



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PARISH WAUCHOPE

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BEECHWOOD & ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LONG FLAT

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Third Sunday of Lent

Year B

2nd & 3rd March 2024

FIRST READING: *Exodus 20:1-17*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Law was given through Moses.

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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

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

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

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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GOSPEL: John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

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. All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

No	From	Intention
1	Anonymous	Souls in Purgatory
2		Sick members of Parish Community
3	Anne Thornton	Patricia Ryan - Anniversary
4	Mary Skinner and Families	Leslie James Skinner - Anniversary
5	Anne Thornton	Colin Ryan - Anniversary

Announcements

1. **No weekday Mass** – Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March.
2. **Project Compassion/Caritas Australia** - 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. Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.
3. **Parish Retreat** – Tuesday 12th to 14th March at 7pm.
4. **Stations of the Cross** – 6pm every Friday until Holy week.
5. **New Liturgy Roster** - The roster for April to June is being prepared. If you will be away in this time please contact the Parish Office.
6. **Bishop Greg's Lenten talks** – will be available to view from 28th February on Lismore Diocese YouTube channel.

Parish Events		
March		
Sat 9 th Mar	Children's Mass	6:00pm
Tues 12 th Mar	PPC Meeting	5:30pm
Sat 23 rd Mar	Children's Mass	6:00pm
Sun 24 th Mar	Palm Sunday	
Fri 29 th Mar	Good Friday	
Sun 31 st Mar	Easter Sunday – 1 Mass(5 th Sunday)	9:00am

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Feast Day	Readings	Colour
Mon 4 th Mar		2 Kg 5:1-15; Lk 4:24-30	Violet
Tues 5 th Mar		Dan 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35	Violet
Wed 6 th Mar		Deut 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19	Violet
Thurs 7 th Mar		Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23	Violet
Fri 8 th Mar		Hosea 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34	Violet
Sat 9 th Mar		Hosea 5:15 – 6:6; Lk 18:9-14	Violet

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

LITURGY ROSTER
9TH & 10TH MARCH 2024

SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

Reader:	Children's Mass
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SUNDAY 7.30AM

Reader:	Lyn Murphy
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16TH & 17TH MARCH 2024

SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

Reader:	Gemma Fletcher
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SUNDAY 7.30AM

Reader:	Kerry Monkley
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23RD & 24TH MARCH 2024

SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00PM

Reader:	Children's Mass
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SUNDAY 7.30AM

Reader:	Debbie Fear
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CHURCH CLEANING

Jenny Caller & Kerrie Monkley
 24th February to 8th March 2024

CHURCH LINEN

Maureen Avery (Mar)

PARISH LITURGIES
OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WAUCHOPE

Saturday	
Reconciliation	5:30pm
Vigil Mass	6:00pm
Sunday	
Mass 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th	7:30am
5 th Sunday	9:00am
Baptisms 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th	11.15am
Sundays. (Please contact the Parish office for bookings.)	
Tuesday	
Mass	10:30am
Rosary(Weekly)	11:00am
Wednesday	
Mass	8:00am
Thursday	
Mass	8:00am
Friday	
Adoration	11:15am
Mass	12:00noon

ST PATRICK'S, BEECHWOOD

Mass	1 st & 3 rd Sunday	9:30am
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ST PETER'S, LONG FLAT

Mass	2 nd & 4 th Sunday	9:30am
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BUNDALEER MASS

4th Friday of the month at 11:00am

DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND

Pays 4.15%. Effective 1 Nov 2023.
 The Port Macquarie office of the DIF is open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm.
 Phone Veronica or Mary for any enquiries on 6583 7439.

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

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