

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year B

First Reading Dt 6:2-6  
A reading from the book of  
Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart.  
Moses said to the people: ‘If you fear  
the Lord your God all the days of your  
life and if you keep all his laws and  
commandments which I lay on you,  
you will have a long life, you and your  
son and your grandson. Listen then,  
Israel, keep and observe what will  
make you prosper and give you great  
increase, as the Lord God of your  
fathers has promised you, giving you a  
land where milk and honey flow.  
‘Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is  
the one Lord. You shall love the Lord  
your God with all your heart, with all  
your soul, with all your strength. Let  
these words I urge on you today be  
written on your heart.’  
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.  
1. 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.  
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be to the God that saves me.  
He has given great victories to his  
king and shown love for his anointed.  
(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

Second Reading Heb 7:23-28  
A reading from the letter to the  
Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an  
eternal priesthood.  
There used to be a great number of  
priests under the former covenant,  
because death put an end to each one  
of them; but this one, Christ, because  
he remains for ever, can never lose his  
priesthood. It follows, then, that his  
power to save is utterly certain, since  
he is living for ever to intercede for all  
who come to God through him. To  
suit us, the ideal high priest would  
have to be holy, innocent and  
uncontaminated, beyond the influence  
of sinners, and raised up above the  
heavens; one who would not need to  
offer sacrifices every day, as the other  
high priests do for their own sins and  
then for those of the people, because  
he has done this once and for all by  
offering himself. The Law appoints

high priests who are men subject to  
weakness; but the promise on oath,  
which came after the Law, appointed  
the Son who is made perfect for ever.  
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 Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark  
This is the first commandment, and the second  
is similar to it.  
One of the scribes came up to Jesus  
and put a question to him, ‘Which is  
the first of all the commandments?’  
Jesus replied, ‘This is the first: Listen,  
Israel, the Lord our God is the one  
Lord, and you must love the Lord you  
God with all your heart, with all your  
soul, with all your mind, and with all  
your strength. The second is this: You  
must love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater  
than these.’ The scribe said to him,  
‘Well spoken, Master; what you have  
said is true: that he is one and there is  
no other. To love him with all your  
heart, with all your understanding and  
strength, and to love your neighbour  
as yourself, this is far more important  
than any holocaust or sacrifice.’ Jesus,  
seeing how wisely he had spoken,  
said, ‘You are not far from the  
kingdom of God.’ And after that no  
one dared to question him any more.

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

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Israel was called by God. To what was  
Israel called? To what were the  
crowds who followed Jesus called? To  
what are we called? To a covenant  
relationship with the Lord who is God,  
the one who is Lord alone. We have  
been invited into an intimate personal  
relationship with the creator of the  
universe, the one who plays with black  
holes and white dwarfs and at the  
same time with infinite interest has  
numbered the very hairs on our head  
(cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this  
so often that it may have become  
commonplace. The marvel of it may  
escape our attention, because it has  
become just a part of our religious

language. It is well that once in a  
while we are shaken to our senses,  
‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God,  
the Lord alone!’  
It is not marvel enough that this  
mysterious God has created us; we  
have also been redeemed. As victim-  
priest Jesus has offered himself on our  
behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed  
the covenant; his blood was the  
expiation for our sins; he is our rock,  
our fortress, our deliverer, our shield,  
our stronghold. Only one thing is  
asked of us in return: that we open  
ourselves to him and cling to the  
covenant, that we proclaim with all  
our hearts ‘The Lord is our God, the  
Lord alone!’ We are to love with all  
our heart and all our soul and all our  
strength; we are to love God and to  
love others.

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Happy birthday to all those  
who celebrated a birthday in  
the month of October.  
Wishing you all God’s love



and blessings in the coming  
Year



SAINTS OF THE  
WEEK

MONDAY 1ST -  
ALL SAINTS DAY  
TUESDAY 2ND - The  
Commemoration of all  
the faithful departed  
WEDNESDAY 3RD - St Martin de  
Porres  
THURSDAY 4th - St Charles Borromeo



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ALL SAINTS DAY  
MONDAY 1ST  
NOVEMBER

All Souls Day  
Tuesday 2nd  
November

Upcoming  
Events:

Church/Online:  
Cenacle Prayer  
Tues at 4.45pm



Adoration: Friday at  
5:30pm



Bench Ministry:  
By Request

Croatian Mass Monday  
1st November @ 11am

Finance Meeting Wed  
3rd 5.30 pm Parish  
Office

Parish Liturgy Meeting  
Thurs 4th @ 4-5pm

First Eucharist Retreat  
Day 10am-2.30pm  
Thurs 4th November

Craft Group every  
Thursday @ 10 am

Coffee Club  
Thursday 4th November  
After Mass @ Corrigan's  
Cove

THIRTY FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Love God, Love our Neighbour, Love Self?

We have heard it all before: ‘Love  
your God..... love your Neighbour as  
yourself’... But have we truly HEARD it?

During the Mission month of October it was a  
good time to test our belief. A month where  
we needed to concentrate not only on those  
who have suffered and needed our help, but to  
heed the call of Pope Francis .. ‘to go forth to  
the peripheries of our world as messengers  
and agents of compassion.’ It is a reminder that the Mission for all of us is to  
Listen and then Act with conviction!

The language of the First Reading is one of plenty. The Commandments seen  
as life giving. The whole history of the Old Testament was a journey of  
‘forgetting God’s great love and then being reconciled.’ I guess we could put  
ourselves in that category but we are so much more blessed to know that Christ  
our High Priest has spoken for us! Yes, we have representatives in our Church  
who lead us but we, as baptized in the Priesthood of Christ, all have a role in  
enacting that great command to love our neighbour as our self. We may tend to  
forget that the healthy love of self is important for us as we go on this Mission.

Self love refers to our ability to hold ourselves in esteem and have  
confidence in our worth, ‘we are God’s work of art’ Eph 2:10 no matter what  
happens around us. We do not depend on others to tell us who we are!  
‘God is love; we are created in God’s image; and Jesus commanded that we be  
what we already are.

Your True Self, God’s Love in you, cannot be exhausted. Material gifts  
decrease when you give them away. Spiritual gifts, by contrast, increase the  
more you use them. Yes! You get more love by letting it flow through you, just  
as modelled by the Trinity. If you love, you will become more loving. If you  
practice patience, you will become more patient.’ Richard Rohr  
So, as we move to respond to the Synodal Process let us do it with confidence  
that we are great Lovers and moved by the knowledge that we are doing God’s  
work.

In celebrating All Saints Day and All Souls this week let our true missionary spirit  
lead us to bring others -neighbours - on our journey.

God bless ,

Sr. Marie





## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions November

### People Who Suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**Mon 1st:** 9am Mass  
**Tues 2nd:** 9am Mass, 5.30pm Mass (Anointing)  
**Wed 3rd:** 9am Mass  
**Thurs 4th:** 9.00 am Mass  
**Fri 5th:** 9.15 am Mass  
**Sat 6th:** 9am Mass/Rosary 9.30am Reconciliation 6pm Mass  
**Sunday 7th:** 9am Mass 5pm Family & Youth Mass

### ROSTERS

#### 30/31 October Church Cleaning

B Coffey/M Paine (Nov 1-5)

#### Commentator

6pm Sr Marie

9am B Basevi

5pm M O'Neill

#### Readers:

6pm J Mackay

9am C Lowe

5pm S Ebejer

#### Eucharistic Ministers

6pm M Weatherall

9am C Schor

5pm B Maynard

#### Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Priest

5pm J O'Sullivan

#### REGISTRARS

6pm P Jobs

9am M & S Beashel

5pm M Devine

#### 6/7 November

#### Church Cleaning

R & K Ison (8-12)

#### Commentator

6pm M Bridges

9am A Brown

5pm L Miller

#### Readers:

6pm M Weatherall

9am B Basevi

5pm J O'Sullivan

#### Eucharistic Ministers

6pm K Lovering

9am L Stevens

5pm B Maynard

#### Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Jackson

5pm M O'Neill

#### REGISTRARS

6pm P O'Kelly

9am M & C Lowe

5pm M Devine

## PARISH DAILY LIVESTREAM MASS

### Sunday 9am Mass:

[https://www.facebook.com/StBernardBatemansbaychurch/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/StBernardBatemansbaychurch/live_videos/)

### Tuesday to Saturday:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89462634718?pwd=UGhwWFhlWkZUQWZ0bmhRMUZYYUpXZz09>

## PPC MEETING 21 OCTOBER

- The Parish Pastoral Council wish to commend the commitment to faith displayed throughout the pandemic and thanks parishioners as they continue to adhere to the Covid-19 protocol.
- The PPC wish to encourage Parishioners to be attentive to the ongoing Plenary Council. The first assembly in October enjoyed a Synodal process implying "walking together" in communal discernment. The second assembly is scheduled to take place in Sydney on July 2022.
- The PPC members are working on a calendar of events for 2022. The council looks forward to parishioners being able to meet again through parish social activities. Suggestions for parish activities are most welcome and may be raised with Father Martins or any parish pastoral council member for consideration ahead of our next meeting in mid-November.

*Please remember to engage with any PPC member on parish matters important to you.*

**HELP NEEDED:** We need a parishioner to visit and take Holy Communion to an elderly lady in Surf Beach. It would be monthly as you would be part of a roster. If interested phone Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

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### CANCELLATION NOTICE:

One day Retreat with Sr Catherine McCahill sgs on Mon Nov 15 has had to be cancelled and will take place in 2022. Sr Catherine sends her apologies

### "YEAR OF ST JOSEPH 2021

Some Saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron, St Joseph has the Power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity and in every undertaking.

**St Thomas Aquinas**



## NOVEMBER CEMETERY ROSARY



The rosary will be prayed starting on Tuesday 2nd November and then every Sunday of the month at 12 midday

**The Rosary will be held rain or sunshine. Bring umbrellas and a chair**

**TUESDAY 2/11** Old Catholic Cemetery Bent Street, B/Bay

**SUNDAY 7/11** - Batemans Bay Cemetery

**SUNDAY 14/11** - Broulee Memorial Gardens

**SUNDAY 21/11** - Mogo Cemetery, Jeramadra

**SUNDAY 28/11** - Nelligen Cemetery

*From Monday November 1st, you are invited to write the names of loved ones who have died since last November on the cards provided. You are invited to place them on the November Prayer Focus at the front of the Lectern.*

*We will pray together throughout the month with rosary at the cemeteries each Sunday and other rituals.*

**Congratulations to the 57 graduates**

*from Carroll College 2021*



### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:  
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## LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



## YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

On the eve of the celebration of *All Saints and All Souls* and the month of November we are reminded of God's fundamental law of Love.

*What is our image of God? How do we understand God's love?*

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI offers us some wisdom in response to these questions which is comforting as we remember our departed loved ones.

### Meeting God Without Fear

Some years ago, I had a dream that I was asked to go to an airport and pick up Jesus, who was arriving on a flight.

*I was understandably nervous and frightened. A bevy of apprehensions beset me: How would I recognize him? What would he look like? How would he react to me? What would I say to him? Would I like what I saw? More frightening yet, would he like what he saw when he looked at me?*

*But this was a good dream and it taught me as much about God as I'd learned in all my years of studying theology. All my fears were alleviated in a second. What happened was the opposite of all my expectations: Suddenly, walking down the corridor towards me was Jesus, smiling, beaming with delight, coming straight for me, rushing, eager to meet me. Everything about him was stunningly and wonderfully disarming. There was no awkward moment; everything about him erased that. His eyes, his face, and his body embraced me without reserve and without judgement. I knew he saw straight through me, knew all my faults and weaknesses, my lack of substance, and none of it mattered.*

*We live with too much fear of God. Partly its bad theology, but mostly we fear because we've never experienced the kind of love that's manifest in God and we take for granted that anyone who sees us as we really are (in our unloveliness, weaknesses, pathology, sin, insubstantiality) will, in the end, be as disappointed with us as we are with ourselves.*

*At the end of the day, we expect that God is disappointed with us and will greet us with a frown. The tragedy and sadness here is that because we think that God is disappointed in us, especially at those times when we are disappointed with ourselves, we try to avoid meeting the one person, one love, and the one energy, God, that understands us, accepts us, delights in us, and is eager to smile at us.*

<http://ronrolheiser.com/meeting-god-without-fear/#.YOSBQBNKjDY>

**I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH.**

*(Responsorial Psalm 17)*

**Death Anniversaries:** Brian Jose, Colin McGrath, Shirley Kier, Steven Thomas, Kenneth Torkington, Elizabeth Gallagher, Raymond Goodridge, Brendan Hill, Terence Buckley, Marie Shooks, Helen Price, George Unitt, Adalbert Planinsic  
**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Dr Bryan Chester, Waine Williamson, Pat Cooper, Theresa Humphrey, Linda Weatherall, John Mula, Eva Maria Easton, Allan Mitchell, Margaret Harris, Wayne O'Toole, George Fitzgerald, Gloria Gamble, Jeanette Urbanik, Robyn Lynette Mundy, Shirley Barber, Patricia Sweeney, Lorna Gunn, Savannah Leane, Bill Guist, Kevin Allen, Evelyn Young, Isobel Evans, Michaeline Hatton

### Remembering the Sick:

Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Eileen Hogg, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Catherine Mylott, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

### Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose  
Between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country.  
Let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.  
Amen.

**Ursuline Sisters of Louisville**  
**Prayer: Historic Saint Paul Catholic Church**

### Coffee Club

Thursdays after Mass.  
All are welcome @ Corrigans Cove



COFFEE N CHAT

### MEN ALIVE

Kickstart will run on **Monday evenings 25th October and 1st, 8th, 15th November from 7:30 - 8:30pm.**  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404429124>  
Tim Cahill

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