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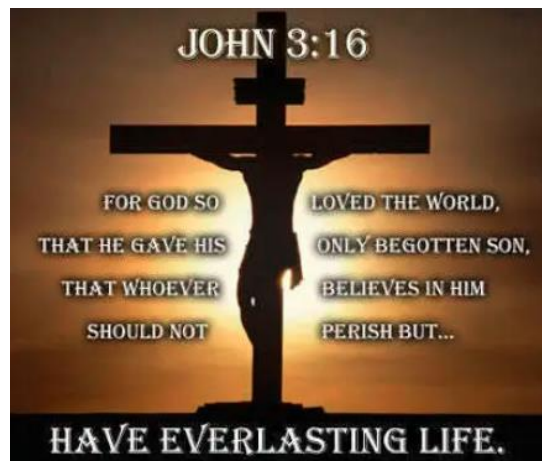
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Sunday, 3rd March 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



WEEKEND MASSES: **Saturday** Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00am, 10am

WEEKDAY MASSES: **Monday – No Mass, Office Closed**
Tuesday to Saturday 9.15am

HOLY ROSARY: Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am
Sunday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:40am and 4.30pm And by appointment

BAPTISMS: Sundays after 10am mass and by appointment

WEDDINGS: By appointment (minimum of six months' notice required)

ANOINTING MASS: 2nd **Saturday** of the month (March, June and September)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 1st **Saturday** of the month at 4pm
& Each **Thursday** 5pm – 6pm

PARISH SECRETARY: Thursday & Friday 9am to 3pm
(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)

This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired.

LET US PRAY FOR

Recently Returned to the Father: Beth Tudehope,

In Loving Memory of: Danio Wong, Maria Huang, Joseph Wong, Yayun Family, Norman Chestney, and Taniela Funaki

“May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

Prayers for the sick: Olivia Sheilds, Jessica Tungul, Antony Lisica, Navjot Singh, Roger Shi, Mary Zheng.
“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for them”

Roster for 2nd Sunday

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Saturday 5pm	Teresa Di Paolo Jeroen Vandenbosch	Tony Allan
Sunday 8am	Mark Wang-Shi Barbara Mucha	Elia Saulekaleka
Sunday 10am	Karen Abood Sesilia Anasi	Sione Anasi



Join us for an
PARISH TO PARISH LENTEN CROSS PILGRIMAGE

10th March: 2pm Cross Walk- St Joachim's to St John of God
17th of March: 2pm Cross Walk- St John of God to St Peter Chanel & St Joseph
24th of March: 2pm Cross Walk- St PC & St Joseph to St Joachim's followed by Mass with Bishop Umbers

AN INTER-PARISH LENTEN CROSS PILGRIMAGE TO PREPARE US FOR EASTER
 Scan the QR code for more details including weekly Parish activities or visit <https://www.stjoachimsparish.org> for more details



DETAILS

- The Cross will be carried through local streets and neighbourhoods reflecting on the Stations of the Cross
- Each procession is followed by Parish activities and light refreshments
- Each Parish will organise events throughout the week while the Cross is in their community

INTER PARISH CROSS WALK
ST JOHN OF GOD CROSS WEEK LENTEN EVENTS
 (Sunday 10th March - Sunday 17th March 2024)
 ST JOHN OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2 ALICE ST, AUBURN 2144

SUNDAY 10 MARCH

2pm “Way of the Cross” - Cross departs Joachim’s Church Lidcombe. Parishioners are invited to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross starting from St Joachim’s through the streets of Lidcombe to St John of God Auburn.
4.30pm Cross arrives at St John of God Parish
5-6pm “Liturgy of The Word” + Veneration of the Cross followed by light refreshments.

TUESDAY 12 MARCH

9.15am: Mass
10am: Divine Mercy Chaplet
7pm: Lenten Discussion Group

WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH

9.15am: Mass
10am: Adoration
7pm: Lenten Talk presented by Fr Bijoy Joseph followed by light refreshments.

THURSDAY 14 MARCH

9.15am: Mass
10am: Penitential Rite
5pm: Adoration + Confession

FRIDAY 15 MARCH

9.15am: Mass
9.40am: Stations of the Cross.
7pm: Stations of the Cross

SUNDAY 17 MARCH

8am: Mass
10am: Mass
2pm: PROCESSION OF THE CROSS from Auburn to Berala Parish. Parishioners are welcome to process with the Cross from St John’s to St Peter Chanel Berala, pausing at various points to reflect and pray the Stations of the Cross.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Saturday, 2nd March at 4pm A reminder, that at St John of God, we celebrate Adoration **each Thursday, 5-6pm and the first Saturday of each month.** Let us come before Christ in His entirety: His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity to contemplate His awesomeness and to lovingly adore Him. When we do this, we are in His Real Presence. The sacrament of reconciliation is available during this time.

LENTEN GROUPS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS We have Lenten Reflection Groups will be held each Tuesday in the hall throughout Lent starting at **7pm**. Also, **Every Friday at 9.40am and 7pm** during Lent, come and participate in one of the most powerful devotions of the Catholic Church, the Stations of the Cross. As we walk in this journey of Lent, let us walk with Jesus on his way to Calvary. The church, as usual is open from 7am to 7pm so you can come and pray the devotion privately or as a group in your own time

FUNDRAISING THANKS We thank you all for our recent efforts to fundraise for upcoming projects required around the parish. We collected \$1325 from the stall sales, \$613 from the Raffle, making a total of \$1938.00 Thank you to all our volunteers and parishioners for coming together to bring about this great result.

ST JOHN OF GOD FEAST DAY, 19th ANNUAL PARISH REUNION To celebrate the feast of our parish we will have a solemn **mass at 10am** followed by a morning tea on **Sunday, 10th March 2024**. We look forward to seeing you all in McDermott House to come together as one. Please bring a plate to share. For any inquires please contact Marian Kelly.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Ex 20:1-17 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 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.'

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25 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.

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 Reading John 2:13-25 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.

REFLECTION

A young student came to his teacher and asked, "Are the Ten Commandments still relevant?" "Why do you ask?" the teacher replied. "Because today all the emphasis is put on personal freedom." "Yet we still recognise the need for commandments. For example, Thou shalt not drink and drive." "That may be true," said the student, "but there are some who say: why burden us with the primitive code of conduct of a nomadic tribe that lived under goatskins in the desert?" "Because some things never change. The destructive vices that plagued our ancestors still plague us today."

In the reading from Exodus God speaks to the Israelites in the Ten Commandments. This is a summary of the Law given to the Jewish people through Moses. There is a misconception that the law was burdensome to the Israelites. But God gave the Ten Commandments to the Israelites, not to restrict people's freedom, but to enable them live in harmony with one another. As they endeavoured to keep these laws God would protect them from their enemies and lead them out of slavery into their own promised land.

In the gospel, Jesus offers a sign. Jesus cleanses the temple from the religious powerful who had made money an idol. We can see the corruption of God's people and God's holy place. Jesus came to replace the temple, for it had failed to accomplish and fulfil the requirements of the law. The cleansing for the temple becomes a parable for us. Our bodies are now the temples of the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to overthrow the idols and turn over the tables and sweep out all our garbage. Lent is the renewed call to the cleansing of our lives, to make room for his presence to fill us. It is the call to hear the self-revealing God of the Bible speak to us.

Faith Matters: The Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred. The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death, and this has become one of the most popular of Catholic devotions. Join us every Friday of Lent at either 9:40am or 7pm for this journey of faith.

A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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