# 7th March 2021

# Third Sunday of Lent





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Daily Mass 10am (No 10am Mass on day of funeral)

> Saturday 7p.m.

Sunday 11:30am

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## **Hitting Hypocrisy Where It Hurts**

Imagine the scene. Jesus makes a whip and drives the money changers from the temple. Everywhere sheep and cattle are careering out of control. Doves are flapping up to the rafters.... coins and feathers everywhere and the money changers in an uproar. Jesus makes things clear. "Stop making my Father's house a market place!" De we feel an element of discomfort. How many parishes use the back of church to raise funds? How often do we stand at the back of church selling raffle tickets? How many years have we



invited donations for votive candles, or sold newspapers, books, rosary beads, cards and statues? If Jesus walked in today, would he tip over our collecting boxes and reprimand us? Perhaps before we answer this question we need to understand the context of today's reading. In Jesus' day it was expected that visitors to the temple should present a sacrifice, and for that purpose, the temple officials made it easy to purchase cattle and turtle doves. The second practical consideration was that because the Roman coinage was considered idolatrous by the Jews, the temple permitted money changers to exchange roman coins for tokens. The original system was not a bad idea, but it became corrupt. It was all too easy for the price of doves to become extortionate, and the exchange rate for tokens to come down on the side of the money changers. Soon it was the case that something that had originally been intended to oil the practicalities of worship in itself cheated would-be worshippers, especially those with little money. Jesus had a passion for exposing hypocrisy, and this was hypocrisy at its worst. Jesus probably would not have a problem with us using the back of church for selling newspapers or raising funds. At the end of the day it isn't buildings of worship in themselves that are of the greater importance, but what lies in our hearts and in our intentions. Our bodies are the real temples. Jesus challenged impurity at its roots, and the root of all impurity is wherever we have a thought or an idea that lacks integrity or smacks of hypocrisy.



Trócaire Lenten Campaign Boxes are available in the Church Porches *This Lent please give to Trócaire* 

# MASS ROTAS

# EDENDERRY-WEEKDAY MASS READERS

10am. Mon 8th Mar — Seamus O' Connell

# EDENDERRY-WEEKEND MASS

READERS 7pm. Sat 13th Mar – Deirdre Kelly 11:30am. Sun 14th Mar – Sheila Cleary

## **Community Notices**

**Please note:** the Parish Office is closed due to the new level 5 restrictions. Masses will go ahead via Webcam.. if you would like to book a Mass or have any queries please call

Stephanie @ 086 3954046 /

Mary @ 085 1434132

email: edenderryparishcentre@gmail.com.

**Baptisms**: a simple reminder that baptisms may continue during this more restrictive phase, The attendance at each baptism is strictly limited to six. **Mass Cards**: If you would like to purchase a Mass card, Stephanie will be in the Office on Monday -

Wednesday & Friday mornings from 10am to 11:30am. Please ring the doorbell.

Affordable Live-in Homecare: provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a livein carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 9916791 or 087 7440729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

**Weekly Envelope Box:** can be picked up in the Parish Office on Mon - Wed - Fri morning from 10am to 11:30am:

**Divine Mercy Prayer:** Sunday 7th March @ 2:45pm via Webcam

## Mass via Webcam

Monday-Friday @ 10am Saturday evening Mass @ 7pm Sunday morning @ Mass 11:30am To view the Masses via Webcam Go to edenderryparish.ie



Life is not a race, but a journey to be savoured each step of the way. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift. That's why it's called the present



# PARISH LOTTO DRAW RESULTS FOR DRAW HELD ON

Wednesday 3rd March 2021 NUMBERS DRAWN



No Jackpot Winner 7 Matched 3's won €143 each No local Winner

Next Week's Jackpot €17,000

1800 247 247 is a direct phone line to Pieta or text HELP to 51444. They are here to help and support you or someone you love and care for.



## our prayers are asked for:

Kay Delamere, St. Mary's Rd Ken Collins, Fr. Paul Murphy St. Cora Foran, St Teresa's Terrace

May they Rest in Peace. Our Sympathy to their families

## MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Saturday 7pm:** Kathleen Nolan; Months mind Mass; Thomas (Tommy) Maher, **1st Anniversary**; Fionnuala Doyle; Jude Loughlin; Vera Maher

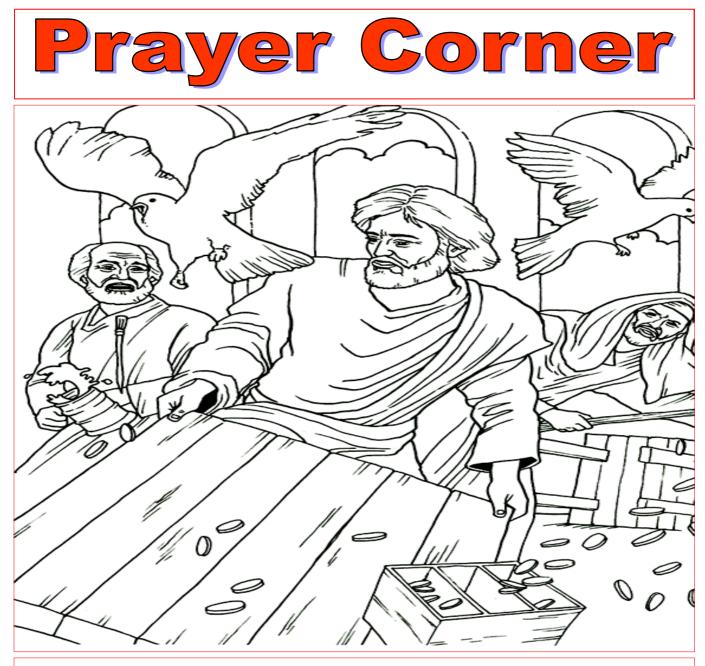
Sunday 11:30am: Eddie Finn, 1st Anniversary; Michael Sheill; Maurice Murrin

Monday10am:Tuesday10am: Wally PigottWednesday10am:Thursday10pm:Friday10am: Mass Card Intentions

Saturday 7pm: Tommy Young Sunday 11:30am: Jim & Teresa Nolan; George & Annie Hackett; Michael O' Callaghan; Tom Dempsey



We Pray for the following whose Anniversary occurs around this time.



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## **Priest:** The Lord be with you **People:** And with your Spirit

**PENITENTIAL ACT** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

O God, through your Word, reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FIRST READING

#### A reading from the book of Exodus.

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 utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. 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 convert your neighbours house. You shall not covet your neighbours wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.

The word of the Lord.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps18

# *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.* Response

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. *Response* 

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. *Response* 

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *Response* 

#### SECOND READING:

# A reading from the first letter to St Paul to the Corinthians.

And so, 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.

The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

## THE GOSPEL (Jn 2:13-25)

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

## People: And with your Spirit

#### A reading from the Gospel according to John.

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this devout oblation be acceptable to you, O Lord, that by your power it may sanctify our manner of life and gain for us your conciliation and pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Enlighten the minds of your people, Lord, we pray, with the light of your glory, that they may see when must be done and have the strength to do what is right. Through Christ our Lord.

St Patrick's Day Mass @ 10am Reader: Sean Fitzgerald

**THE MONTHLY ST PIO ROSARY:** will be recited in St Mary's Church, Edenderry on Monday evening 8th March at 7.30pm Due to COVID 19 our Rosary can be viewed on webcam only at <u>edenderryparish.ie</u>. If you are available why not join us in prayer for 30mins.