

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

Deuteronomy 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 *Hebrews 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 *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 *Mark 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 your 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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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
The Dual Command

Jesus does not command us to love 'God' in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: 'You shall love the Lord your God' – the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love. Why wouldn't one respond 'heart, mind, strength, soul' in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn't you love yourself? Then you can properly 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as 'neighbours' those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical 'Levitical' way. Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbour. We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbour, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'

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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
 1PM Every second
 and fourth Monday

Cenacle Prayer 9.30
 am Fridays after Mass

Cuppa with Mary
MacKillop Tuesday
 12th November
 10-11am CMR

Wrap With Love
 Tuesday 12th November
 10am BB Library

Enjoy the Good News
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church
Meeting Room

ADORATION
TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

GOD'S LOVE IS SIMPLY THE BEST!

One of the saddest lessons I had to learn when I was teaching Special Religious Education (SRE) in Government Schools, (Grades 5 & 6) was that several of my young students did not have the same family upbringing as I had.

Both my parents were practising Catholics who made sure all their children were well cared for and, despite the expense; each of us was educated in Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools. Some of my SRE students came from broken homes. There was no Father figure in their lives.

I write these introductory words because today's Readings are concerned with Love, and more particularly, Divine Love. Most of us first experience Love in our Child/Parent relationship. Familial Love. I may not have called what I was experiencing/receiving Love but I know I felt at home with my parents and safe. While I didn't always understand the "do's and don'ts" they imposed upon me, I reckoned they were meant for my care and protection. Or more generally to keep me out of trouble.

In today's First Reading Moses says to the people: **"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."**

In those words I hear an echo of my father warning me to observe the speed limit on the new bicycle I got for my 12th birthday. Otherwise I may not get an upgrade. Reward for good behaviour is a normal human expectation.

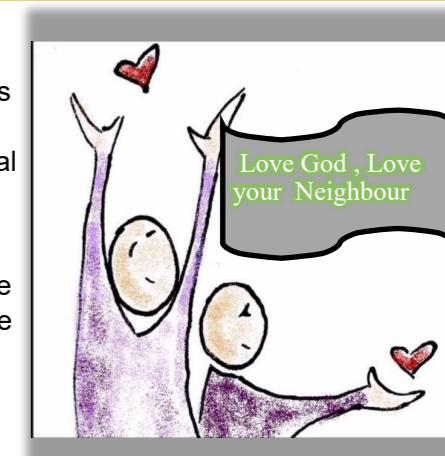
Faithful Jews who recite the introduction to the Ten Commandments (The Shema) do so to remind themselves that their God is a generous God who deserves to be loved by them at all times and under all circumstances.

In today's Gospel (Mark 12: 28-34) Jesus wins the approval of the inquisitive Scribe when Jesus interprets the Shema to show that human love of one's neighbour is so rooted in God's Universal Love as to be existentially inseparable. When we love our neighbour for God's sake the Scribe exclaims: "this is more important than any holocaust or sacrifice."

The reading from Hebrews (Heb 7: 23-28) tells us Jesus is both the final High Priest and the Sacrifice of inexhaustible value. The Scribe had no way of knowing how Christ's death on a cross would become the holy sacrifice of the Christian Mass, the Banquet of God's Love. Yet Jesus seeing how wisely he had spoken, tells him he is not far from the Kingdom of God. Do we appreciate the fundamental link between loving God and loving our neighbour in our daily lives?

God our Father, we acknowledge Jesus Christ as your beloved Son, may we draw grace and strength from his Holy Sacrifice, to love and adore you and to love all those who cross our paths this day, in Jesus's name. Amen

Joe Quigley





MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 4th—10th November

- Monday 4th:** No Mass
- Tuesday 5th:** Adoration 4pm
Mass 5pm
- Wednesday 6th:** Mass 9am
- Thursday 7th:** Mass 9am
- Friday 8th:** Mass 9am
- Saturday 9th:** Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30
- Sunday 10th:** 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
- **NO MASSES WILL BE HELD WHILE FR LOIS AWAY**

ROSTERS

2/3 NOVEMBER

Cleaning
4-8 D & L May
5.00PM MASS
Welcomer J Anderson
Commentator: S Ebejer
Reader : J Mackay
Eucharistic Minister
N Buick
Computer Screen
M O'Neill
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer T van den Broek
Commentator J Whiteford
Reader: D Herring
Eucharistic Ministers
N & L Page, L Stevens,
Computer Screen T Jones

MORNING TEA:
Filipino Community

COUNTERS:
M & C Lowe

9/10 NOVEMBER

Cleaning
11-15 M deSmet/J Maher
5.00PM MASS
Welcomer K Conway
Commentator:P O'Kelly
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Minister
M O'Neill
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer L May
Commentator M Lowe
Reader: C Lowe
Eucharistic Ministers
D Herring, K Corbin
Computer Screen D May.

MORNING TEA:
N Beatty/M deSmet

COUNTERS:
G Norris/J O'Sullivan

CLAIM THE DATE

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop Tues Nov 12, 10am- 11 am in Church Meeting Room. Shared morning tea. All Welcome

Parish Memorial Service at St Bernard's Nov 19, 10am – 11-30am for those who have died this year and any loved one you may wish to remember. Twenty eight families have been invited so we need help with shared morning tea.

Let us know if you can assist:

Marie W: 0405 028 057 or Carolyn E: 0400 021 119.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will take place at the weekend of Masses Nov 23/24 and Nov 30/Dec1. \$ donation or take a Gift tag for a child.

Pastoral Care Team Thank you Liturgy Tuesday Nov 26 in CMR , 10am – 11-30am. Shared morning Tea.
RSVP by Nov 19: Marie W: 0405 028 057

Advent Group Program: Will take place over 4 weeks on Wednesdays after 9 am Mass on Wed Nov 27, Dec 4, 11, 18. Why not join us and prepare spiritually for Christmas?
Enquiries: Marie W: 0405 028 057

MaryMead Catholic Care will be at the Batemans Bay Markets on the foreshore this Sunday 3rd November from 9am. Drop into their stall if you would like further information on becoming a foster carer or seeking advice on other services available.

AN INFORMATION EVENING will also be held at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club on Monday 4th November @ 6pm.

Hearts on Fire! Listening to the Holy Spirit!

You are welcome to the 2024 Archbishop's Day for Charismatic Renewal. Saturday 9th November 8:30am-3pm @ St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston St, Yarralumla, ACT.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse with guest Anne Marie Gatenby, Chairperson CCR NSW.

Talks, healing prayer, Holy Mass, praise and worship! Free morning tea and BBQ lunch!

For more info, Susanna 0419 902 293 or Maida 0423 658 326.

Healing Prayer with Saint Charbel on 22nd November at 5 PM

On the 22nd of each month, we remember Saint Charbel from Lebanon. All are invited to come and learn about the life and miracles of Saint Charbel and pray together through His intercession. There will also be an opportunity to be anointed with the holy oil of Saint Charbel. The prayer will take place at Sacred Heart Church , Moruya on Friday, 22 November at 5pm.

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis, and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care.

Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, **but they desperately need your help.**

Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities.

Donate today: www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

Thank you for your support.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, help men and women to hear the call and to serve in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

Our Lady, Help of Christians *Pray for us*

St Joseph *Pray for us*

St John Vianney *Pray for us*

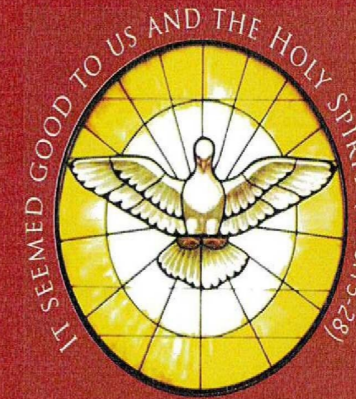
St Mary of the Cross *Pray for us*

Remembering the Sick:

Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



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

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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