

PROPER OF THE MASS

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 the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not 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.

Responsorial Psalm

(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 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.

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.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**03 March 2024
Year B**

MASSES

Monday - Saturday: 9.10am.

Saturday (Vigil): 5.30pm.

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm.

PRIESTS

Fr Allan Casquejo *Parish Priest*

Fr Rafael Silva Galicia *Asst. Priest*

RECONCILIATION

**Saturdays: After 9.10am Mass &
before Vigil Mass**

(or anytime by appointment)

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT / ADORATION

First Fridays: 8.30am

NOVENA

First Wednesdays: 7.30pm

BAPTISMS

Sundays: 10.30am

(please approach the priests after Mass)

MARRIAGE

By appointment *(six months' notice)*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday : 9.30am - 12.30pm

Thursday & Friday : 9am - 3pm

ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY

(02) 9344 6364

Mrs Rachel Baker *(Principal)*

The Ten Commandments 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.



CATHOLIC WEEKLY. Please leave \$2 in the MARKED WALL BOX NEXT TO THE STAIRS.

- Ukrainians mourn at St Mary's on war's second anniversary
- Marian devotion grows in Sydney
- Palliative care funding cuts deeper than anticipated

OR visit <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au>

LENT at HOLY FAMILY

- * **FASTING: Conversion in relation to oneself** - Giving up certain things that we crave helps us to be able to choose freely what we will do and consume, rather than submitting to impulsive desires. For example, not eating meat, sweets or dessert; giving up social media or limiting time spent on smart phones or technology.
- * **PRAYER: Conversion in relation to God** - Spending time in prayer brings us closer to God, so that we can strengthen our relationship with Him, and experience His love and mercy. For example, attending weekday Mass; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the **Stations of the Cross**; praying the rosary.
- * **ALMSGIVING: Conversion in relation to others** - The practice of giving to others from our riches, whether it be our material goods or our time, helps us to become less selfish and to grow in love of our neighbour. For example, giving to or helping someone in need – the poor, sick, elderly or someone who is struggling.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Every Friday in Lent @6pm

PROJECT COMPASSION (ALMSGIVING) reminds us that *the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. 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/envelopes** (collect them **from the Church's entrances**), or by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

.....Leaia's Story, Samoa

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. Not having access to clean water for their daily lives has caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they used to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, she 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 their 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.

REPENT AND BELIEVE: Be Filled with the Love of God - Lenten Companion 2024

FREE BOOKLET contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, **the booklet is available at the entrances and online at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - Every Monday @7pm DURING LENT. Charbel Raish, speaker, educator, author and founder of Parousia Media, back in our parish to run a Lenten Bible Study for us. Coffee, tea and fellowship at 8pm after the event. **Please register** on 0414188682. *You can attend all 7 or come for as many nights as you can. Free event. Please spread the word as its not often we have such an event in our local area.*

Novena Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held this **Wednesday, March 6th** in the Church **@7.30pm**.

ST AIDAN'S OPEN DAY:

TUESDAY 5th MARCH

9.30am-11.00am ♦ 4.30pm-6.00pm

More information:

www.stamaroubra.catholic.edu.au



FAMILY MASS

Join us for Family Mass on this **Sunday, 03rd March**
at 9.30am Mass.

There will be a morning tea after the Mass.
All are welcome to attend.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

FIRST RECONCILIATION Year 3 & older: Saturday, 23rd March @10am.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

(Mark 10:14)

Lord Jesus,

We gather in your name. We remember your call to love.

Help us to listen to your words in our hearts.

Help us to show your love to everyone. Amen.

~ Gratia Series / CCD Publication ~

Updating our Sick List in this Bulletin - If you have a family member or friend in the Sick List in the bulletin, who has since recovered or sadly passed away, please kindly inform the parish office, so we can update our list.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sick: Ken Andrews, Sr Faye, David Sumasto, Joy Bertucci, Nikki Pietsch, Maureen Ho, Hubert Ng, Tony Palagianio, Nayade Malkun, Mervat Haggag, Max Wilson, Joanne Banner, Anita Ruiz, Elena Ruiz, Fred Dafforn

May they be comforted by the prayers and assistance of all who care for them.

Recently deceased: John Martlew, Meliana Tjoeng

Anniversaries & Souls of: Vincent Scotto, Paul Muscat, John Moroney, Cooper Killorn, Elsie Badinzky, Charles Cauchi, Mate Karlovic, Eileen Purcell, Cahira Ethan Cassin, Maureen Joseph, Wilma & Merv Baldwin & All Souls in Purgatory

Through the mercy of God, may their souls rest in peace.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office. To report child sexual abuse please contact the police or Safeguarding and Ministerial integrity office at (02) 9390-5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

PLEASE COMPLY WHEN COMING TO VISIT THE PARISH :

- **FACE MASKS** are encouraged to be worn in the church. We strongly ask you not to attend if you develop any of the COVID-19 symptoms. **Please stay safe and may God Bless you and your loved ones**