

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of 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 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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the 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.

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king of endless glory!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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.'

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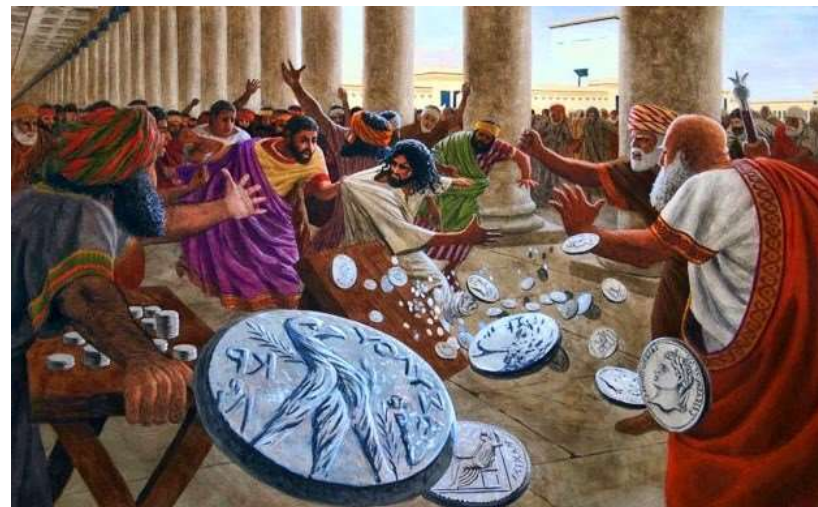
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Third Sunday of Lent – Year B 6th /7th March, 2021



In John's Gospel, hostility exists between Jesus and the Jews from the very beginning of his public ministry. This is probably a reflection of the situation in which John's community finds itself: that of being excluded from the practice of Judaism after Christians had been ousted from synagogue worship. We should not, therefore, read this text as a criticism by Jesus of Judaism generally. If we read this text only as an example of Jesus' righteous anger over the greed of those who controlled commerce in the temple precinct, we miss much of the point that John is making. The Jews believed that the offering of sacrifice to God in the temple was a central part of their religious observance. Jesus now brings that practice to an end. He speaks of his own body as the new temple, the new centre of worship. Effectively, Jesus is reinterpreting the religious traditions of the Jews to centre on himself. He becomes the physical embodiment of 'my Father's house'. He's the living temple of the Father's presence among us.

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:

Please book in via : <https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>

Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm
Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Tuesday [OLA Church] 6.00 pm
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

The following remain suspended

COMMUNION SERVICES – OLA / St Agnes:
Monday 9.15 am / 9.00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 9.30am

BAPTISMS: limitations on the No. of attendees apply
Please direct all enquiries for the Sacrament of Baptism to the Office: 9583 6161

WEDDINGS: limitations on the No. of attendees apply
By appointment, 6 months' notice required.
Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR B

6th / 7th March 2021

PRAYING FOR:

Lynette Maher, Mary Nellivila
...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Robert Kerr, Peter Prunte, John Mc Cabe,
Gerald Lannan, Edmund Noone, Rebecca
Jansz, Adam Wanless, Rocco Catalano,
Martin Piccolo, Angela Catalano and
Daniel McGannon.

*...and all whose anniversaries occur about
this time.*

We also keep in our prayers all who are sick

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are current, that is, have not expired, and copies made available to the Parish Office.

UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS: Stage Four restrictions now apply. General Guidelines from the Archdiocese (Update #25: 18th January 2021) are available online at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all parishioners who continue to support both the Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through your generous contributions. Both OLA & St Agnes are now registered for online contributions.

The **CDF Pay** link for **OLA, Cheltenham** is: <http://bit.ly/CDFpayCheltenham>
The **CDF Pay** link for **St Agnes, Highett** is: <http://bit.ly/CDFpayHighett>

Thank you most sincerely to all who support the mission of both parishes.

PLANNING FOR HOLY WEEK AT OLA & ST AGNES:

We are interested in forming a group from both parishes to plan for Holy Week and Easter 2021. If you would like to be part of the group, please speak to Fr Alan, or contact the Parish office on 9583 6161.

OLA KNITTING GROUP: Come join the fun on Tuesday the 9th March, at 1pm in Exodus Hall. All welcome. *Remember, those that knit stay fit!*

Upcoming event: Our fabulous knitting stall, will be on the 14th March before and after 9am and 11am Masses. We welcome any St Agnes parishioners who would like to join our group.

O.L.A. SENIORS GROUP: Calling on volunteers to assist with the Seniors Group on Thursdays 9am-1pm. Morning tea and lunch provided. A wonderful group that we would love to keep going. Please contact the parish office on 9583 6161

SCHOOL NEWS

ST AGNES PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL will be holding **Open Days in 2021** (in line with Covid Safe Protocols) on the following dates: Wednesday 24th March, Wednesday 21st April. Come along anytime from 9am on these days for a guided school tour, with the school principal, Mr Lachlan Foott. If you are unable to make one of these Open Days, please contact the school office to make alternate arrangements.

O.L.A. PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL
Tour Dates: Thursday 11th March 9.15am, Tuesday 16th March 9.15am, Wednesday 24th March 9.15am, Sunday 28th March 10am, Wednesday 21st April 9.15am, Tuesday 28th April 9.15am. Applications close for Prep 2022 on 7th May 2021.

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE OPEN DAYS: East Bentleigh Campus – Wednesday 17th March 2021, Enrolments now open to all Year 5 students entering Year 7 in 2023. Website: stbedes.catholic.edu.au

Gospel Reading continued from overleaf...

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.

Readings for this liturgical year from Advent 2020 to Christ the King 2021 are taken from Year B in the Lectionary cycle
Should you wish to view the Scripture Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) please visit: <https://www.universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/>
Navigate the texts of the week ahead via the right-hand column index



'Aspire not to have more but to be more'
Saint Oscar Romero

This week's focus is on Oliva, a 22 year old from Tanzania who lives with her farmer husband, two young sons and an adopted niece and nephew. Oliva's determination and leadership truly is to be admired! A great story for us to focus on this Sunday, in the lead up to International Women's Day on Monday, March 8th. Click on the link below for Oliva's story <https://youtu.be/gENizPmzsEM>

To know more, or to donate go to: www.lent.caritas.org.au

