

This Sunday we have John's account of the cleansing of the temple. Verses 13 - 17 tell of cleansing of the temple by Jesus; while verses 18 - 25, consist of a discussion between Jesus and the Jews. Three questions come to mind:

What are the temples that people turn into market places today?
Why is Jesus cleansing these temples?
How is he doing it?

John's approach is different from that of the synoptic gospels. They stress the dishonesty of the vendors who came to do business but end up turning the place into "a den of thieves". John does not speak of this problem at all. His complaint is not against those who profit from their illegal vending.

The fault of the vendors is that they have turned the Father's house into a market, no longer a place of sharing and transparency but one where what a person is worth gets primary importance. They forget what the temple was really about; they see nothing beyond what they have set themselves to achieve.

The person who is intent on cleansing these temples is Jesus. We cannot afford to see him as some kind of trouble maker or disturber of the peace - we must recognise and celebrate him for who he is. This is often difficult or even impossible for those of us who are intimately involved in this kind of trade.

Lord, there was a time when we had made our relationship with you a matter of rewards for good works.
We complained that you let us suffer,
that you left our prayers unanswered,
that others we considered less virtuous than ourselves
were more blessed than we were.
But all the time it was Jesus cleansing your house,
driving away the baggage of the market place,
so that we could come to you in humble adoration and trust.

(Michael DeVerteuil)

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT 7th MARCH 2021
PRIEST ON DUTY: FR. MARK BENNETT C.C. 071-9650881

ST.MARY'S Sunday 10am: Rita Butler (Months Mind)
John McManus (Breffni Crescent) Anniv
Jim Regan (Leitrim Village) Anniv
Mary Ann Doran & deceased members of the Doran family (Leitrim)
MASSES FROM MONDAY 8th SATURDAY 13th MARCH

Monday 8pm: Private Intention

Tuesday 10am: Rita Thompson (R.I.P)

Wednesday 10am: Sam Holt (Anniv)

Thursday 10am: John Stokes (32nd Anniv) & his mother Mainie Stokes & deceased members of the Stokes, Reilly & McDonagh families

Friday 8pm: Marie Early (Anniv) Drumgowla

Sat 10am:

MASS FOR SUNDAY 14th MARCH

ST.MARY'S Sunday 10am: Jackie Doherty (Anniv)
Jimmy & Una Mulhern & Paddy Brannigan
Bernard Goldrick (10th Anniversary)

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