



# The Parish Bulletin

3rd Sunday in Lent, Yr B/2



## Entrance Antiphon:

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.

## 1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

## Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 18:8-11

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

## 2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

## Gospel Acclamation:

John 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

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

## 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.

## 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.

## Reflection by Father James McCarthy

Today's first reading is from the famous and beautiful passage from the Book of Exodus, in which the sacred author tells of God's presentation of the Decalogue to Israel. One detail makes an immediate impression: the announcement of the Ten Commandments is introduced by a significant reference to the liberation of the People of Israel. The text says: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20: 2).



Thus the 10 Commandments are intended as a confirmation of the freedom that has been gained for the Jewish people as a whole and not as a limitation or a burden on them as a people or as individuals. Indeed, at a closer look, the Commandments are the means that the Lord gives us to protect our freedom, both from the internal conditioning of passions and from the external abuse of those with evil intentions. The "nos" of the Commandments are as many "yesses" to the growth of true freedom and true love.

There is a second dimension of the 10 Commandments that should also be emphasized: by the Law which he gave through Moses, God revealed that he wanted to make a covenant with Israel. The Law, therefore, is a gift more than an imposition. Rather than commanding what the human being and the community ought to do, the intention of the 10 Commandments is to reveal

**Acknowledgement of the land**

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Wallumattagal clan, part of the Dharug people of the Eoiria nation. We walk gently on the land, sharing it with them as we now work and live on it.

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1<sup>st</sup> Saturday - Richard Borges (Family Mass)

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4<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Aneela Pereira

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1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> SUN 8am - Maree Twomey

2<sup>nd</sup> SUN 8am - Muntia Gouw

4<sup>th</sup> SUN 10 am - Muntia Gouw

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> SUN 10am - Mary Towers

2<sup>nd</sup> SUN 10am - David Foong

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**Welcome to St Michael's Church - Meadowbank!**

A warm welcome to all attendees and visitors to our church! May you find our parish community a place where your faith life will be nourished and you will take up the invitation to share your special gifts and talents. Your prayers, presence, talents and skills are most welcome.

***(Reflection Continued)***

to all the choice of God: God takes the side of the Chosen People; he set them free from slavery and surrounds them with his merciful goodness. The 10 Commandments is a proof of God's special love. They should be accepted and observed not as a restriction but as a gift to enable true and deep love in our world. Today's liturgy offers us a further message in the second reading and Gospel: The Jewish Law was totally fulfilled in Jesus, who revealed God's wisdom and love through the mystery of the Cross. The mystery of the cross was "a stumbling block to Jews, 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" (I Cor 1: 23-24).

The Gospel refers precisely to this mystery of the power and wisdom of God. To the amazement of everyone present, Jesus angrily drives out the merchants and the money-changers from the Temple. Furthermore, Jesus responds to the request of the religious leaders who demand evidence for his authority by saying: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (Jn 2: 19). These are mysterious words that were incomprehensible at the time of Jesus; John, however, paraphrased them for his Christian readers, saying: "Actually, he was talking about the temple of his body" (Jn 2: 21). His enemies were to destroy that "temple" of His Body, but after three days he would rebuild it through the Resurrection.

In this Lenten season, while we are preparing to relive this central event of our salvation in the Easter *Triduum*, we are already looking at the Crucified One, seeing in him the brightness, power and wisdom of the Risen One.

Last week we reflected on the Transfigured Jesus in the midst of the brokenness of Abraham and the sinfulness of us all individually. Today we reflect on the brokenness of institutional religion and pray for the purifying light of Christ's death and resurrection to come again to bring about the renewal of the true power and wisdom of God.

**Solemnity of St Joseph - Monday 19 March - Mass at 7.30pm**

**All Welcome**

**First Holy Communion Parent Formation Evening**

Tuesday 20 March - 7pm (Bush Hall). At least one parent of each child intending to make First Holy Communion is to attend. It is preferable that children do not attend this formation evening.

**LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS ALL WELCOME**

**WEDNESDAY 7:30pm** - 84 Bennett Street West Ryde.

Hosted by Carol Maher. Enquiries: 9874 1566

**THURSDAY 11am** 18 Huxley St, West Ryde.

ENQUIRIES: Connie Buttigige. 0424 417 950.

**THURSDAY 7pm** ENQUIRIES: Joan Mobile: 0425 361 233

**Download & Sync Parish Calendar.** The parish calendar of events and activities is available for download from the Parish Website. It is updated on a daily basis with new events, Mass intentions and activities. If you use a digital calendar on your mobile or Ipad, it is very easy to include the calendar in your own calendar by simply hitting the + button located on the parish homepage: [www.stmichaelsmeadowbank.org.au](http://www.stmichaelsmeadowbank.org.au)

## St Michael's Playgroup

Every Thursday 9-11am in the Parish Hall  
Children ages 0-5 welcome. Enter via the school gate on Hughes St. Cost \$2 and a piece of fruit to share  
Free play, sing song, story-time, art/craft and lots more!

## Year 5 & 6 Youth Group

Our next Youth Group is on Friday 23rd March.  
Parishioners with children in Years 5 & 6 are invited to come along for lots of fun games, pizza and wonderful discussions on our faith.

For more information on either of the above, please contact  
Elsa Manu [elsa.manu@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:elsa.manu@syd.catholic.edu.au)

## ROSARY AT ANZAC PARK:

We invite everyone to pray the Rosary on Saturday, 10th March at Anzac Park, West Ryde at 2:00-3:00pm for Our Lady of the Southern Cross. Rain or shine the event will go on. Any queries ring Annette Tidy at 98076892.



**ADORATION ROSTER** -Please sign up for an hour of adoration on Friday 9 March. Adoration will occur between 8am and 10.15pm. Sheets available church doors.

## Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments

Applications are now being accepted for students who will start Kindergarten next year. Enrolment packs can be collected from the school office or requested to be sent out. Please contact the school office (9808 2658) to receive a pack. Fr James and Mr Story will be conducting the enrolment interviews for students whose families are new to the school during May. If you know any families who are considering sending their child to St Michael's school, please encourage them to contact the office to book a place on one of the school tours being held during **Open Day on Tuesday, March 6.**

Session Times: 9:30am - 11:00am and 5:30pm - 7:00pm.  
Session details: Guided tours led by student leaders followed by a presentation by the Principal (10:15am and 6:15pm.)

Please call the school office (9808 2658) to book a place on one of the tours.



## PULPIT POINTS 4-March

- Wollongong gets a new shepherd
- Harley-riding priest - Meet Father Suresh
- Chaplain not ready to escape jail yet
- Parents ... never give up
- Movie Review: Mary Magdalene
- Great Saint, poor movie
- Reining in mad bioethicists

## Collections Update

**Weekly Break-even Target for 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1,300.** Last week (25 Feb) was **\$147 over target**

**Weekly Target for 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection/Envelopes: \$1,900.** Last week (25 Feb) was **\$40 under target.**

Many thanks for sharing your blessings. Thanks especially for the School Family Mass!

## 24 Hours for the Lord Friday 9 March

Pope Francis has dedicated 9-10 March as a special period of prayer, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There will be **Exposition and Adoration from 8am until 10.15pm on Friday 9 March.**

Mass - 9.15am; Stations of the Cross at 11.50am and 7pm.

**Lenten Confessions available: 10am- 11am, 2.45pm- 4pm, 8pm-9.30pm.**

Night Prayer & Benediction - 10pm. Adoration concludes at 10.15pm. Please sign up to commit to prayer times on the sign-up sheet at the doors of the Church.

## THE TRANSIT - YEAR OF YOUTH LAUNCH.

Genevieve Bryant, the ACYF house band & Bishop Terry Brady

**Friday 9 March 6PM - St Mary's, North Sydney** (optional daily mass @5:30pm)

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity" - 1 Timothy 4:12*

## 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 Rd, Silverwater.

WHEN: Saturday 17 March 2018, 2:00pm-4:30pm. Please direct RSVPs and inquiries to [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org) or phone (02) 9307 8404.

**NEXT WEEKEND**

**Roster: 10 / 11 March 2018**

Time	Acolyte	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
<b>6:00PM Vigil</b>	Jim Lemcke	Sr Margaret Barry Sunitha Victor	Robyn Meehan Sue Metzmacher
<b>8:00AM</b>	Meynardo Talisayon	Gemma Evesson Gregory Cheng	Judith Orrock Marie Bennett
<b>10:00AM</b>	John Fillion	Leony Hamor Nelyn Gasataya	Celeste Villarente Michael Dunkin

**Liturgy for this week (5 - 11 March 2018)**

**Weekday Masses:**  
 9:15am - Communion Service  
 9:15am - Tuesday to Saturday

**Weekend Masses:**  
 6:00pm - Saturday Vigil Mass  
 8:00am & 10:00am - Sunday (*Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass*)

*During Lent, there will be distribution of **HOST ONLY** at weekend Masses.*

**Sacraments:**

- Reconciliation:** Saturdays 5:30pm-5:50pm
- Devotions: Prayer for Priests:** 8:45am every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday
- Morning Prayer (Lauds)** 7:40AM every Sunday
- Rosary:** 8:50am on weekdays before the Mass (except Friday)  
Friday before Mass : **Silent Prayer**

**Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

- 8:15am-9:15am every Friday
- 8:15am-9:15am every Saturday (with Benediction at 9.05am)
- Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet** - Wednesdays after AM Mass

**Request for Prayers**

**SICK:** Liam Heath, Betty Rooney, Patricia Ong  
**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
 Tony Abraham (26/2/2018)



**Special Lenten Reconciliations**

Friday 9 March at 10am-11am, 2.45pm - 4pm, 8pm - 9.30pm.

**ROSTER – CHURCH CLEANERS**

For the month of March, July and November

- Felisa Tan
- Gemma Martin
- Maria & Robert Leasa
- Teresita

**LINEN** - Prescilla Luzon **VACUUM ROSTER** - John Abood

**Altar Society.** CHURCH CLEANING, LAUNDRY OF THE ALTAR LINEN, FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR. Join the Altar Society and help keep our church fit for God. A gold coin or coins donation is greatly appreciated for the ongoing cleaning and flowers for the church. There is a box at the back and side doors of the church for those gold coins.

**Vacancies.** Two of the mowing team are leaving at the end of this mowing season and replacement team members are needed. If you can spare a few hours one weekend a month contact Don Smith 0414 748 302



**Prayer to St Michael the Archangel.**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**The Piety Stall**

Open after Masses this weekend.

**Stations of the Cross (during Lent)**

Every Friday at 11.50am & 7pm in the Church.

**Parish Weekly Mass Offerings**

- Saturday 3rd March 2018 9:15am**  
Mass for the Death Anniversary of Angelo Montevideo
- Tuesday 6th March 2018 9:15am**  
Mass for the soul of Neville Gittany
- Wednesday 7th March 2018 9:15am**  
Mass for the soul of Rosa Galluzzo (Deceased Birthday)
- Thursday 8th March 2018 9:15am**  
Mass for the souls of Raymond & Roza Sassine, Nigie Eid, Ugenia Khatter, Shemounie Shehady & Soraya Sahady
- Friday 9th March 2018 9:15am**  
Mass for the Death Anniversary of Maria Tanijaya Yunarti

**NOTE: ONLY ONE MASS OFFERING IS PERMITTED PER DAY** If you desire a Mass offered, please contact the Parish Office to request a specific day well in advance. If a day has already been taken, it is possible for several names to be mentioned at Mass on significant anniversaries and the Mass offered at the next available day.

**Become a Catechist Now.**

All Christians are called through our baptism to teach and help bring others to the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. A rewarding and outreach activity is to become a Catechist by sharing your faith with some bright young children in our local public schools. Ring **Judith Orrock on 98742825** and you are nearly there. You will be trained in conducting a class, what to teach and provided with all teaching materials to make you a successful catechist. Make that phone call now!



**Parish Morning Tea** transferred for this month only on 11th March after the 10am Mass.

The Morning Tea will be organized by the Filipino Parishioners of St Michael's Parish Meadowbank. All welcome.



**Sacramental Programs 2018**

All important sacramental program dates are available for download from the Parish Website. Dates are also included in the downloadable parish calendar.