



# St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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*Third Sunday of LENT Year B, 3rd-4th March, 2018*

### This Week

**SUNDAY 4th Mar**  
 9am, 11am, 6pm Mass  
 Baptism at 12.30pm

**MONDAY 5th Mar**  
 8.30am Rosary  
 9.00am Mass

**TUESDAY 6th Mar**  
 8.30am Rosary  
 9.00am Mass

**WEDNESDAY 7th Mar**  
 6.30pm Rosary  
 7.00pm Mass

**THURSDAY 8th Mar**  
 8.30am Rosary  
 9.00am Mass

**FRIDAY 9th Mar**  
 8.30am Rosary  
 9am Mass  
 9.30am Divine Mercy

**SATURDAY 10th Mar**  
 10.30am Reconciliation  
 6pm Mass

**SUNDAY 11th Mar**  
 9am, 11am, 6pm  
 Baptism at 12.30pm

### *Where does God really dwell?*

Did you notice how the first reading began? The setting is the story of the Jewish slaves fleeing the oppression of the Pharaoh of Egypt. Moses, a leader of those fugitive slaves wandering through a desert, received a message from God which begins:

‘I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.’

What follows are ten ways in which a free and liberated people should respond. They should be called the Ten Responses rather than the Ten Commandments.

‘Respond by worshipping me as your one and only liberator: don’t bow down to others. Don’t abuse my name. Build up a community where you treat others with respect and reverence, never as property or less than human. Murder, perjury, theft, adultery, neglecting elderly parents destroy such community.’

Indeed, God is always attempting to create a community which responds to His love by treating others as fully human and unshackled from the chains of oppression and exploitation.

In today’s Gospel we find Jesus furiously angry. Why? Because when he entered the Temple precinct, he did not see evidence of a liberated people.

Rather, he saw evidence of a Temple system which exploited and oppressed people, enslaving them to an ideology.

Only a few days before he had witnessed a poor widow so brainwashed by the Temple system that she had thrown into its treasury the last couple of coins she needed for the necessities of life – ‘everything she had’. She was left destitute.

Jesus paid particular attention to the pigeon sellers. Why? Was it because Mary and Joseph had been required to buy two pigeons as payment to signal the purification of Mary. She was wrongly regarded as rendered unclean by the birth of Jesus.

No wonder he was angry.

Does this sound like a place where the God who proclaimed himself the great liberator of His

people would dwell?

Jesus expressed his anger physically and the leaders understood his dramatic street theatre, his actions full of symbolism. In overturning tables he was signalling the overturning of the Temple system.

They challenged him. They asked for his authority to do what he had been doing. He gives them an enigmatic answer: ‘Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up.’

They thought he was speaking about the great building they saw before them, and used his answer against him in his show trial.

But, the author of our Gospel, probably writing in Ephesus around the year 100 AD, i.e. after the Resurrection, gives us the explanation: ‘But he spoke of the sanctuary of his body.’



The *body* of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place, the habitation of God who liberates people.

This is our core belief about the identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Many will accept that he was an impressive

teacher or guru, or even an inspired prophet.

But it is our faith that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied, God enfleshed in human history. In short, God’s sanctuary is not a place but a person.

And, by adoption, we can share in this extraordinary status: we too can become temples.

Towards the end of funerals, I burn incense and surround the coffin with sweet-smelling smoke as a sign of reverence for the body which, by adoption at baptism, became a temple of the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge this by doing what one does in temples, we burn incense.

Let us go forward in these last few weeks in Lent as a liberated people, using the Ten Responses to guide our reflection of the journey towards Easter.

At that time we will be ready to celebrate the fulfilment of the enigmatic saying: ‘Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up again.’

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*by Fr Michael Tate*



# Parish Calendar, News & Events

## DIARY

- 7th Mar:** LENTEN REFLECTION at 7.30pm  
**8th Mar:** International Women's Day 7.30pm  
**9th Mar:** Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm  
**20th Mar:** Family Night for Reconciliation Candidates.  
**24/25 Mar:** Presentation weekend for First Reconciliation candidates



**NEW SETS OF ENVELOPES** for Thanksgivings are now ready to be picked up. These are only for those of you who give WEEKLY AND FORTNIGHTLY. If you monthly or

yearly giver, we believe you should still have some envelopes at home. The envelopes are organised by STREET NAME (alphabetically) It will be most helpful if you are able to assist with delivery of other envelopes in your street and immediate area

**LENTEN REFLECTION** will be continuing on **WEDNESDAY EVENING of 7th March** at 7.30pm in the Prayer Room. No problem if you missed the first week, please come along and join in this reflection evening during this Lent.

## SENIORS EVENTS-MARCH 2018

**Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>:** **Bunjil Place** are presenting 80 minutes of the Pirates of Penzance Musical at 11am with morning tea included. If we get more than 10 people we will get tickets for \$17.00. Please sign up if you would like to be included and indicate if you need a lift.

**YEAR OF YOUTH:** There is a day for Catholic Youth on Saturday March 17th at Mount St Josephs, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona (opposite Westona Train Station) It is for ages from Year 9 to 30 and begins at 10am. It will consist of a wide variety of talks, prayer experiences, music, sport, creative spaces and entertainment. The day is free and food will be provided. but registration is essential// [www.rise Melbourne.com](http://www.rise Melbourne.com) or contact//hello @risemelbourne.com

For more detail see the poster in the gathering space and pick up a handout.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

*A Just Future starts with Community*

### Bayan from Jordan

Bayan is a 12-year-old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan, a keen student, who has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. She struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone, facing the prospect of missing out on schooling. Now, Bayan is an academic high-achiever, flourishing in a stable school environment.



Bayan grew up in Syria's capital, Damascus. The Syrian conflict turned their lives upside down and they were forced to flee. As their time in Jordan extended, Caritas Australia and our partners, Caritas Jordan and Catholic Relief Services stepped in to provide vital academic and psychosocial support. Bayan started attending one of Jordan's Caritas Schools which operates on Saturdays, providing tuition to disadvantaged students. "The school brings them back to a normal life, as they start to dream again," says Abeer, Caritas Education and Protection Coordinator.

Caritas provides a broad range of other education services, including preparing pre-school children for school, supporting students who have missed out on schooling to return to the education system, as well as counselling and nutritious meals and snacks at school.

*I would not be able to read and write. I would feel lost, as if I knew nothing about the world. School has the power to lift us up, so we can reach our goals and learn quickly."* Bayan

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, March 8th

Theme of UN Australian Committee for Women.

**'Leave no woman behind**

**Together we can empower women across the globe'**

The JPIC group would like to invite you all **women and men** in our Parish community to join us for a reflection evening to celebrate **International Women's Day on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.**

This will be held in the Church and will take the form of a short prayer service, conversation around the needs of women in so many parts of the world especially rural women who make up a quarter of the world population. It will be followed by a social time with conversation over cheese and wine! If we are to influence change, we need **women and men** to be working together for the common good of the whole human family. Please come along, bring a friend and a small plate. **All welcome**

**COME AWAY DAY.** Please consider a day of quiet on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Holy Cross Retreat Centre 10am-3pm. It is only 35 minutes away and is a tranquil space to renew the spirit.

**FOODBANK.** Thank you to all who have supported the collection for the foodbank egg supply. You donated \$490.95 in last week's collection. Thank You so much for your ongoing support for this project. The foodbank is very grateful for your support.

## LENTEN FAST FOR CREATION CALENDAR

### ENERGY WEEK

**5th Mar: Install LEDs.** Increasing energy efficiency is the first step in stewarding the resources we've been given

**6th Mar: Conserve.** Set large appliances on the lowest setting. Turn off anything that has switch when you're not using it

**7th Mar: Go renewable.** Commit to getting one piece of solar equipment in 2018

**8th Mar: Look beyond the power bill.** The way electricity is generated in your area will have consequences for generations.

**9th Mar: Adjust your thermostat.** Air conditioning & heating are both very energy-intensive.

**10th Mar: Choose smart transport.** Carpool, use public transportation, walk or cycle wherever possible.

### **PRAYER FOR LENT WEEK III:**

Let us form a new heart, let go of things that disturb us and turn more openly to the Spirit in our innermost being so that the invisible God is visible in our lives.  
Amen

### **AN INVITATION TO CONSIDER SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

Fr Pastor, our new assistant priest is a trained Spiritual Director and has offered to accompany several parishioners in their spiritual journey this year.

Spiritual Direction is a unique ministry of pastoral guidance between an experienced and trusted person trained in the art of helping a fellow pilgrim who seeks to grow in intimacy with God and to live in right relationship with others.

The agreement between them involves regular meetings, remuneration for service, absolute confidentiality, the maintenance of professional boundaries, and the freedom of either party to terminate the relationship.

Spiritual Direction is neither psychotherapy nor a pious exercise. Rather it is for those who take their inner life seriously and those who are willing to reflect on their life's calling, direction, or ministry.

To arrange an appointment with Fr Pastor to discuss your suitability, readiness, or to learn more about the process of accompaniment, please contact him at the parish office or after Mass.

**CYRENE CENTRE** works with the local community to assist in dealing with the harmful effects of alcohol and other drug use. This weekend we will have a third collection for their annual fundraising to support the works they do in the community.

**WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES:** This will take place on Palm Sunday March 25th starting at 2pm from the State Library. There will be talks by faith leaders, from refugees, Tim Costello, a prominent leader, who has recently visited Manus Island.

Fr Kevin's corner

**“NOW HEAR THIS, NOW HEAR THIS: YOU ARE A TEMPLE WHERE GOD LIVES!”**

In today's Gospel reading we hear about Jesus' reaction when he enters the temple in Jerusalem and finds the people have turned God's house into a marketplace. The temple is bustling with the buying and selling. It's noisy and dirty. Selling animals to be offered in sacrifice and changing foreign currency by money changers in the temple was the result of a corrupt deal between the Temple and the Roman authorities. It was all about making profit and covering up bribes

As Jesus overturned and upended the money changers' tables he was showing us what his mission would look like. This business took unfair advantage of people, especially poor people. Jesus turns things upside down and shows what life can be if everyone is treated with respect as an equal. Jesus' action is an echo of earlier prophets, Jeremiah and Isaiah, who warned about making the temple into a den of thieves rather than a house of prayer where every person is welcome.

**When the merchants challenge Jesus** 'Who do you think you are you to do this?' he makes a strange statement: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.' We are called to see that Jesus is now God who is present among us –no longer in the temple. Jesus is the temple, the presence of God. We are being told that it's not this 'building' that will bring us closer to God. It is the person of Jesus who will show us the face of God.

As one in whom the very presence of God lives, Jesus can call himself a temple. Jesus' words remind us that we too are temples. We are holy places where God decides to take up residence. Can I believe that I am a temple of God and of God's Holy Spirit?

Some people see Jesus losing control when Jesus becomes "angry". No! He knows what he is doing. Jesus' cleansing of the temple is a parable-in-action. It sets the stage for what is to come. It helps us understand both Jesus' identity - and mission. 'God hears the cry of the poor'. Jesus is God's presence on earth. He keeps an eye out specially for anyone who suffers any kind of injustice.

Every church community is a 'house of prayer' but we cannot close our eyes in prayer and overlook injustice. The 'new temple' is made of human beings - open to all and for all. The building serves as a place to symbolise and to celebrate our welcome and our unity and to challenge us in our mission.

Jesus' anger is directed at those who commit injustice. But it is also turned on those who do not see, refuse to see, stay silent, or lack the courage to speak out. This Gospel shows Jesus' anger being directed at those who remain unchanged by their worship. "Hear then, what Yahweh asks of you: To act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God".

*Kevin Daneel cp.*

### **Sunday Readings**

#### **THIS WEEK:**

#### **3rd Sunday of LENT Year B**

Ex 20: 1-17;

Cor 1: 22-25

Jn 2: 13-25

#### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **4th Sunday of LENT Year B**

2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23

Eph 2: 4-10

Jn 3: 14-21

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### **This weekend we pray for:**

#### ***Those who are sick***

Donald MacLeod, Elizabeth O'Toole, Brenda Solari, Maud Quirin, Sienna Hyland, Ponciano Cabrera, Devika, Jayanthi. Anjana, Clifford Lemillour; Li Tsu Lay, Emma Segovia, Lambert D'Silva, Marie Martin, Emily Martin, Pat Garrard, All who need our prayers

#### ***For those who have died***

Lucas Fraga, Maria Bortignon, Antonio Arcaro, Marie Gartland, Derek Alvarez, Felizarda Aguilar, Quentin Newman, Hartley Anderson, Stella Cecilia Collins, Francesco Di Mascolo, Sally Godilano, Rosario Indovino, Saw Keow Tan, Francis De Silva, Lester Bower, Joyce Bensley, Vincent Mauro, Graciano D'Silva, Esme De Fonseka, Alberto Alfaro

#### ***May they rest in peace***



## St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

### Priests:

Fr Kevin Dance CP (PP)  
Fr Pastor Mumburi CP

### Pastoral Associates:

Sr Joan Smith CP  
Sr Brigid Murphy CP

### Parish Staff:

Bursar: Gillian Velupillay  
Secretary: Didi Karkas

### Passionist Community

Fr Brian Gleeson CP (*leader*)  
Fr Kevin Dance CP  
Fr Chris Mithen CP  
Fr Pastor Mumburi CP

### Sisters of Cross and Passion

Sr Brigid Murphy CP  
Sr Joan Smith CP  
Sr. Karen Englebretsen CP

St Paul Apostle  
North Primary  
School - 9700 6068  
Mrs Mary Lucas

St Paul Apostle  
South Primary  
School - 9700 3663  
Principal  
Mr. Paul Gleeson

St John's Regional  
College - 9791 3366  
Principal  
Mr Tim Hogan



Roster for this weekend 3rd-4th March 2018 (1st Sunday)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	Judy Tarranto, Bettina D'Rozario Beryl Bamfield	Marina Nadarajah Rita Constanzo	Antoinette Gargano Damian Kearney	Julian Disanayake volunteer
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mark Rolfe	Denver De Rozairo	Yvonne Sherwin	Volunteer
<b>Readers &amp; Commtr's</b>	Kathleen Stewart Emily or Lindley Ah- Qune, Mary Pegram	Virendra Jayetileke Mary Moore	Rhonda <i>or</i> Michael O'Connor Geraldine Mutthumani Maximus Anthony	Aidan Del Socorro Pierre Mendonca
<b>Gifts</b>	Beryl Bamfield Helen Sanders	Margaret Magee Danny & Rose Sugunasekera	Shalet Mamachan Ashlyn Mamachan	Cecilia & James Stisnijovski
<b>Communion</b>	Gertrude Akom Jolene Stewart Jenny Satya Graha Denise Ritchie Jessica Satya Graha Jeremy Ferrao Karen Maillard	Sandra & David McGuire Esteban Morales Sig Romano Errie Gunawan, Pierre Marion, Rosa Mitchell	Vianney & Alex Clark Louis Newman Crystal Jayamaha Antoinette Gargano Bryant Jayamaha Rinku Arora Jean Jansz	Pierre Mendonca Margaret Keating Tania Mendez Maureen Dawson Anne Kankanige Volunteer
<b>Servers</b>	Jocelyn, Jessica N Ananya, Joshua, Christopher.	Mark Harper, Joyen	Calvin, Cassandra, Joaquin, Kiara	Lakni Schron Adrian
Roster for next weekend 10th-11th March 2018 (2nd Sunday)				
	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
<b>Welcome</b>	Sue Sharp Peter Miller Anne Peters	Siro De Rozairo Denver De Rozairo	Cecile Boissezon Tanis & Sharon Normington	Volunteers
<b>Sacristan</b>	Lien Phan	Anton Nadarajah	Volunteer	Nona Sangalang
<b>Readers &amp; Commtr's</b>	Natasha Noronha Denise Rodgers Reg Young	Medgee Gontram Marina Nadarajah	Yvonne Sherwin, Glen Johnson, Rinku Arora	Mignonne Meerwald Maureen Dawson
<b>Gifts</b>	Sujeeva & Tania Wick- ramaratne	Siro De Rozairo Denver De Rozairo	Yolaine Chaperon	
<b>Communion</b>	Marie-Claire Maillard Celine Quinless Denis Rice Grace Tyszka Neluska Sendapperuma Helen Sanders Kathleen Stewart	Siro & Denver De Rozairo Dharshi Alwis Aloma Perera Edna & Bernard Da- vid Anton Nadarajah	Anabela Costa Michael O'Connor Sai Dlinger Joseph Allas Josephine Khoshaba Daniella Thevanesan Binitha Mathews	Swineetha Disanayake Daniel Masset Marie Masset
<b>Servers</b>	Jocelyn, Avinda Brodie, Christopher	Mark Harper, Joyen	Calvin, Cassandra, Joaquin, Kiara	Lakni Adrian
<b>Cuppa</b>	<i>4th Sunday of the month</i>			
<b>Flowers</b> <i>No flower during LENT</i>	<b>Church Prep</b> Team 3 O&M Trindade	<b>Communion to the sick (after 9am mass)</b> Ralph Martyn	<b>View Hills: - Friday 9th March Mass at Heatherton Rd Wing</b>	



### Sacraments:

**Baptism** are held on the **1st & 2nd Sundays** of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month. **Parish Office**

**Marriages** require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCUS marriage preparation program, or a CatholicCARE Course.

**Anointing of the Sick** is held during Mass on the 1st Friday of the Month at 9am. Before going to hospital for major surgery, why not ask one of the priests to pray with you and anoint you.

**Children's Sacraments** require full participation in the preparation phase.

**Registration forms in the Parish Centre**