

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
First Reading

Exodus 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.
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 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 Thessalonians 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 Mac-

edonia 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
John 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
Matthew 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 storytelling 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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THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A



Upcoming
Events

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and
1st Saturday of the
month @ 9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass

Wrap With Love Tuesday
14th November B/Bay
Library
All are welcome

Croatian Mass
Wednesday 1st November
@ 11am

Craft Group Thursdays
10am

ADORATION TUESDAYS
@ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays
after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All are welcome

Love and compassion makes all the difference

‘The things that matter most in our lives are not fantastic or grand. They are the moments when we touch one another, when we are there in the most attentive and caring way.’ J Kornfield: ‘A Path with Heart’ 1993, pg. 14.

If you were to look back over your life, what would be a couple of times that you remember being loving towards another? Often none of the loving actions we remember are extraordinary. Maybe, you like me, thought of simple, touching moments like telling Dad ‘I love you’ before he dies, or leaving a busy life to drive across country and care for a sister’s child while she heals from a car accident. It is important in life to never discount a simple gesture of compassion as this can impact a lifetime. Each touch of love or kindness can make a difference!



A new beginning in someone’s life often takes place because one person reached out to another at just the right moment. The phase ‘one person at a time’ indicates the necessity and efficacy of individual, compassionate actions. One small gesture of love or compassion can make a difference.

Love of God and Neighbour

In the Gospel today, Matthew 22: 34-40, Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: to ‘love God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and love our neighbour as you love yourself’. He links up all the Scripture, as a moral value and guide for life with the meeting place between the love of God and the love of one’s neighbour. In saying that the second is like the first he is implying to love God means that you also love God’s people.

Here Jesus is not talking of intense emotional love. In the old testament there are many references to many kinds of love, but the love referred to here by Jesus is the love of Deuteronomy 6:5, the love of Yahweh ...it is an active response of the faithful people to the active love of God.

To love God with all one’s heart, and soul, and mind, is to choose to respond to God even as God chooses to love us. In the New Testament the principle word used for love is ‘agape’ – a loving kindness, active compassion or mercy that is both generous and continuous. To love one’s neighbour as yourself is to make a conscious choice and act upon it. Only the action of love is commanded. In Christ, this we can do, even when we don’t feel like it.

Marie Weatherall



MASS THIS WEEK

Monday 30th October

Sunday 5th November

Monday 30th: No Mass
Tuesday 31st: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm
Wednesday 1st: Mass 9am
Thursday 2nd: Mass 9am
Friday 3rd: Mass 9am
Saturday 4th: Mass 6pm
Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm
Sunday 5th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS
28/29 OCTOBER
Cleaning
30/10-3/11 B Coffey/M Paine

6.00PM MASS
Welcomer C Brownlie
Commentator M Bridges
Reader J Quigley
Eucharistic Ministers
L Rodwell
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer L Page
Commentator: B Basevi
Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic Ministers
M & C Lowe
Computer Screen T Priest
MORNING TEA: J Barroman/G Berryman

4/5 NOVEMBER
Cleaning
6-10 R & K Ison
6.00PM MASS
Welcomer J Anderson
Commentator: S Ebejer
Reader: J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers
C.Brownlie
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer T van den Broek
Commentator B Basevi
Reader: L Page
Eucharistic Ministers
N Page, L Stevens,
Computer Screen D May.
MORNING TEA:
Filipino Community

You are invited to the **DIACONATE ORDINATION** for **Mr MARK HA**
On **FRIDAY 3RD November @5pm**, St Christopher's Cathedral
FORREST ACT 2603
RSVP by October 25th:
marcokhoithang@gmail.com or 0455288442

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop
will be at the home of Nola & Bernie Beatty on
Tuesday Nov 14 from 10am – 11am.
All welcome. Enquiries: Nola 0410 629 416

A BLESSING to open the newly refurbished part of the school will be held **ON MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER @11.30AM @ St Bernard's School.**
All welcome

You are warmly invited to the **Archbishop's Teaching Day** for Charismatic Renewal on Saturday 4 November from 8:30am to 2pm at Haydon Hall, Manuka ACT. Speakers are Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Lalith Perera (founder of Community of the Risen Lord, Sri Lanka). Holy Mass, worship, preaching, prayer ministry and free BBQ lunch. To register, <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1133486>. For more information call/text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Tim 0404 805 082

PARISH SAFEGUARDING ZOOM MEETING
Wednesday 8th November @11am
Maria Hicks from IPPS will hold a meeting which will include discussion around the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Standards, risk assessments and ongoing training opportunities.
ATTENDANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS.
Join Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 886 5394 5213 **Passcode:** 844967

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or
phone 1800 024 413

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Elsie Nutt and Gabriel Nutt into our faith community through the waters of baptism. May God's love and blessings be upon them both on this baptism day and always.



Catholic Mission

Mission Sunday

THANK YOU

Catholic Mission thanks the parish and all who contributed to the Mission Sunday Appeal last week.

Your donations will provide much needed support to missionaries, particularly the Salesian sisters in Timor-Leste.

If you have yet to bring back your envelope please do so by next week, or you can contact Catholic Mission direct.

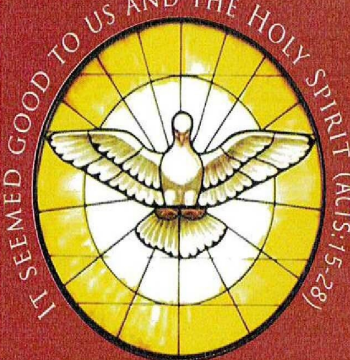
ZOOM ROSARY

You are invited to join us for an ongoing Rosary via Zoom.

TO JOIN:

Meeting No: 697 896 105g
Password: 8Py80J

Every Wednesday & Friday @ 4pm
Every night @ 8.30pm



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations.
Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

NOVEMBER

For The Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit .

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