie Snelling)

First Reconciliation (Year 3 children & older)
Tuesday 20th March 2018 @ 7pm at St Brigid's Church.

First Communions (Year 3 children & older)
Saturday 15th September 2018 @ 5pm Vigil Mass at St Brigid's Church
Sunday 16th September 2018 @ 9.30am Family Mass at St Brigid's Church

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