

Lectio Divina

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- **Read and re-read**, out loud and slowly the Gospel
 - **Meditate** on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life
 - **Pray** - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition
 - **Action** – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do)
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March 11th 2012 **3rd Sunday Lent – Year B – John 2:13-25**

In this week's gospel we see Jesus driving people out of the temple because they were selling cattle, sheep and pigeons. He was angry because they were turning His Father's house into a market place. The Jews were concerned with the sanctuary which takes forty six years to build and its destruction is a disaster while Jesus' concern is always for the kind that can be rebuilt in three days.

What are the temples that we are turning into market places today? Our children are sacred – do we project our ambitions and our hurts on to them?

Prayer:

Lord we thank you for reminding us that you know each one of us, our every thought and motive and we can be at peace knowing this. We do not need to be trying to prove anything or wasting our energy in bitterness or sadness because you will take care of us.

Forgive us for the times when we have looked on our church community as a place of prestige and power. Help us to realise that the only sanctuary that counts is the Body of Jesus and once we are truly his body in our community we can rebuild whatever has been damaged.

