



# OUR PARISH

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## SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm  
On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am  
Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Mondays 9:10am Communion service  
Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any  
weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an  
open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

**BAPTISMS** By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on  
the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

**MARRIAGES** By appointment at least 6 months notice.

## Third Sunday of Lent/B 3RD MARCH 2024

Gospel Reading John 2:13-25

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.

We thank the Moshe family for organising the painting of the disable toilet door.

Fr Danai  
Parish Administrator



## WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Ella Rose Abi Shefa, Joshua & Mazon  
Nguyen, James, Claudia, Tiffany  
Miladinovic, Capri Schroeder & Alex  
Jaser who will be baptised this  
weekend.

Next baptismal information is on the  
21st March at 7.30pm.

## Thought of the Week

"For just as water extinguishes a fire,  
just so does charity blot out our sins."  
— St John of God (1495-1550)

## Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

### The Parent's information evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

will be on the 7th March at 6pm  
in the church.

Children must be 8 years old & above  
at the time of preparation. Please  
bring the baptismal copy and a \$50 fee.

#### **We pray for...**

**Our sick:** Alan Biag, Oliver Cabardo, Cecilia Felipe, Cely Aragon, Josephine Schembri, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Zvonko, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Ed Malapitan, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Steve, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Sipina family, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo, Lina *(Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise).*

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:**

Renza Martignago, Steven Suplat, Patrick Dine, Lilian Camba, Dennis De Martin, Gil Ilagan, John Svircevic, Zenaida Matias, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen, Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** Nestor Belen, Guido Soligo

**Other deceased including:** Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Leticia Dedase, Fr Denis Foley, Peter Sanfilippo, Anita Wilson, Miriam & Victor Busuttill, Edwin Zammit, Mario Todaro, Giuseppe Varrica, Sandro Oselli, Josip & Anelko Lozina, Grazia & Giuseppe Panuccio, Purificacion Ortega, Rosaro Violi, Juliana Medina & Rolando Olano, Thomas Yousif, Steven Suplat, Albert & Jean Montgomery, Thelma Fernandes, Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Angelita Bowrow, Slavko Kucinic, Ramon Umali, Pasquale Carboni, Anna Cattellini, Carlo Farrugia, Stefano Cantele, Anita Wilson, Margaret Bastic, Stephen & Maria Suplat, Francesco Papalia, Milagros Gaspi, William Barton, Reynaldo Morales, Bernard Gitz, Emmanuel Attard, Vincenzo Demaio, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Nonata San Miguel, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

**Thanksgiving:** St Anthony, St Jude & St Rita

**Other Intentions:** S Skondro

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):**

Are you or you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. For more enquiries, please contact the Parish on 9604 8927 or email [admin@mibp.org.au](mailto:admin@mibp.org.au).



## Parish Diary



<b>Monday 4th March</b>	<b>St Casimir</b> 9:10am Communion Service 10:00am Praise & Worship (Italian) followed by a Mass
<b>Tuesday 5th March</b>	9:10am Mass 3:15pm Altar Servers Training 4:30pm Legion of Mary 7:00pm Lenten Reflection-Deacon 7:00pm Praise & Worship (English)
<b>Wednesday 6th March</b>	9:10am Mass 9:40am Rosary 3:15pm Junior Legion of Mary 7:00pm Choir
<b>Thursday 7th March</b>	<b>Sts Perpetua &amp; Felicity</b> 9:10am Mass Adoration after the Mass for an hour. 6:00pm Parent's Info-Sacrament of Reconciliation
<b>Friday 8th March</b>	<b>St John of God</b> 8:30am Stations of the Cross 8:45am Lenten Reflection 9:10am Mass 9:40am Rosary 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Praise & Worship-JHPGroup 7:30pm Rosary-Disciples
<b>Saturday 9th March</b>	<b>St Frances of Rome</b> 5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 10th March</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass-Yr1&2 11:00am Filipino Mass 6:00pm Mass

### Third Sunday of Lent

<b>1st Reading</b>	Exodus 20:1-17
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Corinthians 1:22-25
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
<b>Gospel</b>	John 2:13-25
<b>Next Weekend:</b>	2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>	Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

## Striving to be a “Loving, Caring, Christian Community”

From the Liturgy Office...

**ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS & MINISTERS:  
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED for HOLY WEEK & the TRIDUUM!!**

Helpers are still required in many areas as we prepare for Palm Sunday and the Triduum. If you can assist, please write your name and phone number on the helpers lists located in the Church Foyer. For any further information, please contact me at the Liturgy Office on 96096087. Thank you.

**Themes for the 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B**

This weekend's readings help us understand that we must follow God's commandments and truly live them in our hearts to find life. The following themes are also found in the readings.

**The reverence for the temple:** The temple was a sacred space for the Jewish people, and it was meant to be a place of worship and prayer. Jesus' actions demonstrate the importance of maintaining the sanctity of the temple.

**The zeal for God's house:** Jesus' zeal for God's house is evident in his actions in the temple. As believers, we are called to have a similar zeal for God's house and to prioritize our relationship with God above all else.

**The purity of heart:** Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a symbol of the purification of the heart. As believers, we are called to strive for purity of heart, which means being mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions, and ensuring that they are aligned with God's will.

**The significance of the Eucharist:** The temple in Jerusalem was a foreshadowing of the true temple, which is the body of Christ. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist and that every time we participate in Mass, we are entering into the presence of God. Therefore, the Gospel reminds us of the importance of approaching the Eucharist with reverence and awe.

God bless,  
Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

**Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024**

**MARCH: For the new martyrs**

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**Way of the Cross—St Joseph's Conference**

**Centre, 30 Tyson Rd Bringelly, Tuesday  
19th March at 10.30am.** Please pay the bus fare of \$20 to the Parish office.

**Altar Server's Training**

Next altar server's training on **Tuesdays 5th, 19th & 26th March at 3.15pm until 5pm.** Children must be at least 8 years old and above and received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



**4th Sunday of Lent  
9/10 March 2024**

	<b>Vigil 6pm</b>	<b>Sun 8am</b>	<b>Sun 10am</b>	<b>Sun 6pm</b>
<b>Commentator</b>	G Daly	M Tran	R Agostino	R Ilagan
<b>Minister of the Word</b>	J Baulman	C La Delfa	A Redoblado	M Perrone
<b>EMHC</b>	F Di Marco Volunteer	A Froio N Lozina G Kruk	L Labbozzetta A Elizes	M Oliveri
<b>Data Proj/ Musician</b>	S Poullath	T Pham M Vargas	T Dacanay-Lo	A Perrone
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J&A&L Daly	Volunteer	J Batros C Labis	E&A Fleita M Nicolaou
<b>Piety Stall</b>	C Stanislas	G Smith	D Hrkac	T Seraglio
<b>Counter:</b> Group 2 N&P Redoblado M Dandan	<b>Altar Linen :</b> A Fleming	<b>Flowers :</b> No flowers during Lent	<b>Cleaners :</b> Group 2 Filcos-Fairfield c/o A Amores	

**LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024**

**All are invited to attend the Lenten Reflection to be led by Deacon Mervyn**

Every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Parish centre, led by Deacon Mervyn is providing an opportunity for the faithful to come together to pray and to prepare for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, using the **Lenten Companion now available in the foyer.** Please register (clipboard in the foyer).

**Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday throughout Lent at 8:30am and 7:00pm in the Church.

**23/24 March—Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Procession of Palms into the Church  
Masses: Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

**26 March—Confession for Lent from 6pm-7pm in the church**

**28 March—Holy Thursday**

Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11:00pm

**29 March—Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

- 10:00am - Morning Prayer
- 10:30am - Stations of the Cross
- 1:00pm - Filipino Liturgy
- 4:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

**30 March—Easter Vigil—Holy Saturday**

Morning Prayer at 10am followed by the Blessing of Easter foods. **Easter Vigil commencing at 7pm** with the Blessing of Easter Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle & procession.

**31 March—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12pm (Laos Community)

**Note : No 6pm Mass**



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