



Our Lady of Peace Catholic School

3rd Week of Lent

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Jesus said 'My fathers house is a house of prayer 'So when he came to the temple in Jerusalem and saw how people had pushed God to one side and allowed money and business to become more important, he was very angry.

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Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Passover. He found the temple in Jerusalem full of people selling animals and amongst them sat money changers. He was very angry and overturned the tables of the money changers, scattering their coins everywhere.

Angrily he chased the animals and the merchants out of the temple shouting at them, 'Take all of these things away and stop making my father's house into a market place!'

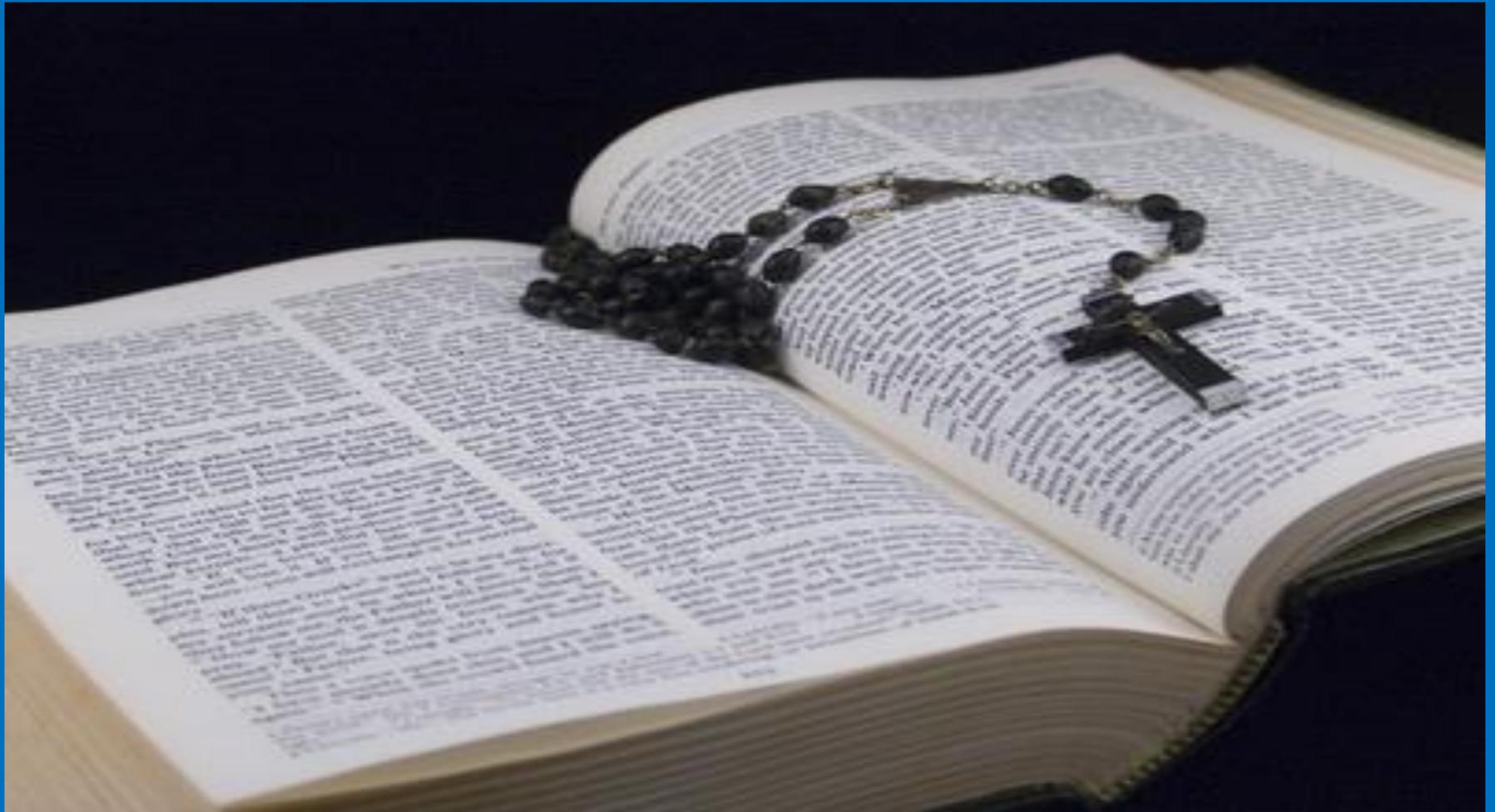
The temple priests tried to stop Jesus and asked 'What right do you have to act like this?'

Jesus answered, 'Destroy this temple and I will raise it again in three days.' 'This temple took forty six years to build! How could you rebuild it in three days?' they exclaimed.

The temple which Jesus spoke of was his own body and after his resurrection from the dead, his disciples would understand what Jesus had said that day.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Reflection

What do you think the message of today's Gospel is?

Why was Jesus so angry?

His father's house had become a market place instead of a place of prayer and respect.

Jesus said he could rebuild the temple in three days-what did he mean by that?

Jesus meant the temple of his own body which would be destroyed by death on the cross, but would be raised to life again after three days.

How should we act in the house of God?

The house of God is a place of prayer where we can be close to God in a special way.

Prayer

Let us close our eyes and speak quietly to Jesus, asking his forgiveness for any mistakes we have made or things we have done wrong.

Let us pray for Our Lady of Peace School which is gathered here today in God's house to celebrate Christ's death and resurrection.

Amen