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7 MARCH 2021 – YEAR (B) THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

"Take all of this out of here, and stop turning my Father's house into a market". (John 2:16)

One of the features of the Gospel of John is that Jesus is frequently to be found in Jerusalem. The story about the 'cleansing of the temple' is placed by this evangelist at the start of Jesus' ministry, while in the other gospels it comes as a trigger for Jesus' arrest. The dialogue with the Jews about 'the sanctuary that was his body' is only found in John's gospel. Jesus comes to bring a new age, a new time, a new form of worship. He is the Word among us. He reveals the way to God. It is not therefore surprising that when Jesus causes disruption in the temple the conversation shifts to the significance of the temple, and to the significance of his coming. Jesus speaks in terms which are not immediately clear. Later, after his death and resurrection, the full import of his words will be apparent. Just as the temple is soon to be destroyed, so too the body of Jesus will be brought to death. But the future lies in the new life of the resurrection. Despite this enigma the evangelist tells us that many in Jerusalem came to believe in Jesus' name. From the start his words and person attracted those with the courage to see and understand. What does the cleansing of the temple symbolise? Is it helpful to see Jesus as the 'new temple'? Let us pray that our Lenten journey will be richly blessed. Let us pray for the Jewish people, our elder brothers and sisters in the faith.



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.*

CONFITEOR / I CONFESS

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done
And in what I have failed to do,
Through my fault
Through my fault
through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I asked blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
All the Angels and Saints,
And you my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 18:8-11

R. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

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.

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.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

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

A Reading from the First letter of St Paul to 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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.*

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

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.' 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

*Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.*

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.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

LENTEN JOURNEY PROGRAMMES: Thank you for all who could join the parish Lenten Programme either in the Church or online. Programmes dates: Sunday at 5.15pm followed by Rosary & Mass and on Wednesday Rosary at 6.10pm, Mass at 6.30pm and the programme at 7pm. Those who missed them, you can still watch them on our YouTube channel.

HOLY HOUR IN LENT: In Lent there will be Holy Hour every Friday from 5.15pm to 6.15pm.

MORNING PRAYER IN LENT: At 9.05am Monday to Saturday

ROSARY IN LENT: Monday– Saturday after morning Mass & on Sunday 20 minutes before Masses.

ROSARY WITH THE ORPHANS: As we are supporting the orphans in this lent as part of our Lenten alms, we shall pray rosary with the orphans on Saturdays at 10.15am, starting on 6th March.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please come and pray STATION OF THE CROSS on every Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church. It will be live streamed.

PRAYER, FASTING & ABSTINENCE AND ALMSGIVING: We are asked to join the Mother Church in prayer, fasting & abstinence and almsgiving in this Lent. So together with the Prayer Life, we here at St Boniface, are encouraged to join in fasting (may be on Fridays to have only one meal), abstinence from meat, alcohol, sweets etc. in the lent or at least some days.

ST BONIFACE CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE: Thank to for all the children and young people who have signed up for Lenten fasting & abstinence from 8th March for the orphans. Please pray for them and support them. May I request all the parishioners to support their project with whatever money you save of your fasting & abstinence. Please collect an envelop from the Porch. Many thanks.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Parish Open House: Fridays 4-6pm.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE OF RCIA CANDIDATES: All those who are getting prepared for baptisms, reception or confirmation will have their Rite of Acceptance on this Sunday 7th March at 12:00 Mass.

READERS: Please make sure you do minimum contact with the lectern when you read, otherwise priest has to sanitise the lectern after the first & second readings.

NOVENAS: St Antony on Tuesdays (10am & 7pm) , St Joseph on Wednesdays (10am & 7pm), Divine Mercy on Fridays at 10am and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour on Saturdays at 10am.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS: Please drop your envelopes/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or use the card machines at the back of the Church.

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: We have two card terminals to make your offering. **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.

BAPTISM PROGRAMME: The next programme is on Monday 29th March at 7.15pm in the parish Hall.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am Mon– Sat and Sun 12:00.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Programme will start on Saturday 24th April at 9.50am in the Parish Hall. All the parents (ONLY) are requested to attend a meeting on Saturday 20th March at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION: Due to lockdown and Covid-19 situation, Confirmation programme will not start on Saturday 6th February. *The new start date for the programme is now Saturday 24th April at 11.15am.*

PARENTS MEETING OF THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES *is on Saturday 20th March at 11am in the parish hall.*

RCIA: The next session is this Monday 8th March at 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am.

RECENTLY DIED: We offer our prayers for Sheyoshia Paramanathan, Rebecca Brooker, Bruno Carnevale, Pablo Fernando, Anne Lakanu, Theresa Kelly, Maria Nicotra, Elsie Scully, Brendan Kelly, Joyce D'Silva and Martha Pinto who died recently. May they rest in peace!.

Funerals of: Pablo Fernando on Mon 8th March at 11am, Joyce D'Silva on Mon 8th March at 12:30, Maria Nicotra on Thursday 11th March at 11am & Martha Pinto on Wednesday 17th March at 12:30, Bruno Carnevale on Thursday 18th March at 10:30, Rebecca on Friday 19 March at 10:30 and Anne Lakanu on Friday 23rd April at 12:30.

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come for a parish open house which is every Friday 4pm-6pm.

HOSPITAL VISITS: A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George's Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

Death Anniversaries: Annetta Miller, James Jones, Anthony Leyland, Joy Duggan, Pobre Fernandes, Edward Bambury, Eileen Connolly, Louis Chan, Rita Reynolds, Rita Coote, Monica D'Souza, Leopoldo Bizzarro, Marietta Fleury, Thomas Keating, John Soo, Nora Hodnett, Maria Sukhdeo, Iris Browne, Maria DeSouza, Marie Bowden, James Bates, Laurence Rafferty. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	7th & 8th March	7th & 8th March
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Antoine Englebright	Nancy Biney
09.00	Jeanet Leyton	Asshakila Manoharadas
10.30	Rose Adroa	Christi Anoop
12.00	Callum Fernandez	Finnuala Lynch
13:00	Ian Johnson	Deuwayne Ikpoh
18.30	Padraig Cronin	Susan Daniel
Cleaning Rota:	Wk2: Mon 8th March @ 7pm	Wk3: Mon 15th March @ 10am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£1592.26)
Box collection £858.26 & Card collection: 734.00



<p><u>Sunday 7th March</u> Third Sunday of Lent Rite of Acceptance</p>	<p>09:00 Tommy Flynn B/D 10:30 May & Pat Shannon 12:00 Theresa Schembri/ Curuana Family 13:00 The Fallon Family 17:15 Lenten Programme 18:30 Rose & Joe Reilly, RIP</p>
<p>Monday 8th March Lent</p>	<p>09:30 Kathleen McCauley & Family 11:00 Funeral: Pablo Chata Quinteras 12:30 Funeral: Joyce D'Silva 18:30 Dessie Hanney, RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 9th March Votive of St Anthony</p>	<p>09:30 Rosamma Jospeh, RIP 18:30 Henry Dunn, RIP/ Ayanna O'Dath</p>
<p>Wednesday 10th March Votive of St Joseph</p>	<p>09:30 Jerome, Christy & Agnes Lobo, RIP 18:30 Rita Jones, RIP 19:00 Lenten programme</p>
<p>Thursday 11th March Lent</p>	<p>09:30 For the People of the Parish 11:00 Funeral: Maria Nicotra 18:30 John & Kathleen O'Regan, RIP</p>
<p>Friday 12th March Lent</p>	<p>09:30 For Sandra Breckly 18:30 Elsie Scully, RIP</p>
	<p>19:00 Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday 13th March Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>09:30 Cluadia & Victor Peppin, RIP 18:30 Pat & Kit McCormick, RIP</p>
<p><u>Sunday 14th March</u> Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday</p>	<p>09:00 Mr Abraham, RIP 10:30 James Bolger, RIP 12:00 Constance, Yvonne & Cynthia RIP 13:00 Diego Pinto, RIP 17:15 Lenten Programme 18:30 John Collins, RIP</p>

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.

Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 11th March.

Parish Open House: Friday 12th March 4-6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat: 10.30am — 11.30pm

Holy Hour

Friday 5:15—6:15pm

Adoration & Morning Prayer

Monday - Saturday: 9am
Holy Hour on First Friday
5.15pm — 6.15 pm

Novena to St Anthony

Tuesday: 10am & 7pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday: 10am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Saturday: 10am