

John of God
by Murillo

John of God was born Joao Duarte Cidade in the district of Evora east of Lisbon in 1495. One day when he was eight he disappeared and found himself a homeless orphan in the streets of

Oropesa near Toledo in Spain .

For several years he tended sheep but then joined a company of foot soldiers fighting against the French forces. He again resumed life as a shepherd for a number of years but re-joined the army and for 18 years he served as a trooper in various parts of Europe.

He once again resumed life as a shepherd but realised that this occupation no longer satisfied him. He spent some time in the Portuguese colony of Ceuta in North Africa but returned to Spain wandering around the region of Andalusia trying to find what God might want from him.

Here he is said to have had a vision of the Infant Jesus who bestowed on him the name by which he would later be known - John of God.

On January 20 1537 he was encouraged while listening to a sermon by a leading preacher of the day, John of Avila, to improve the life of the poor. At the age of 42 he had an acute mental breakdown and after the period of time incarcerated in the Royal Hospital he recovered, gained peace of heart, left the hospital and began to work among the poor. Initially he had to work alone because of the stigma attached to mental illness but soon received the cooperation of charitable priests and physicians. Slowly he drew to himself a dedicated circle of disciples who felt called to join him in this service.

He organised his followers into the Order of Hospitallers who were approved by the Holy See in 1572 as the Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God. He died on March 8 1550 on his 55th birthday and was canonised in 1690.

The Order maintains a presence in 53 countries, operates more than 300 hospital services serving a range of medical needs in addition to mental health and psychiatry. The family of Saint John of God is made up of more than 45,000 members, Brothers and co-workers and supported by tens of thousands of benefactors and friends who identify with and support the work of the order for sick and needy people

Saints of the Week

Mon 8	St John of God, religious
Tues 9th	St Frances of Rome, religious
Thurs 11	St Aengus, bishop and abbot
Sat 13	Anniversary of election in 2013 of Pope Francis

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

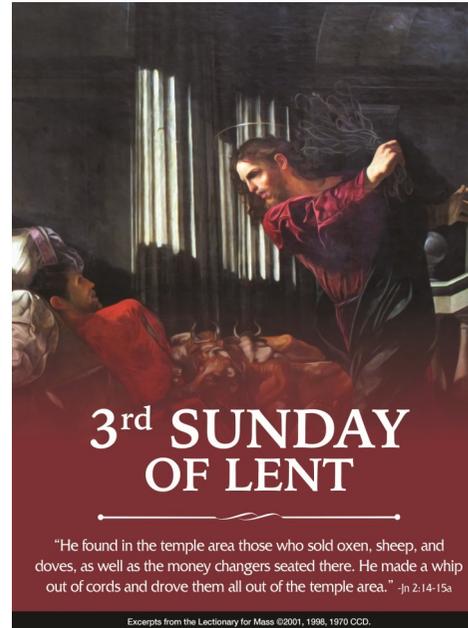
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

“He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area.” Jn 2:14-15a

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6th March 6 pm Mass:-

Ben Mc Mahon / Recently Deceased
Eamonn Mc Keon / Months Mind
Michael Lyons / 3rd Anniversary
Gerry Cronin / Anniversary

Sunday 7th March 10am Zoom Mass:-

Margaret & Tony Burke / Anniversaries

Sunday 7th March 11.30 am Mass:-

Months Mind
Seán Collins Danny Deegan
Eamon Staunton Joanne Wyld
John Delaney Thomas (Ambrose) Cassells
Patrick (Paddy) O’ Toole
Patricia Murray Brigid Malone
Barbara Mc Grath Anna O’ Faherty
Seán Compton Michael Mc Keown

Colm O’ Shea 1st Anniversary & Mary O’ Shea Anniversary

Recently Deceased:-

Patrick Sheehan Liam Farrell Snr.

Anniversaries:-

Archdeacon Patrick Leahy
(Former PP Foxrock)
Raymond & Phyllis Poulter
David Dillon Bairbre Kilmurray
Loughlin Walsh 5th Anniversary

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Recently deceased
Frank Meehan
Bette Garland
Thomas Finn
May they rest in peace





March 7,
2021
3rd Sunday
of Lent

This would explain the disbelief of the witnesses.

In calling the Temple 'my Father's house' Jesus identifies the source of his authority. But his interrogators do not understand, nor do his disciples, though we are told it later makes sense to them after the resurrection. This scene offers more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation of Jesus' identity and authority, as the one in whom God's presence dwells. It also emphasises the radical new way of living that Jesus has come to bring about. As we journey through Lent, we ask ourselves where the message of Jesus has become obstructed in our lives, and how we might open our hearts again to his presence and guidance.

Intercom Deepend

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.' (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)

It is tough at times to figure out who has authority on certain issues. There are 'experts' everywhere, telling us how we should eat, exercise, manage our finances... the list goes on. Something that has struck me during the current pandemic is how hard it can be to know who to believe. We hear from doctors and virologists, politicians and economists, and their opinions don't always align. It can take us a while to trust the voices we hear in the media.

The Temple scene in today's gospel sparks a debate about Jesus' authority. While he certainly cuts an authoritative figure as he drives out the stall-holders and money-changers, he is immediately questioned. The Jews demand a sign to explain his provocative words and actions, as if to say 'Who do you think you are?' It is interesting to note that in John's Gospel, this scene takes place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry (unlike the Synoptic Gospels where it comes towards the end).

Teen Hope Connected

Teen Hope Connected is a weekly Youth Group. It takes place every **Wednesday 6-7pm** via Zoom. Join us for fun, exploring faith and life with other Teens through small group discussions, top class games and prayer. If you are interested in joining, please email: kirsten.mahon@dublindiocese.ie

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

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.

(Ex 20 :1-17)

PSALM

The law of the Lord is perfect ,
It revives the soul.

(Ps 18:8-11)

SECOND READING

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here we are preaching a crucified Christ.

(1 Cor 1:22-25)

GOSPEL

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.

(Jn 2:13-25)



Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults

The Foundational Leadership Programme offers participants a unique opportunity to explore and develop Gospel transformational

leadership Skills. This programme endeavours to provide participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to be Gospel centred transformational leaders and change agents within their own parishes, communities. The next Foundational Leadership day will be 20 March

For more information, online registration and payment log onto www.evangelisation.ie/2020/08/



GENERATION TECH

Generation Tech is a free service and is run by volunteers.

Volunteers run a FREE HELPLINE to help

older people in Ireland with tech issues. Our volunteers are tech experts and work in shifts from 8am-8pm Monday to Friday. Support is provided over the phone. If you need help with smartphones, tablets, social media, apps, PCs, printers, etc.

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

ON TUESDAY THE 9th OF MARCH at 8p.m.

Meeting via ZOOM

Walled Gardens in Our Area in the Past By Myles Reid

MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE AN E-MAIL WITH THE INVITE PASSWORD. Non-Members please send an email to: info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie for a password to this meeting.