



City Pastoral REGION

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Inner Newcastle Parish: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West; St Joseph's Church, The Junction; St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Newcastle; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill; St Laurence O'Toole Church, Broadmeadow. **Mayfield Parish:** Christ the King, Mayfield West. **Stockton Parish:** St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton.

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

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The Temple Tantrum?

Is this action of Jesus inconsistent with his teachings about nonviolence in the Sermon on the Mount?

Is there a difference between using force and acting violently toward another human being?

Image: **Giotto di Bondone**
Expulsion of the Money-changers from the Temple

Our Parish incorporates suburbs located on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples. St Benedict's Parish pays respect to their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, and pays our respect to their Elders past and present.

THE PARISH DIARY...(for the week ahead)

Third Week of Lent

Monday— 8th March

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—9th March

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:15am Rosary @ Stockton

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Wednesday—10th March

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Thursday—11th March

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Friday—12th March

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

Followed by Stations of the Cross

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11am Exposition @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

11am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday— 13th March

9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral followed by
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
followed by Reconciliation

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow

6:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday— 14th March

4th Sunday of Lent

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ The Junction

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

Live streamed via the Diocesan website:

www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/livestream/

10:30am Italian Mass @ Broadmeadow

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West

FROM BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The family gathering is often a highlight—a summit—of family life, particularly if a milestone is being celebrated—and a source of greater unity and harmony.

When a family gathers, the host/s will have taken time to plan and prepare. Some guests will also prepare a contribution, while others may have to travel a distance or care for children or elderly family members and just getting there will be their contribution! Each guest will be welcomed and there may be references to why the gathering's being held and what's happened since the last gathering...**it's a kind of family Introductory Rite.**

There are sure to be apologies—I forgot to bring...I'm late, I meant to tell you Josh broke his leg and won't be able to do stairs...**it's a kind of family Penitential Rite.**

There will be storytelling, and some of the stories will be new and some will be comfortingly familiar. Family members who have died will be recalled lovingly...**it's a kind of family Liturgy of the Word.**

When it's mealtime, the collective shopping/menu planning/cooking/table setting/serving will all come together in a joyous, maybe raucous banquet—the kind you'd hate to miss...**it's a kind of family Liturgy of the Eucharist.**

Before the guests depart and the host begins restoring order, there will be reflections, thanksgiving and resolutions to do it all again—soon! **It's a kind of family Concluding Rite.**



**IN YOUR CHARITY,
PLEASE REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS:**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dawn Atkinson, Runa Carraro, Vincent Gray, Barry Wheatley

ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Damien rsj, Thelma Doohan, Michael Burke, Laurel Russell, James Francis Tait, Winfreda Fernando, Sylvia Rutherford, Anna Rutherford, Maurice Murray

SICK: Carlo Rossi, Tom Towers

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Val Donnelly, Sr Marjorie McLachlan

Names may be placed here by contacting the Parish Office. Please refer to the Policy Document on the Parish website—visit www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads.

PARISH NOTICES

ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE, BROADMEADOW:

Beginning on 7th April in the school holidays, the church will be closed to the public for repairs to the gallery and external walls. We anticipate this will last for a few weeks. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the other available Masses within the Parish.

ST PETER IN CHAINS, STOCKTON: AVE are installing the rest of the new audiovisual system, which should be completed shortly. The windows are currently in progress, however the rain is significantly slowing down the progress.

PRAYING THE SUNDAY GOSPEL: Parishioners in the City Pastoral Region are invited to connect and pray with each other from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message. Each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

You and your friends are welcome to join via the internet: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758>
Password: pray

BOOK CLUB meets 6.00pm on Sunday, 6th March, to discuss *Infinite Splendours* by Sofie Laguna. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please send an email to newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

We acknowledge the lifelong trauma of survivors and their families, the failures of the Catholic Church to protect, believe and respond justly to children and vulnerable adults, and the consequent breach of trust.

THE BREAKFAST CONVERSATION (BYO breakfast!!)

(formerly the Men's Breakfast Group)

Our March COVID-safe gathering will be held outdoors:

What? Lawrie Hallinan, Chair of aged care provider - Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT), will provide an overview of the findings and recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care.

When? Monday 15th March Commencing at: 7.15am (BYO coffee and eats)

Where? Rotunda in Centennial Park – Cooks Hill.

Corner of Parry Street and Bruce Street (western) side of park. Access from Bruce Street.

Why? Fellowship and information

Who? All welcome

Enquiries? Neil Jones 0410 572 579

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT TIGHERS HILL—
directly after Friday Mass @ 9.15am.

REFLECTION DAY WITH BISHOP BILL

Bishop Bill is offering reflection days around the Diocese during April and May. The two closest to our parish are:

Thursday April 15, Reflection 2:30-4pm; Mass 5-5:30pm St Mary Immaculate Parish, Charlestown
Tuesday May 4: Reflection 2:30-4pm, Cathedral House 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West.

The day is offered in other locations around the Diocese. If you'd like more information about the other times and places, please contact the Bishop's Office.

LGBTIQ CATHOLIC FORUM PRE-SYNOD CONSULTATION

Building the Kingdom of God Together

Sunday 21 March 2021 1.00pm – 4.00pm (AEDT)

Toohey Room; 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West NSW
RSVP and pre-reading from:

LGBTIQ@mn.catholic.org.au

THE PARISH LUNCHEON: will be held on Monday 15th March at 12.30pm in the Victor Peters Suite. Please join friends for this celebration of what will be our first luncheon for this year. We are looking forward to more opportunities to catch up throughout the year. For more information, please contact Maureen - 0412 673151.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Meditation will not instantly solve all problems. But it changes how we view and deal with the challenges we face. It helps us to 'set our troubled minds at rest' and to find the authentic, interior peace that stabilises us when we are in turmoil.

Join us for meditation at Living Waters,
34 Kenrick St., The Junction:

Wednesday, 7.30 am

Friday, 11.00 am

Monday, 6.30 pm

CONTACT: annecuskelly@hotmail.com or
0407 436 808

CLIMATE ACTION CONFERENCE: FUTURE DIRECTIONS!

Hear from incredible guest speakers, stories of hope and stories of winning. Discuss the difference we as a faith group can make. Connect with others who care about this issue and workshop what our contribution to change will be!

Date: Saturday 20 March 2021. **Time:** 9am-5pm
Register @ <https://www.eventbrite.com.au>

TODAY'S LITURGY

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ex 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Law was given through Moses.

We pause for silent reflection.

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. (R.)
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. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
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.
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

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.*

We pause for silent reflection.

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.*

We pause for silent reflection.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with
the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (*all bow*)
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Memorial Acclamation

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon

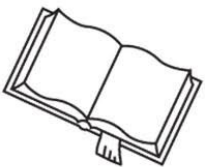
The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



Sunday 14th March 2021
4th Sunday of Lent, Year B
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23
Eph 2:4-10
Jn 3:14-21

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

In Jewish tradition, the Temple marked the point of physical connection between God and humankind and between the past and the present. It was where God's story and humanity's story met. However, in the year 70 C.E. – some 40 years after Jesus – the Temple was destroyed by the Romans. The gospel of John is written another 20+ years later and so the reality of the Temple's destruction is still trying to be absorbed by the people. It was a very powerful image for the gospel writer to suggest that Jesus was the new Temple – the new point of connection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join Father Peter Street for Stations of The Cross on Wednesdays at 6:30pm during Lent. Stay after Stations of the Cross for a period of adoration, during which time Father Peter will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Vespers and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will then follow. The Stations of the Cross will alternate between St Mary's Star of the Sea, Newcastle and St Joseph's, The Junction.



Wednesday 10 March	St Joseph's The Junction
Wednesday 17 March	St Mary's Star of the Sea
Wednesday 24 March	St Joseph's The Junction
Wednesday 31 March	St Mary's Star of the Sea

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ENROLLING NOW

The Parish hosts a family-based and Parish-supported sacramental program for the children of our Parish, in conjunction with parents, who are the first educators of their children in the faith. We undertake the formation and education of children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Penance, formerly known as Confession), Confirmation and First Communion.

The Parish works with parents to help them educate their children in the faith. In this, we are supported by the Principals and teachers in our four Primary Schools, together with our Parish Catechists who teach Special Religious Education in local State Schools.

This year, in trying to cope with COVID, preparation for the sacraments is fully online. While we understand this change may require some adjustment, we feel it's very important to keep everyone safe. The ceremonies wherein the children receive the three sacraments will, of course, be in person and not online.

Please register your interest by completing the online form:

<http://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/sacramental-enrolment-form/> or by contacting the Parish Office on 4979 1101. Once you enrol, you will receive an information packet, which will then assist you to log into MOODLE, which contains all the information about the program, and sign-up forms for the ceremonies.

If you registered for the 2020 Program your enrolment will be carried forward and you will be contacted in the next week.

JESUS AND THE MONEY CHANGERS

(John 2:13-16)

by James F. McGrath

Some call it the “temple tantrum.” Others refer to it as the “cleansing of the temple.” Anyone who knows anything about Jesus, whether from books, movies, or other sources, seems to know at least this one incident, in which Jesus turns over tables full of coins and chases away animals. Most historians agree that an actual occurrence lies behind this story in the Gospels. But beyond that, there is a lot of disagreement. When did the event occur? And what motivated Jesus to drive money changers and sellers of animals out of the temple courts?

When did Jesus' temple action occur?

The Gospel of John places the story of Jesus' action in the temple toward the beginning of Jesus' public activity, while the other Gospels place it toward the end. This might seem like a simple case of three against one, and thus easily settled. In actuality, since Matthew and Luke follow Mark's structure, it is a case of Mark versus John. And since Mark and the other Synoptic Gospels only narrate one visit of Jesus to Jerusalem, they could not have placed the event earlier without changing that framework. Nevertheless, most historians follow Mark's placement, with the Romans taking an interest in Jesus as a result, setting in motion the events that lead to his arrest and crucifixion. Passover, with its focus on liberation from foreign oppression, had been the occasion of disturbances in the past. So even a small-scale symbolic action in the temple, as this must have been, would have attracted their attention.

What was the significance of the temple action?

Did Jesus lose his cool, as the phrase *temple tantrum* might suggest? Both the Gospel of John and the Gospel of Mark depict not a sudden rash outburst but something carefully planned. In Mark 11:11-19, Jesus visits the temple but waits until the next day to do anything. In John's version, Jesus actually takes the time to make a whip from cords (John 2:15).

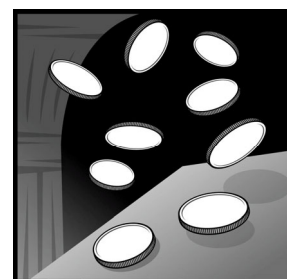
If calling it a temple tantrum gives the wrong impression, does “the cleansing of the temple” get closer to the meaning of the incident? If the selling of animals occurred anywhere within the temple precincts, it would have been in the outer court called the Court of the Gentiles. Animals leave behind messy droppings, and dung was considered to defile sacred space. But some may have thought that the presence of Gentiles, viewed as inherently unclean, was no more and no less defiling than the presence of animal

dung. Jesus, on the other hand, is depicted as touching and dining with the ritually unclean, and he may therefore have objected both to the implied slight toward non-Jews and to the disrespect for their space of worship that was involved in holding commercial activities in the Court of the Gentiles. The words attributed to Jesus in Mark 11 focus on the status of the temple, according to the prediction of Isa 56:7, as a “house of prayer for all peoples,” while the version in the Gospel of John focuses on the temple turning into a marketplace, possibly alluding to Zech 14:21. These can be viewed as two sides of the same coin, rather than as completely distinct concerns, for Jesus.

We should not think that the presence of noisy animals and commerce bothered Jesus just because they spoiled the worshipful atmosphere. An ancient temple was not supposed to be like a quiet cathedral. It was loud and bustling. The sale of animals was essential for the temple's main function as a place for the offering of animal sacrifices. Bringing an animal from one's home risked something happening to it on the way, and so many chose to sell their own animal, bring the money with them, and then purchase a replacement in Jerusalem. The money changers were there to convert various currencies into one standard coinage, the Tyrian shekel, that was used for the payment of the annual temple tax. Both the selling of animals for sacrifices and the payment of the temple tax were activities required by Jewish law and central to the temple's functions.

Because Jesus drove out people and animals that were essential, many scholars view his action not as a cleansing of the temple but as a symbolic act predicting its destruction. This puts Jesus in line with the actions of Israel's earlier prophets and agrees with the words that John 2:19 has Jesus utter on this occasion: “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Jesus seems to have envisaged that the temple would be removed to make room for whatever more perfect state of affairs would replace it in the kingdom of God.

James F. McGrath, “Jesus and the Money Changers (John 2:13-16)”, n.p. [cited 3 Mar 2021]. Online: <https://www.bibleodyssey.org/443/passages/main-articles/jesus-and-the-moneychangers>



COVID-19-RELATED INFORMATION

Maximum Number of Persons in Churches

Under the current Public Health Order, the limit on the number of persons who can be present in a church is now calculated by allowing 2 square metres per person within the building.

In our Region, those limits are:

Sacred Heart Cathedral	221
St Mary's, Newcastle	108
St Joseph's, The Junction	200
Mary Immaculate, Tighes Hill	110
St Laurence O'Toole, Broadmeadow	110
St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton	140
Christ the King, Mayfield West	140

The limit applies to all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, such as weddings and funerals.

Provision of Contact Details

The Public Health Order requires the collection of contact details for those who attend any liturgical celebration in a church (e.g. Mass, weddings, funerals, Baptisms, etc.). The contact details for each and every individual—including children and infants—must be collected.

The contact details that are required are defined as a) name, b) phone number or email address, and c) the time of arrival.

Attendees are able to use the Service NSW QR Code to provide their details—just like many other places—using the Service NSW app on your phone, or via a QR Code reader. A Contact Details Form will be provided at the door to permit the collection of these details.

General Requirements

The requirements regarding cleaning, observing physical distancing, refraining from communal singing, etc. remain in place for the time being, as does the requirement to refrain from physical acts of devotion that involve touching or kissing icons or statues.

Liturgical rituals have been adapted, and will continue to be adapted, in order to ensure the health and safety of all parishioners and visitors to our churches. We ask those who are particularly at risk – the elderly, those with compromised health, those who are sick – to refrain from returning to Mass for the sake of their own health. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass given by the Bishop remains in place in these circumstances.

Requirements for Attending Mass

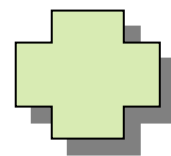
Cathedral: There is no need to register in advance to attend Mass. If you wish to return to Mass, you are at liberty to do so, though capacity limits will need to be observed at all Masses.

LIVE-STREAMING NOTICE – 9.30AM MASS FROM SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

The 9.30am Mass from Sacred Heart Cathedral is live-streamed (and recorded) each week. The camera is located under the choir loft and faces towards the sanctuary, though it can be directed to various parts of the Cathedral if needed.

Parishioners should be aware that they may be filmed during the celebration of the 9.30am Mass. This filming will mostly capture their image from behind. We cannot guarantee, however, that their faces will not be featured on the live-stream or recording, particularly the case during the Communion Procession. The live-stream will make use of multiple camera angles to minimise the identification of individuals as much as possible, but this will not eliminate the possibility of being filmed.

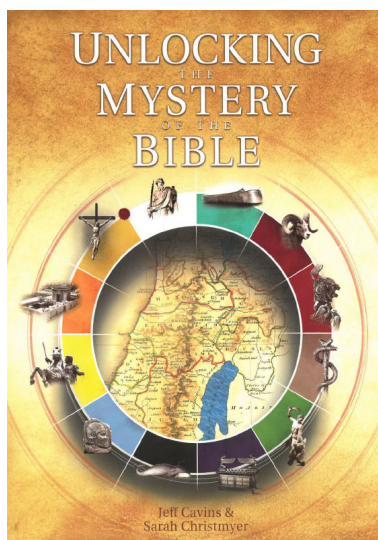
Parishioners with concerns about being filmed or recorded should speak with the Cathedral Rector, Father Andrew Doohan, in the first instance.



BIBLE STUDY

Father Peter Street will commence Bible Study Group on Thursday, 8 April 2021. If you are interested in participating please contact the Parish Office on 4979 1101 to register your interest prior to 15 March 2021.

It is anticipated that this will be offered face-to-face and via zoom with the time to be determined by those involved.



Father Peter will be using “*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*” to help us make sense of the Bible and to see how it relates to our everyday lives. We will discover the remarkable connection between the Old and New Testaments, and see how the sacraments, the Church, and our entire Catholic Faith are rooted

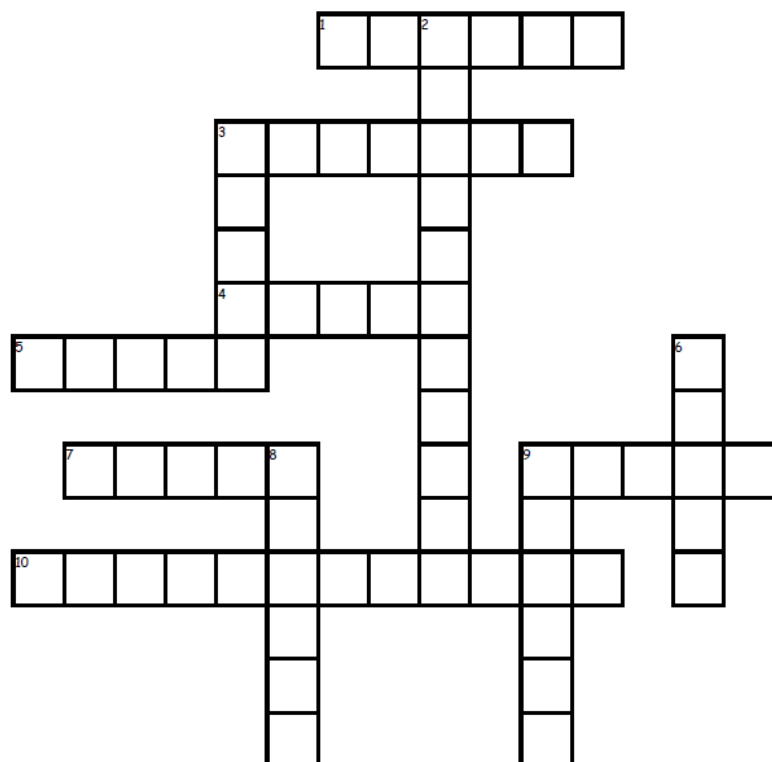
in the Scripture.

The Bible is a story about the Father's unfailing love for us, a love that we are called to share with others.

CROSSWORD

The Lord gave Moses the commandments

Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Ps 19:7, 8, 9cd-10ab, R, Jn 6:68c
Jn 2:13-22



Across

- 1: Jesus found people selling things in this special building
- 3: to damage something beyond repair is to d_____ it
- 4: the Lord helped Moses and the slaves leave this place
- 5: God gave this man the ten commandments
- 7: a woolly animal that says 'baa'
- 9: you use this to buy things
- 10: the special rules that God gave Moses were called the ten _____

Down

- 2: Jesus told the sellers not to make the temple into a m_____ p_____
- 3: there were people selling cattle, sheep, and _____ in the temple
- 6: to take something that is not yours is to _____
- 8: the Lord says that he will _____ anyone who misuses his name
- 9: the opposite of father

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

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commandments
destroy
doves
Egypt
marketplace
money
Moses
mother
punish
sheep
steal
temple