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FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Saturday 6th	
6.30pm	Wellbeing of Keith Fraser Lily Bradshaw RIP Arthur Lawrence RIP
Sunday 7th 3rd Sunday of Lent	
9am	Wellbeing of O'Reilly Family
10.30am	Alan Fraser RIP
6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 8th	
	Anna Morgan RIP
Tuesday 9th	
9.30am	Rev. Father Casper Lutz
Wednesday 10th	
	Holy Souls
Thursday 11th	
9.30am	Arthur Lawrence RIP
Friday 12th	
9.30am	Requiem Mass – James McKay
11am	Requiem Mass – Chandini E.B. Liyanage
Saturday 13th	
6.30pm	Alan Fraser RIP

Morning Prayer & Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 09:00 AM
Sunday Mass Times: Saturday: 18:30, Sunday: 09:00, 10:30, 18:30

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Christina Ward, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor, Ryan Morrison, Philip Cockle and Melba De Silva. *Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives want to be mentioned on our sick list.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Father Casper Lutz, Cynthia Cantoni, James Crowley, Phyllis Glenn, Louisa Margareta Marks, Patrick Bowen, Margaret Quaid, Daisy Cook, Christina Ross, John Dorsett, Dorothy Searle, Alice Leslie, Robert Thomas Kotej, Josie Alexander, Eileen Lumley, Margaret O'Sullivan, Mary Garrow-Fisher, Thomas Gerard Leslie Luson, John Conway, Cecil Cox, Christine Andrews, Elizabeth Clarke, J. P. McGowan, Renee Fox, Mr. H. Cockerhill, Mabel Rooke-Ley, Marie Monaghan, Arthur Tunesi, John Dignum, Helen Halden, Edna Morgan, Daniel Cremin, Richard de Kerckhove, Josephine May, Edith Anne Connellan, Forbes Stimson, Ann Elizabeth Harding, Agnes Hall, Winifred O'Connor, Timothy Malone.

+++May they rest in Peace+++

LET US REMEMBER

Let us remember those who have died recently or those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and all their families, with love and affection during this time of grief. May the Lord grant eternal rest to all who have died.

Liturgical Dates for Diary

St Patrick – 17th March, St Joseph – 19th March
The Annunciation of the Lord – 25th March,
Palm Sunday – 28th March, Maundy Thursday – 1st April
Good Friday – 2nd April, Easter Sunday – 4th April

+++ LATELY DEAD +++

++ Please pray for the repose of the soul of James McKay who died recently. His requiem will take place here on Friday 12th March 2021. Our condolences to his family ++ Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Chandini E.B. Liyanage who died recently. Her requiem will take place here on Friday 12th March 2021. Our condolences to her family ++ Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Arthur Lawrence who died on Thursday 4th March 2021. His requiem will take place here, further details to follow... Our condolences to Kathy and family.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of:
++ Lily Bradshaw who died recently.
++ John Sewter who died recently.

Our condolences to all their families

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.'

Pope Francis

This coming Saturday, 13th March, is the anniversary of the election of Pope Francis which took place in 2013. Please pray for our Holy Father on this day.

Easter Spring Clean

This year our dedicated Easter Spring Cleaning morning will be on Saturday 27th March 2021, from 10am. There are a variety of tasks that need to be taken care of and we hope that both male and female parishioners will be willing to give up a few hours of their time to help us. A sign-up sheet will be in the church porch for volunteers to sign up or please email the parish office. (Even if you can only spare an hour or two, Fathers would really appreciate!) Tea, coffee and soup, PPE equipment and all cleaning products will be provided and comply with COVID-19 requirements.

Baptism Preparation Class and Baptisms

For those who wish to have their child baptised in the coming months, please register for our next class, which will be held virtually on Sunday 11th April 2021 at 2pm, by completing and returning the baptism application form, available on our website, to the parish office.



Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before arranging a date for a baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class.

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND KEEP WELL!

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Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle B
Sunday, March 7, 2021

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-25

Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

Family Reflection

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God. For Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries, the Temple was an important, holy place where they gathered to worship God. The Christian understanding of worship was transformed in light of Jesus' Resurrection. In the Christian understanding, God is worshiped in a person, the person of Jesus Christ. As we read in today's Gospel, Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed, but in three days God will raise him up again.

As you gather as a family, talk about places and times when you have experienced God's presence. After his Resurrection, Jesus' disciples understood that Jesus was present with them as they gathered to pray and especially when they gathered to share a meal. Read together today's Gospel, John 2:13-25. Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that he is God's presence with us. Thank God for Jesus' presence with us, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

Diocesan Retreat for Lent

Archbishop John and the Diocesan Spirituality Commission are offering a Retreat for Lent, which you can follow in your own home. Using the link below, you can watch a short video reflection each week, download prayer materials and other resources which can help you make the best use of whatever time and opportunity you may have during your week. There are also additional materials for use by parish and other groups, either in person or via Zoom/Teams or similar. If you are looking for a way to deepen your life of prayer this Lent, click on where you can also sign up to receive materials directly to your email.

Lent Reading – 'My Day by Day'

There are copies of the Lent edition of 'My Day by Day' available at the back of the Church - they cost £1.00. Please put money in the box marked 'papers'. This little book offers helpful readings and reflections for every day during Lent and is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

Knowing Jesus:

Jesuit Lent Online Retreat 2021

Walk with the Jesuits through Lent and Easter and really come to understand and love Jesus. They will ponder Gospel stories, reflect on their meaning and see how startlingly relevant Jesus is to living a truly human life in the 21st Century. Follow the retreat online, and sign up to an online group (places limited): <https://www.onlineprayer.net/> Sign up to receive daily emails during Lent and additional resources: <http://eepurl.com/hnlXAn>

Six Bible Studies on the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Six Wednesday evening Bible Study sessions, to break-open each Lenten Sunday Gospel. Experience Sunday Mass in a new way! Mauro Iannicelli will walk you through the forthcoming Sunday Gospel with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. The sessions are delivered with 'Expository Preaching' teaching method & with 'Life-Application' questions. Wed 17th Feb - Wed 24 Mar, 2021 | 7pm - 8:30pm (Free and Live sessions) Further Information and Registration at: <https://comeandsee.org/rent>

CAFOD – Daily Walk?

Something positive this Lent.

Could you walk 10000 steps either on one day or everyday this Lent? The walk could be a sign of your solidarity with all those who do not have access to a safe water source and who have to walk for water each day. Find out more or sign up online at cafod.org.uk/walk and go the distance this Lent and help to end water poverty.

