

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time A

First Reading Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

R.I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

R.I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself. When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest

and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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True Perspectives
Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love ‘God’? No, we are to love ‘the Lord your God’, the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, ‘Love the Lord your God’. Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ But who is ‘yourself’? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being. The challenge for you and for me is to see ‘yourself’ in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today’s global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant. We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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UPDATED COVID
PROTOCOLS
EFFECTIVE FRI 23RD
OCTOBER DISPLAYED
ON CHURCH DOOR



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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 27: 5.30 Mass
Wed 28: 9am Mass
Thurs 29: 9am Mass
Fri 30: 9.15am Mass
Sat 31: 9am Rosary /
Mass 9.30am Recon
6pm Mass
Sun 01: 9am Mass
5pm Mass

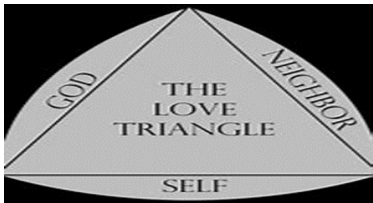
ROSTERS 24/25 OCTOBER

Church Cleaning
D & L May (26-30)
Welcomers
6pm B Wilson
9am C Connell
5pm M deSmet
Commentator
6pm J Quigley
9am A Brown
5pm K O’Sullivan
Readers
6pm P O’Kelly
9am A Horsfall
5pm P Billington
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm A Rogers
9am L Stevens
5pm D Gorzalka
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm J O’Sullivan
REGISTRARS
6pm J Wain, J McCarthy
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm N Beatty

ROSTERS 31 OCT/1 NOV

Church Cleaning
M deSmet/J Maher(2-6 Nov)
Welcomers
6pm B Wilson
9am J McClelland
5pm D Ebejer
Commentator
6pm J Quigley
9am N Beatty
5pm P O’Kelly
Readers
6pm M Weatherall
9am L Page
5pm S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm Sr Marie
9am G Norris
5pm J O’Sullivan
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6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
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6pm P Billington
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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A



In this weekend’s gospel, Jesus offered a classical response to the Pharisees who were seeking to disconcert him using a question rooted in the Jewish code, containing 613 precepts. The subject of the question was the greatest commandment of the law, commonly posed to the Jewish Rabbis and teachers at the time.

Jesus, in his response pointed to the first commandment which requires loving God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. This is contained in the Jewish prayer of *shema* (cf. Deut.6.4-5). Using the same opportunity, he alluded to the second commandment: *to love your neighbour as yourself* (Lev. 19.18), thereby summarizing the 613 precepts of the law and the teachings of the prophets into two - *love of God and neighbour* (others). In this way, Jesus brought together God, the other and self in a love triangle. This did not only simplify the understanding of the law as a collective but revolutionises its interpretations for all time.

Apart from his understanding of the Jewish scriptures (OT), Jesus’ response to the Pharisees came naturally. His incarnation was an act of love. This is reflected in John’s gospel 3.16: *God loved the world so much that he gave His only son*. Jesus came in response to love and to teach us how to love God through others. He exemplified this in his own life, actions and sacrificial death for humanity. This fulfils his teaching in John’s gospel that *‘the greatest love a person can have for his friends, is to give his life for them’* (Jn. 15.13). What a love!

Christ’s example is apt and compelling. Like him, how do we love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and with all our strength? And how do we love our neighbour as ourselves, even when it hurts? To love God with our all, implies that God will be the sole object of our heart’s desire, the center of our soul’s attraction, the object of contemplation in our mind and the will to serve him with all our strength. In essence, it calls for conformation with God in all things and, in the words of St. Augustine, *‘Love God and do whatever you please’*.

Meanwhile, we cannot give what we do not have. Therefore, Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves. Self love is fundamental to being able to love others. But, how often do we express self-love and how do we love others when it hurts, when it leaves us marred, broken, grief stricken and at a high cost as evident in human relationships? This may be hard, however, the cross and the Christ events offers us a model as we reflect on the greatest commandment this weekend. Authentic love of God and neighbour require some form of sacrifice.

There is a fine line between love and hate. However, love in Christ’s terms implies consciously seeking the good of the other person, even when it hurts. This underpins Christian charity which calls us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us (Mt. 5.44-45). We are therefore, challenged to verify our love of God by our love of neighbour. And to love our neighbour as ourselves, challenging as it is, remains the only way to keep the love triangle active.

May we gain the grace to keep loving the self, others and God.

Fr Martins

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

OCTOBER

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis. Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



November We Take Time to Remember

This is a time of year to remember that each of us is a unique person fashioned by a loving Creator who are but part of a larger communion of persons stretching back (and forth) in time – the Communion of Saints."

Sadly during 2020 we have not been able to mourn our loved ones – family and friends - as we would hope.

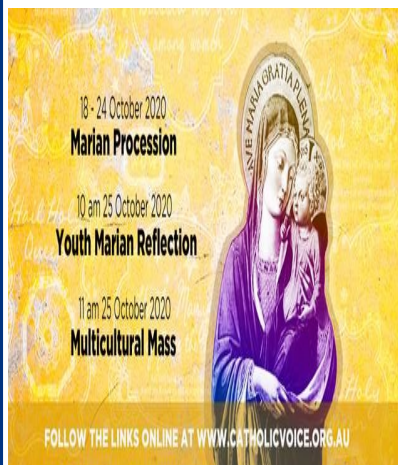
During this November as a Community of faith we will take time and remember and pray for each person.

Next weekend at all Masses we will invite you to write the names of those you have lost since last November, candles will be lit and we will pray together throughout the month with rosary at the cemeteries each Sunday and other rituals.

Also memorial masses will be offered for our lost loved ones during this month of November.



HIP HIP HOORAY!!
Happy Birthday to all those who celebrated a birthday in October.



NOVEMBER CEMETERY ROSARY

Every Sunday of the Month at 12 midday

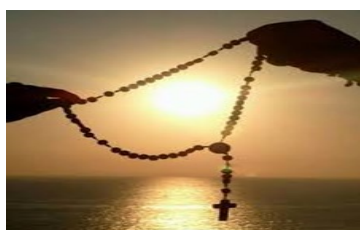
1/11 BATEMANS BAY CEMETERY

8/11 MOGO CEMETERY JERAMADRA

15/11 BROULEE MEMORIAL GARDENS

22/11 OLD CATHOLIC CEMETERY, Bent Street, Batemans Bay

29/11 NELLIGEN CEMETERY



October Rosary — Thank you all for participating in the October Rosary, individually and in the community. The devotion comes to an end in our Parish, on Friday 30th October at 5.30 pm with Exposition, Rosary and Benediction. You are all invited.



"Archbishop's Teaching Day, Saturday 7th November.

Each year the Archbishop calls together all people in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for a day of teaching. This year the theme is: "Do not be Afraid!" All are welcome to join us at St Peter Chancels Church, Weston Str, Yarralumla from 10am to 4.30pm. Talks, testimonies, praise and worship and prayer ministry. Holy Mass at 12.15pm. Sausage sizzle lunch \$5. The day is free. A collection will be taken for the work of the CCR. To register, go to:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BLXWI> or phone or text Maida on 0423 648 326

"Care of the Soul" - Advent Morning Retreat

Will be held Tuesday November 17 in the Church Meeting Room. 9 am registration for 9.30 start—12.30pm. Cost \$5

Facilitated by Sr Marie McAlister rsj and Marie Weatherall. Morning Tea will be provided. To register please phone Marie Weatherall on 0405 028 057

Participants must register before the retreat by Tuesday November 10 as numbers are limited

FREE DONATED BLANKETS: The Parish has kindly been gifted knitted and crocheted blankets, scarves and beanies by the Pins & Needles Knitting Group from St John's Church in Dee Why. These are available in the church foyer

FEAST OF THE WEEK — Wednesday 28th October St Simon and St Jude



THE ORDER OF MALTA WILL BE RETURNING THIS COMING WEEKEND 24/25TH OCTOBER FOR MASSES. THEY WANT TO CATCH UP WITH EVERYONE TO SEE HOW WE HAVE BEEN GETTING ON SINCE THEIR LAST VISIT.

PPC RENEWAL PROCESS

We are in the process of renewing the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Pastoral Plan. The following parishioners have been invited to participate in the discernment process leading to the renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council. These will collaborate with the incumbent Pastoral Councillors in developing a new Parish Pastoral Plan for 2021-2023. Please keep this process in your payers.

Mick Lowe, Nola Beatty, Miranda Vidovic, Tony DCosta, Judith Baroman, Pat Jobes, Peter O'Kelly, Maria Devine, Saskia Ebejer, Jenny Rzepa

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

From 1st October 2020 there will only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786

Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds. Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

Remembering the Sick:

John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Vince Burns, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:

Adrian Ebejer, Terence O'Mahony, Domenico Cristallo, Olga Drinan, Kevin Rourke, Alice Stewart, Gregory Chatfield, Ann Smith, John Bradley, Norma Phillips, Vincenzo Biondo, Donald Walker

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

Community:

Peter Varkulevicius, Ian McAdam, Pio Liberale, Amelia Davis, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey, Jan Schor, Dennis Mayer, Regina Mass, Kathleen Brown, Evert Ordeman, Mato Katic, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Tony Craddy, Anne Bevern, Sylvia Mayer, Veronica Holmes, Barbara Simpson, Anacrita Villanueva Senci, Hilda Muldoon, Philip Lewis

Parish Coffee Club

You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass.

VENUE: Corrigan's Cove

Eurobodalla Tea & Talk Sessions 11am—2 pm

All residents are invited to come down for a cup and chat.

Bushfire support services will be available

*Malua Bay Surf Club Tues 10th November

*Mogo Mall Tues 17th November

*Nelligen Foreshore Tues 24th November

CONGRATULATIONS

DESNE MANNS
Who received her 20 years Volunteer Service Badge at Vinnies last week. Desne is well respected and loved by staff and volunteers alike.



<p>Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma District Funerals</p> <p>Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886</p> <p>Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888</p>	<p>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</p> <p>1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay</p> <p>Buy fuel any time</p> <p>EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
<p>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</p> <p>Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee</p> <p>100% BEEF BURGER</p> <p>248 Beach Road Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p> <p>02 4472 1802</p>	<p>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>ENROLLING NOW</p> <p>Ph 4472 4446</p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>
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<p>Ray and Anne Brown</p> <p>COASTAL CONCRETE & QUARRY</p> <p>02 4474 0320</p>	<p>Kate & Tara your vets at Surf Beach</p> <p>EUROCOAST Veterinary Centre</p> <p>4471 3400</p>

Wrap With Love—Wed 28 th Oct 11 am
Bible Study/Faith Formation—Wed 9.30 am
Craft Group—Thursday 10am-12pm
Men Alive—1st & 3rd Wed 8 am
Adoration—Friday 5.30pm
Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30 am
CWA Bric-A-Brac stall—Saturday 7th November 11am

E-Activity: Singalong Mondays 1 pm