

### From Sunday's Gospel

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. Making a whip out of some cords he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers coins and knocked their tables over. He 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 just done?' Jesus replied, 'Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews said, 'It has taken 46 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 later, 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 Jesus.

SUNDAY 7th March 2021 Adapted from John 2:13-25

The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B



**St Catherine of Sienna writes, "My dear young people, if you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze."**

Today's word is **Enthusiasm**. Enthusiasm is an attractive quality which can make people

smile and want to imitate what the person is enthusiastic about. Enthusiastic people are usually filled with energy and a real zest for life. As we become more aware of God's presence in our own lives, we become happier. In today's Gospel passage Jesus shows how enthusiastic he is to make sure that the Temple, the House of God, remains a house of prayer, rather than a market. He makes sure that people know how he feels even though he knows this will upset them. He gets rid of those things which should not have been there. We are now well into Lent and our initial enthusiasm may have begun to wear a little thin. If this is the case perhaps we could look into our own lives and ask ourselves, is there anything there that shouldn't be there, and, if so, get rid of it!



## **Sacred Heart & St William**

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## **3rd Sunday in Lent**

### **March 7th 2021 (Mark's Gospel)**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED WHILE WE ARE IN LOCK-DOWN**

**Fr Bernard will celebrate Mass each day  
without a congregation. Please watch this space for further  
information.**

**The intentions are as follows:**

Sunday:	Joseph Priestley
Monday:	Brett Taylor
Tuesday:	Harry Heaton
Wednesday:	Winifred (May) Hudson
Thursday:	Michael Howarth
Friday:	People of the Parish
Saturday:	Fr David Drake-Brockman
Sunday:	Jack Cockayne

**Confessions by appointment**

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### **Catholic Care Annual Appeal March 13th/14th**

2020 has been a year like no other, a year of challenges that none of us have ever been faced with before and ever want to be faced with again. Young or old, rich or poor the effects of the pandemic have not discriminated, it has been unprecedented. We have been subjected to death, illness, bereavement, economic hardship, relationship breakdown and an assault on our mental health. The conditions imposed by the pandemic have exacerbated the day to day hardships already experienced by those at the very heart of Catholic Care's work, those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged and marginalised. Yet despite all this our resilient staff and volunteers at the Charity have risen to the challenges and have gone above and beyond in caring for, supporting and offering help to those in need, even during the severest of lockdown restrictions. Although some may be offered in a different way, all our services have been maintained throughout the pandemic and more beside. 2020 really demonstrates the importance of our work across the Diocese in supporting children and families, those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged, marginalised and struggling with isolation. We have been true to our mission of taking the caring Church into the community, offering practical help to people of all faiths and of no faith at all. Our work reaching out to those in need in the Community is dependent on grants, donations, fundraising and volunteers. The prolonged length of the pandemic is having a continued impact on our ability to fundraise and so this year's Annual Appeal is so important to our continued work. Carol Hill, Director



A message from Rt Rev Marcus Stock Bishop of Leeds

Despite all the phenomenal challenges and restrictions of the last year, the leadership, staff and volunteers of Catholic Care have diligently continued to provide an outstanding range of services and support to people of all ages across our Diocese. I am in awe of what has been achieved. This review will give you a flavour of the diverse projects that Catholic Care has delivered during this pandemic and the help given to improve the quality of life for so many individuals who would otherwise have been isolated or left in desperate emotional or material need. Truly, Catholic Care has been not only Christ's hands and feet during this crisis but also an expression of the love of His Most Sacred Heart for all those who are poor, vulnerable, or marginalised. Let us pray that the Lord will continue to bless Catholic Care in the years ahead and protect with his Grace all who support it and benefit from its work.



Lent Course Reminder:

**TUESDAYS from Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1.30pm**

**WEDNESDAYS NB - from Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

**THURSDAYS from Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm**

**THURSDAYS from Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

Those who have asked to be part of the Zoom Meetings should have been sent the link to do so. It is all a little experimental, but hopefully we will be able to discuss the book **The Prayers of Jesus** 'virtually'!



**CAFOD Lent Family Fast** FRIDAY 26th February

A gentle reminder of the ways parishioners can contribute to CAFOD:

Donations can be made on line at [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give)

Via text **lent** to **70460** to donate £10.00

Post **CAFOD**, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB

*Lent 2021  
Wednesday  
Reflections*

Each Wednesday in Lent Fr Bernard will be recording a Reflection which can be viewed on the parish website any time after 9.00am. These will remain available throughout Lent. Simply log onto the Newsletter and click on to Lenten Wednesday Reflections.



### **Re-opening the Church**

After consultations with the other denominations in Saddleworth and with parishes in the diocese and beyond, Fr Bernard sent a proposal to members of the PPC with a view to opening the church for Mass later this month and certainly in time for Holy Week and Easter. Please watch this space for further information.

### **February Banking**

**First Collection: £606.00 Second Collection: £99.00 Thank You**

**Donation in memory of May Collins: £200.00 Thank You**

This reflects the fact that the Church was closed throughout February.