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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B

2nd/3rd March, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Lent.

Built to last

Compared to earlier generations, one of the features that characterizes this generation is speed. We can communicate with one another at a speed that would have been unthinkable a couple of generations ago. An email reaches its destination on the other side of the world in a matter of seconds. Journeys that took days or even weeks in the time of my grandparents now take hours. Builders build much faster than they built in the past. We need only think of the changes in our own city resulting from the building boom at the start of this century. Many of us probably think that much of what has been built quickly may not endure; it won't stand the test of time. In the ancient world, the world of Jesus, the world of the early church, buildings, especially significant political or religious buildings, were built to last. If you go to Rome today, you can still see the remains of the significant political and religious buildings of the Roman Empire. In Jerusalem, in the time of Jesus, the most significant public building by far was a religious building, the temple. In the gospel reading, the Jewish authorities remind Jesus that it had taken forty six years to build the temple. Indeed, in the time of Jesus, the temple begun by Herod the Great was not yet complete. It would take another fourteen years, sixty years in all, for it to be finally finished. If a building firm gave a timescale of sixty years to complete a building today, it is fair to say that they would be unlikely to get the contract.

Jesus was aware of the huge religious and political significance of the temple in his day, yet he challenged it, and he challenged those responsible for it, because he recognized that the temple was not in fact serving God's purposes. As Jesus says in today's gospel reading, 'Stop turning my Father's house into a market'. There is a big difference between a house and a market. A house has the potential at least to be a home. A market could never really be a home; people go to markets to buy and sell. Buying and selling are not activities you associate with home. The temple was to be God's house, God's home, a place where all people could feel at home in God's presence. The activities associated with the market were preventing the temple from being the home that God wanted it to be,

a spiritual home for all the nations. Jesus saw that here was an institution in need of reform.

The fiery Jesus of the gospel reading who is passionate about what God wants remains alive and active at the heart of the church today. The relationship between the Lord and the church, between the Lord and each one of us, will always be marked by a certain tension, because the Lord will always be working to purify and renew us. In the light of the gospel reading, we might ask ourselves in what ways we have allowed the values of the market place to override the values of the gospel in our own lives, in the life of our society, in the life of our church.

Taken from ACP

SMCC Kingaroy (Mandy Sullivan, Head of College)

This week our Upper Primary students are doing sensational work in their Religion classes.

Our Year 4 students are looking at the Word of God through the Bible, particularly the New Testament and how we can understand it. They are studying the parables, text types and how the word of God is shown in the Bible.

Our Year 5 students are learning about Moral Choices, particularly the way Christians make and act on informed moral choices.

Our Year 6 students are studying the Examen and also the Lord's Prayer- the prayer that includes everything that students should pray for.



This week Mia De Guzman participated in Lions Youth of the Year (LYOTY). She was one of 9 participants from across Kingaroy secondary schools. Mia spoke passionately and extremely well in both her impromptu and also her prepared speech, the topic of which is her passion- Student Voice. Mia is to be congratulated on her excellent performance.

She is a fabulous representative of our College.

Blessings, Fr Stanley.

THIRD SUNDAY of LENT - YEAR B

Saturday 2nd March	Blackbutt	5pm	Vigil
Sunday 3rd March	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
Responsorial Psalm: Lord you have the words of everlasting life.
Second Reading: Corinthians 1:22-25
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Gospel: John 2:13-25

Weekday Liturgy - 3rd Week Lent - Year B

Thursday 7th March	Yarraman	9am	Liturgy
	Kumbia	5.30pm	Mass



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday 8th March
 Kingaroy 8.30am followed by 9am Mass
 Nanango 12pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT - YEAR B

Friday 8th March	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil
Saturday 9th March	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 10th March	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass



**Third Sunday of Lent
2nd & 3rd March**

Please donate to Project Compassion.



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*.

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.



PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Death Anniversaries: Peter (Dick) Decourcy, Dianne Pollock, Kenneth (Peter) Lavings.

Prayers for the sick:

OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Pauline Giles, Greg Knaggs, Selwyn Kurz, Delba Liebke, Kylie Sutherland (Perrett), Terry Walsh.

St Mary's Parish - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Sylvia McArdle, Michael Carroll, Teresa O'Sullivan, Lyle Tincknell, Kevin Owen, Dafyd Martindale, Brian Lenihan, John O'Neill, Therese Hanley.

**St Vincent de Paul
80th
Celebration**



St Pat's Nanango (Sarah McCarthy, Acting APRE)



On Thursday 29th of March, St Patrick's School celebrated Pyjama Day- all proceeds going to Caritas-Project Compassion.

Students and staff were encouraged to wear their favourite pyjamas and bring in a gold coin donation for Caritas. The Outreach Leadership Group from the Year 5 and 6 class, organised this fundraising day and held fun activities and games at break times for all students. What a wonderful day this was!

ST MARY'S PARISH WORKING BEE - POSTPONED.
 A new date will be advised in due course.

MAJELLAN MORNING TEA

Majellan Morning Tea - OLHC Nanango Meeting room on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 10a.m. Please bring a small plate to share.

OLHC CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday 6th March, 2024 at 3.30pm at OLHC Nanango. Everyone welcome.