

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / B

THE SAVING WORD

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CHRIST, THE POWER AND WISDOM OF GOD

The image of a limp, distorted body on the cross, which we know as the crucifix, has a long history of development. While its central place with the altar in our churches and its focus for personal devotion may seem normal to us, it is an anathema to others. How is this the focus of our belief and worship? A reminder of the sacrifice, its very presence points to the resurrection, salvation and the hope of everlasting life with God who loves us.

Today's readings grapple with this dilemma. Paul's words to the Corinthians capture something of the complexity of those early days of preaching the Good News: "preaching a crucified Christ." Who would believe in a dead Messiah? Yet Paul insists "but to those who are called, Jews and Gentiles, a Christ who is the power and wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:24). Paul's tussle with this is juxtaposed with John's account of Jesus cleansing the Temple where Jesus says, "Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). This imagery made no sense to the Judeans for this Temple, the Holy of the Holies and dwelling place of God took 46 years to build. The narrator adds that the temple Jesus spoke of was his own body. The narrator also recounts that the disciples had heard Jesus' words but it made no sense to them either until the event of the resurrection. Let us contemplate Christ as the power and wisdom of God.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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.

'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!

Welcome to
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3rd Sunday of Lent

Reflection:

Jesus reveals the righteous anger God feels when what is good and intended to help people gets infiltrated by human greed. While mercy is always available to those who seek it, still we cannot forget Jesus' indignation when he meets injustice and any restrictions on those seeking God.

So we ask ourselves:

- Is there a welcome atmosphere at my parish church as people enter the building?
- Do I go out of my way to introduce myself to people at church and welcome them if they are visitors?

Pilgrimage to Shrines of Italy

Come walk in the Footsteps of St Francis, on an 11 day Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from 3-13 Nov 2024. Visit St Mary of the Angel in Assisi, Church of San Francesco, Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle Church). Visit the Shrine of San Padre Pio and his uncorruptible body. We will also be going to Rome to visit the Vatican and St Peters Basilica. Full Board cost is \$6518 for 25 paying persons. For the itinerary and booking form, do whatsapp us or call us at 0433 771 979 (Sheila) or 0402 290 827 (Veronica).
 Email: info@anawimjourneys.com

Baptism

We welcome Victor Maclean, son of Kira and James into our parish community. Victor will be baptised during the week. May God continue to bless the Maclean family.

MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

Sat 2 March 6pm	St Dom
Sun 3 March Feb 8am	OLGC
Sun 3 March 9.30am Vincenzo D' Adamo	St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 5 March 7pm	St Dom
Wed 6 March 9am	St Dom
Thurs 7 March 9am	OLGC
Fri 8 March 9am	St Dom
Sat 9 March 9am Communion Service	OLGC

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 9 March 6pm	St Dom
Sun 10 March 8am	OLGC
Sun 10 March 9.30am	St Dom

Reconciliation will be celebrated before & after every weekend Mass or by appointment. Contact Fr Bernard 9245 3899 or parish office 9446 1666 to receive Communion at home if you can't attend Mass.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent

6pm at St Dominic's and 7pm at OLGC

The Journey of Forgiveness

During the season of Lent, as part of our preparation for Easter, we are going to explore "The Journey of Forgiveness". You are encouraged to join us each Monday between 7.00pm-7.45pm at St Dominic's.
 All are welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you to those who generously donate food to our donation baskets each week.
 All donations are very much appreciated.
 Helpers are still needed to join the Conference.
 All it takes is one and a half hours of your time each week. All enquiries are welcome.
 Contact Barbara, 0488100799.

Upcoming Events

Youth Group: 9 March, 4pm in St Dominic's hall
Parish Finance: 13 March, 6pm, Innaloo
Parish Pastoral Council: 14 March, 6pm, Innaloo

Rosters this weekend	2 March 6pm St Dom	3 March 8am OLGC	3 March 9.30am St Dom
Readers	K Hart	M Smith	G Rodriguez
Acolyte	I Azzalin		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		B Croxford M Tester	
Altar Society	Group 2	K Wear E Jeffery	
Morning Tea		K Wear E Jeffery	
EMHC	Ward, Peggy		Ben, Anna

Rosters next weekend	9 March 6pm St Dom	10 March 8am OLGC	10 March 9.30am St Dom
Readers	Youth Group	E Gomm	C Nevin
Acolyte	D O'Sullivan		L Commins
Offertory Procession		M Scaffidi D D'Souza	
Altar Society		M Farmer	
Morning Tea		B Gascoigne M Tester	
EMHC	Isabel, Karen		Ignatius, Donald

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