



# Tallangatta & Corryong

## March 7th - 2021 3rd Sunday of Lent

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### Weekend Masses

Every weekend  
**Tallangatta**  
St Michael's Church  
Sunday - **9.00 am**  
**Corryong:**  
Sacred Heart Church  
Sunday - **11.30 am** 2nd,  
4th & 5th Sunday.

Walwa. Christ The King,  
1st & 3rd Sunday - **11:30am**

Mitta North, St Joseph's  
Sandy Creek, St Michael's  
No Masses

**TANGAMBALANGA**  
Our Lady Help of Christians  
2nd & 4th Sunday 10:30 am

**BETHANGA**  
St Francis No Masses

**DEDERANG**  
St Joseph's  
1st, 3rd, Sunday 10.30 Mass  
5th Sunday 10:30 am Liturgy  
of The Word and Communion

**MT BEAUTY**  
St Joseph's  
1st to 4th Sunday 8.30am  
5th Sunday 8.30am  
Liturgy of The Word and Communion

**WEEKDAY MASS:**  
Sacred Heart Church  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

**SATURDAY**  
St Augustine's Church  
Saturday 9.30am

**RECONCILIATION:**  
Sacred Heart Church Saturday  
9.00am to 9.30am  
Country Churches before Mass

### Looking at the Readings

The first reading continues the series of Old Testament readings we listen to on the Sundays of Lent: The Covenant made with Noah and then again Abraham is now made with Moses and the people at the time of the Exodus. The giving of the Ten Commandments begins with: "I am the Lord your God." It established a unique relationship between God and his people. The Commandments are more than Law, they are a guarantee of God's promise to his people and gives to the peoples principles of living in peace and security in a turbulent world.

Today's Gospel and gospel passages for the fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent all prepare us for the Death and Resurrection of Christ celebrated in the Sacred Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday culminating with the Easter Vigil). In The Cleansing of the Temple Jesus refers to his own death and resurrection: "And in three days I will raise it (his own body) up." And He will be lifted up (John 3:14) so that we may have eternal life. Thirdly: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." (John 12:32). Jesus was indicating the type of death he will have on the cross and John was framing Jesus' death and resurrection as one single act of glorification.

### Lenten Poem

In the desert, I seek your face, In the desert, your bread nourishes me.  
I am not fear to advance on your trace That your living water satisfies my thirst.  
*I promise to you in justice,*  
*I promise to you in love,*  
*In fidelity as I have known, I would know!* In the desert, I understand your word,  
In the desert, far away from the rumour, The memory of your law consoles me.  
Oh hidden God, you want to speak to my heart.  
In the desert, I draw in your breath, In the desert, dwells the spirit.  
It is the force in the morning that pushes me.  
It is the fire that precedes me in the night — J F Frie



**Pope Francis Twitter:** 

***Lent is a good time for sacrificing. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help others***

### Recent Death: Anniversaries:

If you would like your loved ones' recent death, anniversary or ill health acknowledged in this bulletin for prayers to be offered. Please pass this information on to the Priest or email Sonni at : [wodcath@bigpond.net.au](mailto:wodcath@bigpond.net.au).

**Sick:** For parishioners who are ill, their families and carers.

## Prayers of Intercession:

### **Celebrant:**

When we were dead in our sins, God brought us to life in his Son, lifted up on the Cross for us. Through that crucified Redeemer, let us draw near to our loving Father.

**Our Prayer: Lord hear our prayer.**

### **Reader:**

For the Church on her pilgrimage in this world especially the suffering Church in silence:  
**Lord hear us**

For mercy and justice among peoples of different creeds and cultures:

**Lord hear us**

We pray for the millions of adults, like Oliva in Tanzania, that did not have the opportunity to receive an education. Through our support of Project Compassion, may they find new opportunities to learn and grow so they can be architects of their own development.

**Lord hear us**

For all the sick in our community, those suffering from COVID19 throughout the world, those who care for them and those who have asked for our prayers:

**Lord hear us**

For the members of our faith community who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries we now remember that they may enjoy eternal life through the crucified and risen Lord:

**Lord hear us**

### **Celebrant:**

Loving Father, our petitions are numberless, but we know your mercy is eternal. We unite them to the infinite sacrifice of Jesus who lifted up for us, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Readings this week:

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-35

### Reading next week

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

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

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!

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer.

## Tallangatta:

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation and anointing of the Sick will take place at 5:00 pm on Friday March 26

## Corryong

Directly after Mass: The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation and anointing of the Sick.



**Please Note:**  
**Holy Week & Easter Mass Times**  
**will be published in next weeks**  
**Bulletin.**

## Liturgical Jottings

RCIA and Lent: In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery. This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than in catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. RCIA 125,126

## **John 2:13-35**

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.

## **2021 LENTEN PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES Thursdays 25 Feb, 4,11 & 18 March 2021.**

*Jesuit College of Spirituality Prof Maryanne Confoy rsc, Fr Chris Gleeson SJ, Fr Michael Head SJ, and Frances Tilly.*

- **The Spirituality of Ageing: A Paschal Experience?**
- **Exploring Michael Leunig's Prayer for Balance – Aligning Our Inner and Outer Lives**
- **The Years of the Suppression of the Jesuits**
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ATTEND: Individual lectures or series. TIMES: 6.00 – 8.00 pm VENUE: Online (RSVP for Zoom link) COST: Free RSVP: 2 days before chosen lecture: [enquiries@jcs.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@jcs.edu.au) OR 03 9448 8276.

# PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE

## Olivia's from Tanzania

*"In the depths of every heart, love creates bonds and expands existence, for it draws people out of themselves and towards others." Pope Francis*

Twenty-two-year-old Oliva lives in Tanzania with her farmer husband, two young sons and an adopted niece and nephew.

She didn't have the opportunity to go to school growing up - and was embarrassed that she couldn't read, write or count. Around 25 percent of Tanzanian girls and women over 15 years cannot read or write, with many families unable to afford school fees or uniforms.

Now, as an adult, Oliva runs a kiosk and works as a farm labourer - but her business was losing money because she couldn't add up. Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a classroom at home to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes. Oliva has now graduated, as have some of her students. Attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she can help her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election.



Oliva aspires to "Be More" and wants to help her community to achieve its vision of a better life for all.

***"I am proud to be a teacher who helps others to achieve their dream," Oliva says.***

In challenging times, it is often our instinct to pull back and withdraw into ourselves. It can feel especially hard to help others when we are struggling to satisfy our own needs, unsure what tomorrow might hold. The COVID-19 pandemic has stirred this feeling of unease in many of us and we hope for a more stable and positive 2021.

However, it is when life is toughest and most demanding that the gospel calls us to "dig deeper" and to go further. In Matthew 5, Jesus says "if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles."

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