

## 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.

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.

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

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.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

## Second Reading

1 Cor 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.

**The word of the Lord.**

**(R.) Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Jn 3:16

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

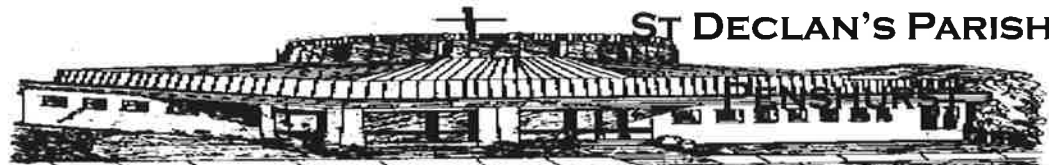
Jn 2:13-25

**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.

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Third Sunday of Lent - Year B

4<sup>th</sup> March 2018



## First Reading

Ex 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, 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.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**(R.) Thanks be to God.**

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## MASS TIMES

### Mass Times at St Declan's Parish

Saturday : 6pm  
Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am, 6pm  
Weekday: Monday: 6.45am  
Tuesday: 9.15am  
Wednesday: 6.45am  
Thursday: 9.15am  
Friday: 6.45am  
Saturday: 8.00am  
Public Holiday: 9.15am

#### Communion Services

Tuesday: 6.45am  
Thursday: 6.45am

Confession : Saturday: 5.00pm-5.30pm

Baptisms & Weddings: by appointment (Please contact the office or email [declans@tpg.com.au](mailto:declans@tpg.com.au))

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 8.00pm-9.00pm

#### Mass Times at Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst

Saturday: 5.00pm  
Sunday: 9.15am & 6.00pm  
Wednesday: 9.30am  
Friday: 9.30am

St Declan's Primary: 9580 4831

Peshurst Marist College: 9579 6188

## Welcome to St Declan's Parish

*If you are new to our parish we invite you to leave your name & number on the sheet provided in the front foyer (Near the Crying Room). Thank you.*

*We remember in our Masses*

## Recently Deceased

Olga Michel, Mijo Trupkovic, Alberto Giovinazzi, Margaret Turner, John Trifley, Salvatore Ippolito, Anica & Vlado Sebez, Helen Flannery, Luigi Mincone, Zoora Pavicich, Manda Jugovich, Santo Cafarelli, Mico Trupkovic, Krsstina Bacih, Tracey Hall, Sr Antonita Fink (OLC), Felix Alvarado.

## Anniversaries

Brian O'Sullivan, Giuseppe, Maria & Vince Toro, Mardi O'Donnell, Peter Yew Chick Chan, Alex Chor Hang Chan, Giacomo Piccione, Sleiman Nahas.

## Also

Fr Anthony Mareb, Ante Matovina, Stipe Burazina, Janac Krlin, Joseph Ngahfoong, Frank Mahoney, James Anthony Lobina, Kathleen & Basil Orrell, Kevin & Stephen & Jim M'Elroy, John Gordon, Denis Bacic, Danny Dusek, Mary Pierce, Katherine Beggs, Michael O'Sullivan, Brian O'Sullivan, Frances Ann O'Sullivan, Ruzica Prnjak, Teresa & Joseph Macinante, Spiro & Josephine Bajada and all the deceased members of our Parish.

## Counters Roster

The new Counters Roster is now available for collection from the sacristy or on our website. [www.stdeclanspeshurst.org](http://www.stdeclanspeshurst.org).

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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.

**Gospel of the Lord.**  
**(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Healing Mass

The Missionaries of God's Love Brothers and Sisters invite you to their spiritual association gathering which includes a charismatic mass and healing ministry.

**Date:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Time:** 1:30pm-4.30pm

**Location:** St. Declan's Church

## Sacramental Programme

Enrolment forms for First Holy Communion will be available from March 12 through the website, the parish office or the sacristy. A reminder that your child must be in year 3 (or older) and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For any enquiries or concerns, please contact Lynne.

## Declancraft

Something for the over 40s... Come along to a "Games Morning"  
**WHEN:** Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 10am to 12pm. **WHERE:** Meeting Room. **COST:** \$2.00 (morning tea donation). **BOOK BY:** 12 March. Bring a friend or make new friends; join in some old favourites and learn some new games or teach one of your own. An opportunity for a bit of fun and a few laughs. Includes morning tea. **Bookings are essential!** Please contact Paulineke on 0419 426 123 or email [wpnolan@internode.on.net](mailto:wpnolan@internode.on.net)

## Alpha Course 2018

The Alpha course has started, it is an 11 week programme. It's not too late to register.

**Contact:** [declans@tpg.com.au](mailto:declans@tpg.com.au) to register.

**When:** Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Explore:** Life, Faith & Meaning.  
**Cost:** Donation for dinner & supper.

## Choir Practice

Choir practice for Easter commences this Monday night 7.30pm in the Church. New members are very much needed. Please consider joining in this important ministry. Practices are March 5, 12, 19, and 26.

## Lenten Programme

Reconciliation Paraliturgie and 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm in the Church.

## Social Justice Group

As we journey through the liturgical season of Lent, let us take time to breathe and appreciate Nature and begin preparing our Living Gifts - Little Pot Plants that breathe and grow to exchange during the Season of Easter and for World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018. For help with preparing your living gifts please contact your local plant nursery, a friend or family member who enjoys gardening or [http://www.homelife.com.au/gardening/how\\_to\\_grow/how\\_to\\_propagate\\_succulents](http://www.homelife.com.au/gardening/how_to_grow/how_to_propagate_succulents).

Our next meeting and stapling of Fact Sheet 4 is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am in the Parish Office. All are welcome. Enquiries: Barry 95708644/[bajusa1@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bajusa1@bigpond.net.au) or Selma 0466691979/[1967rainbows@gmail.com](mailto:1967rainbows@gmail.com)