

Children's Newsletter

St Margaret Mary's

John 2:13-25

Today we see Jesus angrily clearing out the market traders and animal sellers from the Temple. He was furious that they had turned His father's house into a market place.

But was He really angry about the animals being sold? Jesus was a Jew and Jews had always bought animals for sacrifice in the Temple. By the time of Jesus, however, the sacrifices had become more important than the person's prayer.

Jesus was saying that the old ways of doing things were not enough anymore. That love of God was much more important than pigeons or doves.

This event is written about in all the Gospels so it must have been very important to the early Church. Perhaps what this story tells us is that coming to Mass on Sunday is only the start. We have to look after each other, be kind and forgiving and try and follow what Jesus wants us to do all the week not just on one day.

Put the words below into the spaces.

Just before the Jewish _____ Jesus went up to _____. In the _____ he found people selling cattle, sheep and _____. Making a _____ out of cord, he drove the animals out of the Temple and scattered the money changers _____, knocked over their _____ and said "Take all this out of here and stop turning my _____ house into a _____."

Father's Passover pigeons coins
Jerusalem whip tables Temple
market

3rd Sunday of Lent

News

- Are you completing your Lenten calendars?
- Have you tried any Fairtrade goods?
- Have you made a card for Mothering Sunday next week?

Tabernacle Lamp

In all Catholic churches a special lamp burns night and day before the Tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is held.

The candle is often in a red glass container like the one in our Church.

Can you find ours?



Superhero—Moses

The life of Moses is full of times when Moses did amazing things. He parted the Red Sea, allowing the Jewish people to cross the river without getting wet. He led the Jews through the desert for 40 years and spoke to God many times.

We hear about Moses in the second book of the Bible, which is called the Exodus.

In the first reading today we hear about the time when Moses climbs the mountain to talk to God and returns with two tablets of stone on which are written the Ten Commandments.

These laws told the Jews how they should be behaving and what God expected from them.

We still use the Ten Commandments as a way of life now. How many do you know?

