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**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A**

**24TH & 25TH OCTOBER,  
2020**

### WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

### WEEKEND MASSES

You are now invited to attend Mass every week at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

**THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP.**

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell you are advised not to attend Mass.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)**

**THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM**

*You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.*

*Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.*

### RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT

Please contact Fr Chris on his mobile 0415 505 594 to make an appointment.

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS  
PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

**100**



**1.5M**



**PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER  
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.**

As per government regulations, please observe the 4 square metre rule.

*Please note that hand sanitiser is available at the Church entrances for use upon entering and exiting the Church.*



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(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke)

Xavier College - ph 4777 0900  
(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

## Sacrament of Confirmation

*Welcome back!*

*It has certainly been a very 'different' time for us all!*

The Confirmation Program for all children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist in 2019 will commence soon in our parish. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, and to keep within the strict Government guidelines, we have had to make some changes to the program.

**THERE WILL NOT BE A PARENT INFORMATION MEETING.**

Instead, you are required to

**pick up your child's enrolment pack on Wednesday 4th November between 6.30-7.30pm from the church.**

Please note that all the information needed will be included in the pack.

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**Thank You dear parishioners for your ongoing financial support to the parish. Your generosity is helping with the ongoing running expenses of our parish.**

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## Planned Giving...

*Could you please contact the Parish Office if you are:*

- ♦ contributing to the Planned Giving Programme via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ♦ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme.

*Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.*

## Parish Office Hours

If you need to visit the office please call first to ensure that someone is there. Please leave a message if we don't answer and we'll get back to you. You are also welcome to email. In the case of an emergency please contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

## November Book of Remembrance...



You are welcome to give names of those to be remembered during Masses in the November Book of Remembrance.

November Offering envelopes are available at the entrance and exit of the church. Please print the names of people clearly on the envelope and then either place the envelope in the collection baskets at the entrance and exit or drop it into the Parish Office. The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week and displayed.

Please understand that with the number of loved ones especially remembered in November, we will focus any public mention of names at Masses on current losses and where there is an anniversary of loss.

**Please note that the names will not be carried over from last year. Only names that are passed on to us this year will be included.**

## Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

### Anniversaries:

Richard Savill (22/09/97), Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey, Margaret & James Vella,

### Recently Deceased:

Jeanette Rogers (04/10), Renato Rosales Snr, Paul Xiberras

### And for those who are sick:

Leonard Ash, Pauline Rugg, Mary Pilley, Joan Schneider

*If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.*



## PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE WHO ARE STREAMING MASS

PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – <a href="https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223">https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223</a>
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured</a>
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/">https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/</a>
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	Penrith Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/">https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/</a>
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Plumpton Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/">https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/">https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/</a>
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/">https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/</a>

## Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment, receive you sacramentally,  
please come spiritually into my heart.*



# The Living Word

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th October, 2020

## 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."

## 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 strong-  
hold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. *(R.)*

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.)*



## 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.

## 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.'



## Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

## Gospel Focus –

### Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.



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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### 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.



## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for 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.



## REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* Why would Jesus' answer have been challenging to the Pharisees?
- \* How might loving God with all your heart, soul and mind affect the way you live your life?
- \* In your local situation, who are the 'neighbours' not loved as we love ourselves?
- \* What actions can you take to better love your neighbour as you love yourself?

### Questions for Adults

- \* How might bystanders have reacted to Jesus' encounter with the Pharisees?
- \* How might loving God with all your heart, soul and mind affect the way you live your life?
- \* What actions can you take to better recognise the importance of God in your life?
- \* In your local situation, who are the 'neighbours' not loved as we love ourselves?
- \* What actions can you take to better love your neighbour as you love yourself?

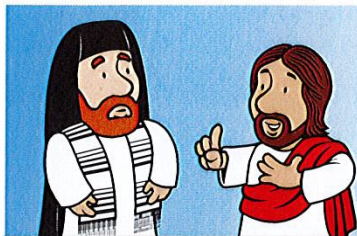
***This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.***

- \* What does Jesus say is the most important commandment?
- \* What did Jesus say was the second most important commandment?
- \* How do we show we love God?
- \* How do we show we love others as much as we love ourselves?
- \* What would the world be like if we all believed these commandments and put them into practice?

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# Jesus' law of love



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



## Show your love

I show love for God when I ....

I show love for others when I ....

Whenever we show kindness, love and respect for others, we are loving God.  
Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows love for God.



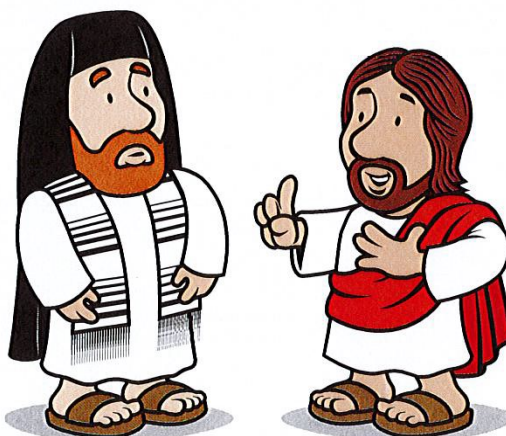
Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

love  
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yourself  
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commandment

An expert in the Jewish law tried to \_\_\_\_ Jesus. He asked, "\_\_\_\_\_, what is the most important \_\_\_\_\_?"



Jesus \_\_\_\_\_: "Love the Lord your \_\_\_\_ with all your \_\_\_\_\_, soul and mind." This is the \_\_\_\_\_ and most important commandment. The \_\_\_\_\_ is like it: "\_\_\_\_\_ your neighbour as much as you love \_\_\_\_\_".



# Parramatta Diocesan News

## St Patrick's Cathedral Parish All Souls' Day Masses

To commemorate All Souls' Day on 2nd November, Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 6.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm. A special Mass will also be held at St Patrick's Cemetery in North Parramatta at 6pm. For more information, contact the Cathedral Parish on (02) 8839 8400.

## Call for Nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council



Bishop Vincent is calling for nominations for the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Working with the Bishop, the Diocesan Pastoral Council assists with the pastoral governance of the Church. The Council are seeking a cross-section of people from across the Diocese with different backgrounds and experiences. For more information, or to fill out the nomination form, please visit [parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/](http://parracatholic.org/advisorycouncils/). Applications close Monday 2 November.

**Br Michael Dredge cfc Presents  
Short Formation Course for Readers**  
*Focusing on the practicalities of Reading at Mass*  
**Saturday 7 Nov, 10am – 12 noon St Oliver's Parish,  
Harris Park**

**Thursday 12 Nov, 7 – 9pm St Nicholas of Myra Parish,  
Penrith**

**Thursday 19 Nov, 7 – 9pm Institute for Mission**

TO REGISTER  
Office for Worship 8838 3456  
[Anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:Anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org)

## From Invisible to Invincible 'EMBRACING GOD'S GIFT OF YEARS'

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**WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2020**

**FROM 10AM – 1PM**

**OUR LADY OF THE WAY PARISH HALL,  
EMU PLAINS**

To register, contact Marie @ the parish office  
during parish hours on 4730 1249  
or email: [mc@corpuschristi.org.au](mailto:mc@corpuschristi.org.au)

## Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

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## Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

## Catholic Youth Parramatta

### Engaging Young People in New Ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

## ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020)

## Social Justice COVID-19

### Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or JRS [amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.org.au)

## CatholicCare is still open and operational

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains services remain open and operational during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Individual offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing/telehealth and online. Some programs are continuing to run groups via video conference.

To make a referral, call (02) 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email – [enquiries@ccss.org.au](mailto:enquiries@ccss.org.au) or visit [ccss.org.au](http://ccss.org.au).






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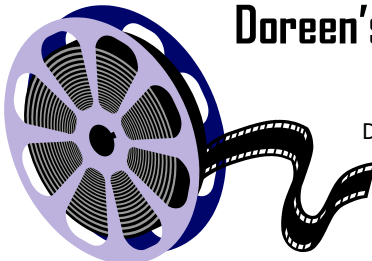
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# Solutions

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

love

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commandment

An expert in the Jewish law tried to **test** Jesus. He asked, "**Teacher**, what is the most important **commandment**?"



Jesus **answered** : "Love the Lord your **God** with all your **heart**, soul and mind." This is the **first** and most important commandment. The **second** is like it : "**love** your neighbour as much as you love **yourself**".

