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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm (**ONLINE ONLY**) & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

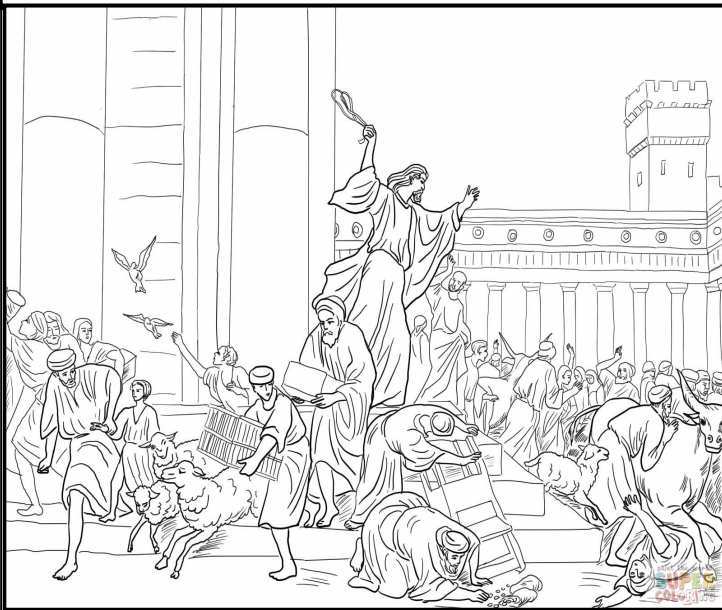
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Weekday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat. 10:45am – 6:00pm
(ONLY ACCESSIBLE ONLINE)

CONFESSION: Saturday after 10am Mass; 6pm and at call.

ROSARY: 11.30am (Monday—Saturday)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: B

7TH MARCH 2021



may always be lifted up by your mercy.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First reading

Exodus 20:1-17

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 make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on 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

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24: 15-16

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.

Collect

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,

the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, 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.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 18(19):8-11**

R. You, Lord, have the message of eternal 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.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Jn 11:25, 26**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.

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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

Homily

The Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only-Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate.
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings,
and grant that we who
beseech pardon for our own sins,
may take care to forgive our neighbour.
Through Christ our Lord.

Sanctus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

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.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive the pledge
of things yet hidden in heaven
and are nourished while still on earth
with the Bread that comes from on high,
we humbly entreat you, O Lord,
that what is being brought about in us in mystery
may come to true completion.
Through Christ our Lord.

IN CASE OF HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If any Catholic you know is taken to the hospital, please let us have their details so we can link them up with Catholic chaplains in the hospitals for proper spiritual care.

Pray for those who have died recently: Fr Paul Sanders, Deacon William Errol Boyd, Patrick Ryan, Jamie Bailey, Rosaleen Nash, Monica Hayes-Meek, Geraldine Garbutt, John Cunningham, Charles Keith Amosingh, Rebekah Berry, Christiane Saide, Valerie Andrews, Frederick Ducass, Albert Henser, Maria Alba Fernandes, Danny Sequiera, Carolina D'Almeida, Rita Margaret D'Cruz and Michael Lavery. May they rest in peace, Amen.

BOOKING OF MASSES

Do you want to have Holy Mass(es) offered for your intention(s), for the sick or deceased, or

thanksgiving to God for favours received? If you are not restricted from going out, write your intention (s), enclose it in an envelope with your offering and drop it in the Parish House letter box. If you are making an offering by cheque, make it payable to St Mary's Catholic Church. You may also send your intention to the parish email address: croydonwest@rcaos.org.uk and make your donation online via the parish app or directly to the parish account:

Bank: NatWest

Account Name: St Mary's West Croydon

Account Number: 36004219

Sort code: 605001

COVID-19 ESSENTIAL GUIDANCE

- Wash your hands regularly with soap.
- Use a face covering (mask) in enclosed spaces.
- Observe social distancing when in public.
- Do not socialize in church with anyone outside of your household.
- Follow the guidance provided in church as pointed out by stewards.
- If you feel sick, do not come to church; seek medical advice.
- Be careful; keep safe and keep others safe because you love them.
- **VACCINATION:** We urge parishioners to avail themselves of the opportunity to receive the vaccination when made available to them.
- Pray your Rosary daily!

REFLECTION

On this third Sunday of Lent (B) we take a leave of the Gospel of Mark to dwell on narratives from John revealing further the Son of God whose words we are to listen to and whose action of embracing the Cross we are to remember and imitate as revealed to us last Sunday in the event of the Transfiguration.

The Cleansing of the Jerusalem Temple is what John brings up for our reflection today. This is one event that the Four Gospel Evangelists wrote about with little differences in narrative details. John's however, is the most detailed and deeply significant for a Len-

ten reflection. While Matthew, Mark, and Luke place the event within the last week of our Lord's earthly ministry, John places it at the beginning with a significant link to the event that came immediately before it: the Marriage at Cana and his first public manifestation as the Christ. Also, unlike John, the other three writers use only one word for the temple (hieron) and do not present Jesus, as John does, pointing at him as the New Temple (Naos) in the ensuing argument between him and the Jews.

By linking the episode to the turning of water into wine we find a style unique to John. Just as darkness gives way to light, so water gives way to wine and the old temple with all its practices must give way to the Real Temple—the Divine Presence of God. Those selling oxen and sheep, pigeons, money-changers already made the physical temple an emporium where all but the business of God and godliness take place. And it is this lack of godliness that triggered the making of the whip and the 'righteous anger' of God against the evil, filthy practices of the old religion. Of course, the custodian of that old order would react: 'What sign have you to show us for doing this?' and in reply he would teach them to look beyond and connect with the pulling down of a 'hieron' - a physical temple structure to the hammering of nails into the 'naos' - the incarnate Word of God that brings life and that will truly give life to all who believe in him, irrespective of natural, religious, tribal, cultural and economic affiliations when his last Passover comes to pass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS holds every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Second collection for CAFOD this weekend. Either donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of our envelopes, or you can also easily give by texting **LENT** to 70460 to donate £10.

OUR FOODBANK PROJECT: As we fast during this Lent, let us make a difference in our community by donating the following urgently needed food items: **Tinned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Tinned fish, Tinned Meat, UHT Milk, Corned Beef, Sweet Corn**

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY: For our candidates every Friday, 6:15pm to 8pm facilitated by Fr. Peter Sebastian. Please pray along with candidates and their parents as they make the journey.

SCHEDULE OF PARISH ACTIVITIES

MASSES:

Saturday: 10:00am & 7:00pm (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday: 8:00am; 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm;
3:00pm & 6:00pm

Monday to Friday: Mass at 10:00am; 12:10pm (Online) & 6:45pm **ROSARY:** 11:30am daily

EXPOSITION: (Online)Weekday: 12:45pm to 6:00pm

Saturday: 10:40 to 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday 5:30pm