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## **Third Sunday of Lent - Year B - 3rd March 2024**

### **FIRST READING**

**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 on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not 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**

**Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68**

**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. 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. (R.)
2. 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.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. (R.)
4. 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**

**1 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**

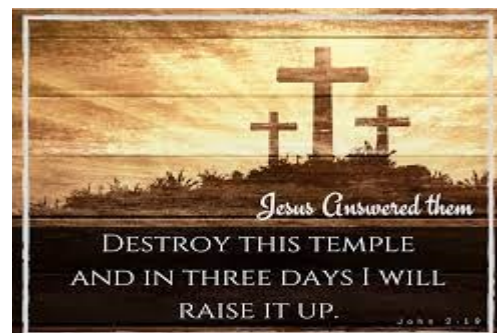
**John 3:16**

***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!***

### **GOSEPL**

**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.



*We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.*

**Dear Parish Family, Some thoughts to ponder for this week,**

*This third Sunday in Lent, Christ purifies the Temple as he chases the money collectors and those who sell animals. Insisting on the sanctity of the house God and that it is a house of prayer for all who come into it. Pointing directly to his own body as the dwelling place of God. This Lent we are invited to Let God enter and sanctify our own bodies which is the temples of God. A good examination of conscience is necessary from time to time to be reconciled with God and those around us. We prepare for it by opening ourselves up, by reflecting on the areas of darkness in our lives into which God so deeply desires to shine a light. It might begin with a simple question: Where might God be offering me forgiveness and healing?*

*If my answer is, "I don't know," then I have some reflecting to do. I can examine my life-what I have done and what I have failed to do-and see what graces are offered me there.*

*Coming to genuine sorrow for our sins is difficult. We might think that anything that makes us feel bad about ourselves is something to be avoided at all costs. If we avoid guilty feelings, we ask God to rouse in us a sense of embarrassment, leading to deep sorrow, about any way that we may not have been faithful, honest, loving, selfless, or generous. We can look at our responsibilities as neighbours, employees, members of a parish or congregation, parents, spouses, sons, or daughters. Take the opportunity this Lent by doing a good confession in order to declutter the mess in our life. Ask God to heal our brokenness and restore us back into living houses of God.*

**In Christ, Fr Leonard Caldera**



### **Vale Fr Terry Yard — Rest in Peace**

*Fr Terry passed away on Wednesday 28th February in Hobart. Parishioners will remember his priestly service in Launceston when he was Assistant Priest in the Invermay Parish from July 1966 to March 1972 and at Church of Apostles from January 1994 to 09 February 2001. He was the Parish Priest at Westbury-Deloraine after that.*

*Parishioners are welcome to attend Fr Terry's funeral on **Friday 8th March at 11.30am in Holy Redeemer Church, Deloraine***

### **INFORMATION NIGHT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

We invite parents and carers of children in Grade 3 and above who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation to join us for an information evening on **Tuesday, 5th March at 7:30 pm in the Parish Pastoral Centre**. Your child will have been Baptised and now seeking to continue on their faith journey and this step prepares them to continue on with Confirmation and First Eucharist in following years. **The meeting is essential for enrolment of your child in this year's program.**

**For enquiries please call the Launceston Parish Office on 6331 4377 or email Rosie, our Sacramental Co-Ordinator at [pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au](mailto:pltn-sacraments@aohtas.org.au)**

### **Making the most of Lent.....**

**CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** Individual Confessions on Saturdays, Church of the Apostles, 9.30am - 10.30am or Sacred Heart Church, Newstead, 5.15pm-5.45pm.

**LENT PROGRAM— A Resurrected Life** Lent is a time of prayer, penance, renewal of faith and refocusing on God in our life and you are invited to consider joining a group for prayer, reflection and sharing based on the Sunday Gospels as we journey through Lent to Easter. **Friday 10.30am** - downstairs in the Pastoral Centre

**Friday Holy Hour** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

**Prayer Partner Initiative** A community building initiative based on our spiritual connection to each other through Baptism. Please take a paper cross from the church, write your prayer intention on it, befriend someone in church and ask them to pray for your intention. You may give them a different prayer request each week.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at **7.00pm in Church of the Apostles** on the Fridays of Lent from **Friday 8th March**. . Make this a focus for your Lenten prayer and renewal.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** is a way to make your Lenten efforts practical in assisting those most in need. Make sure every home has one of the boxes or a set of envelopes.

### **YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY**

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially **Charles, Louis and Evelina Luttrell** (Edward and Ella) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost, Kim Izard, Will Smith, Merrill Thompson, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahan, Louisa Buttazzoni, Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Joan Sullivan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall..

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Fr Terry Yard, Carey McIver and Nancy Whatley who have died recently, Helen Stainforth, Rosina Szabo, Lynette Butt, Laurel Crowe, Catherine Tiuchaj-Lipski, Michael Watkins, Charles Stocks, Amerio Manzone, Pamela Dalton, Kenneth Timms, Graham Quinn, Nessie Viney, Leonard and Margaret Dix, Wim Van Galen, Douglas Clayton, Jeanette McGann, Janice Higgins, Mary Meredith, and we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus.

**FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY:** We continue to pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

**ONE HOUR WITH JESUS** This Sunday, 3rd March at the Carmelite Monastery. You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

**DINING WITH FRIENDS** Tuesday 5th March at 6pm in the Pastoral Centre. Bookings: 6326 5551

**PRESENTATION ASSOCIATIES** Change of Venue !! Due to a family death and illness, the March gathering of the Presentation Associates will now be held in the Meeting Room at the Parish Centre on 9th March commencing at 2pm and NOT at Anne's place in Legana. Afternoon Tea of biscuits and tea and coffee will be provided.

**MORNING AND EVENING MEDITATION** will be held in the Stables, Emmanuel Centre on Tuesdays at 10.30am and Wednesdays at 5pm. All are welcome. Enquires: Tina: 0417305546

**MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY** Every Monday in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. All Welcome.

**THE CARMEL SHOP:** The Carmel Shop is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays.

*St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses this weekend.*

*Copies of the latest edition of Australian Catholics are available for collection in the Church*

### Palm Sunday Pilgrimage - Sunday 24 March - St Finn Barr's Church, 4pm to 6pm followed by Mass

This year our annual pilgrimage will start from and return to St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay in the afternoon of Sunday 24 March. The walk will follow a 5km track around Invermay and Heritage Forest, returning for an open air Mass and a sausage sizzle. Registrations details will follow.

*Please note – No Masses at 9.00 am @ St Finn Barr's and 6.30 pm Mass @ Apostles.*

### LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH PROGRAM

*For young students from grades 5 to 12*

**Meetings:** every 2nd and 4th Thursdays

**6.00pm - 7.30pm in St Ailbe's Hall.**

*Come join us for an evening of fulfilled activities and learning of our faith*

**Enquires: please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578**

### REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

To assist those in need, St Vincent de Paul Society are seeking donations of warm jackets, blankets, warm socks, beanies, scarves and toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap etc.

Donations can be left at the Parish Office during office hours. Enquiries: Parish Office 6331 4377

### NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**2 Chronicles 36:14-16**

**Psalm 136**

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

**John 3:14-21**



*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

|          |                     |                        |
|----------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday | 6.00pm Vigil        | Sacred Heart, Newstead |
| Sunday   | 7.30am              | Carmelite Monastery    |
| 9.00am   | St Finn Barr's      | Invermay               |
| 9.00am   | St Patrick's Chapel | Prospect               |
| 10.30am  | Apostles            |                        |
| 6.30pm   | Apostles            |                        |

### WEEKDAY MASSES 4th –9th March

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmelite Monastery

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| Tuesday:   | 12noon                 | Newstead |
| Wednesday: | <b>NO MASS @5.30pm</b> | Apostles |
| Thursday:  | 12noon                 | Invermay |
| Friday:    | 12noon                 | Apostles |
| Saturday:  | 7.30am                 | Carmel   |

### RECONCILIATION

|           |                 |          |
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| Saturday: | 9.30am -10.30am | Apostles |
|           | 5.15pm –5.45pm  | Newstead |

**Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:**

**Account Name:** Launceston Catholic Parish

**BSB:** 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.

**Reference:** "your surname"

### MASS LIVE-STREAMED Each and every Sunday at 9am

*On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston  
if you don't have a Facebook account go to:*

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/  
videos/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/)

**Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.**

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..*



**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION  
FOR MARCH:**

Intention for evangelisation – For new martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

**A VOCATION VIEW**

**Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult, and wonder. Such is a vocation.**

**2024 St Patrick's Pilgrimage—16th/ 17th March 2024  
Colebrook to Richmond**

Join Archbishop Julian Porteous for the 2024 St Patrick's Pilgrimage. Open to all young adults between the ages of 16 and 35, pilgrims will set out from St Patrick's Church, Colebrook on an overnight walk to St John the Evangelist Church, Richmond.

**Cost:** Cost \$55 **Register:** <https://events.humanitix.com/st-patricks-pilgrimage-2024>

More information: [youth@aohtas.org.au](mailto:youth@aohtas.org.au)

**LIFE TO THE FULL CONFERENCE '24**

**Featuring the Sister of Life from New York City**

**For high school students in Grade 7 –12**

**26th –28th April 2024, Camp Clayton, Turners Beach**

**Cost: \$230 includes food and accommodation  
(siblings discount available)**

**Further details: [youth@aohtas.org.au](mailto:youth@aohtas.org.au) or call 0448330238**

**Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours.**

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives.

**Learn more:** Join our Mission **Webinar March 5th, 2024, 6:00 - 6:30 pm.** 63 years preparing Australians for enduring global relationships to build sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

**Learn Even More:** Join our two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024 to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together. Contact: 02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

[www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

**Project Compassion—Third Sunday of Lent**



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

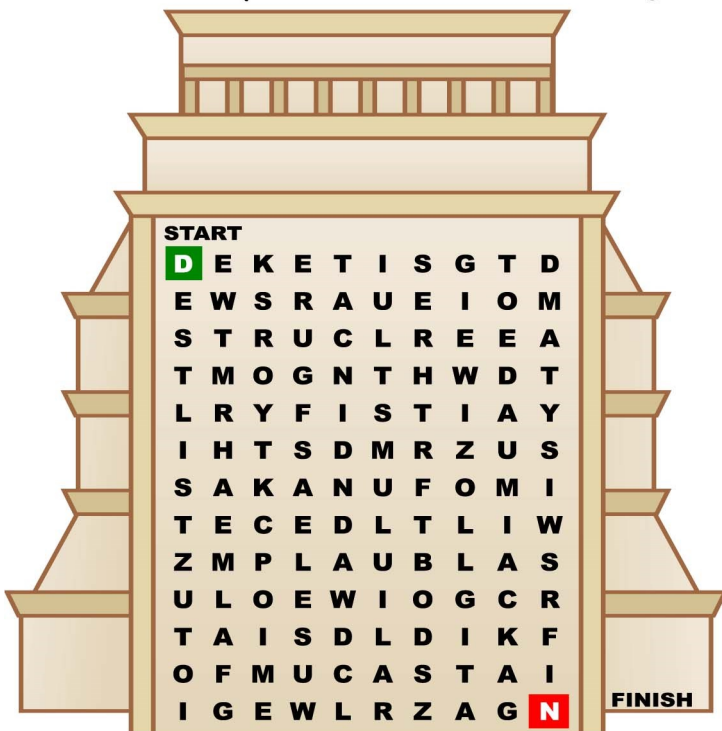
**Please donate to Project Compassion** by using the boxes and envelopes available from the church, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



**Children's Corner**

**COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE**

“Destroy this temple and in three days I will build it again”



**The Secular Franciscan Order in Australia** is seeking to reach out to members who have been professed overseas prior to relocating to Australia and would like to connect with one of our fraternities. email: [national@ofsaustralia.org.au](mailto:national@ofsaustralia.org.au)

Here in the Launceston The Holy Family fraternity meets on 2nd Sunday of each month at St. Francis's Parish Hall, 12 noon. to 3pm. We would welcome any members who would love to come. Contact - Margaret Cherry 0457 575 770 or email [geo23f@bigpond.com](mailto:geo23f@bigpond.com)



**The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.**

**Enquiries: Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email: [launceston@aohtas.org.au](mailto:launceston@aohtas.org.au)  
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