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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B

**30TH & 31ST OCTOBER
2021**

Dear Parishioner(s),

I wish to warmly welcome you and your families back to our community liturgical celebrations in our Parish Church.

Our weekend Masses and celebrations have resumed with the 'five Masses program' we used last year during the Covid-19 lockdown -

**SATURDAY 5:00PM & 6:00PM and
SUNDAY 7:30AM, 8:30AM and 9:30AM.**

The roster system that was in place for the above Mass times will be followed.

I encourage you to attend the same Mass time you were rostered on for in last year's lockdown this time around.

This will enable us to be in compliance with NSW Government requirements relating to 'places of worship'. It will also help to keep ourselves and our community safe.

You may contact me on 0415 505 594 for any clarification.

Please, do not forget to check-in at the entrance of the Church with the QR code.

And do not forget to wear your face mask in Church, and practice social distancing before, during and after Mass.

Looking forward to celebrating with you.

God bless.

Fr. Chris Antwi-Boasiako, PP

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

100

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

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Office for Safeguarding Offering Online Training to Keep our Parishes Safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering three different methods for completing this training:

- ◆ Accompanied online training courses via Zoom.
- ◆ ELearning (independent and at your own pace)
- ◆ Face to Face Learning

Accompanied Training via Zoom

If you wish to participate in the training via Zoom, please contact the parish office to indicate what date, time and module you wish to register for.

TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

9.30 to 11.00am

Module 1: Introduction to Safeguarding

2.00 to 3.30pm

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TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

9.30 to 10.30am

Module 2: Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct

2.00 to 3.00pm

Module 2: Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct

TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

9.30 to 11.00am

Module 3: Safeguarding Adults at Risk

2.00 to 3.30pm

Module 3: Safeguarding Adults at Risk

ELearning

If you are interested in an online platform where you can do the modules independently and at your own pace, please contact the parish office and provide an email address, so that a log on can be created for you. Please note, for those who are interested to do eLearning online, you will need individual email address for each log on. For example, a couple can't use the same email address.

Useful website for your attention:

What Safeguarding means to me:

<https://safeguarding.org.au/what-is-safeguarding/>

Upcoming Safeguarding Training Dates:

<https://safeguarding.org.au/#events>

Face to Face Learning

Now that restrictions are easing the Office of Safeguarding is looking forward to beginning onsite face-to-face Safeguarding Training in Parishes next year.

The Office for Safeguarding will be offering face-to-face training for the three mandatory modules on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The length of time for each of the sessions are as follows:

- Module 1 – 60min
- Module 2 – 90min
- Module 3 – 90min

If you would prefer to do the training face-to-face rather than online, please contact the Parish Office to register your interest by Tuesday 9th November.

Dates will be confirmed dates next year when the health orders allow.

*****SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL THOSE
WHO VOLUNTEER IN PARISH MINISTRIES.*****



NOVEMBER MASSES & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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

**PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES OF PEOPLE CLEARLY ON AN ENVELOPE.
ENVELOPES CAN BE PLACED IN THE LETTERBOX AT THE PRESBYTERY OR IN THE
COLLECTION BASKETS AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE AND EXIT.**

The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week. 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.

Parish News

**ALL SOULS DAY MASS
TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT 6PM**

WEEKDAY MASSES HAVE NOW RESUMED

**Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm
Thursday & Friday at 9.10am**

Parish Office Hours

THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW OPEN FROM
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY FROM 9AM – 3.30PM.

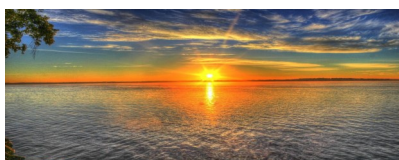
THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS AT ALL CHURCH SERVICES IS MANDATORY.

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.

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

**As per government regulations,
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Planned Giving...

Could you please contact Marie at the Parish Office if you are:

- ◇ contributing to the Planned Giving Program 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 Program.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

We are currently in the process of organising dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation for those children who received First Eucharist in 2020.

Details will be forwarded to the relevant families shortly.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Rosemary Hall, Judy Baytch

Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey (30/08)

And for those who are sick:

Deacon Owen Rogers, Peter Sinnett, Eleanor Albertyn, Esther Rodgers, Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg



The Living Word

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

31st October 2021

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.'

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. *(R.)*

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.)*



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.

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 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.



Living the Gospel – Love

Jesus reminds us 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' There's an unspoken, underlying idea here that is absolutely crucial. Before you can love your neighbour, you must first love yourself. To say that you love yourself today can imply a level of boastfulness or ego. However, what is required is a genuine love of self – an acceptance; a respect; a true valuing of self. Only then can we know how to treat others. When we ask ourselves how we would want to be treated it points us towards how we should treat others. What is summed up so simply by Jesus is a very tough ask!

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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.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples



We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * How do you think Jesus would have felt when he first saw the scribe approach him?
- * Of all the commandments, why does Jesus name these two as first and second?
- * What does it mean to love your neighbour as yourself?
- * How might we better define 'neighbour'?
- * Who is a 'neighbour' you need to show more love towards?

Questions for Adults

- * What is significant about a scribe asking Jesus about the Law?
- * What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?
- * Why is the qualifier of 'as yourself' important in the commandment to love your neighbour?
- * How would our world be different if people genuinely loved their neighbours?
- * Which aspect/s of the commandments Jesus named do you need to work on at the moment?

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 is his second commandment of love?
- * Jesus asks us to love our friends as ourselves. How do we show love for ourselves?
- * What can we do to show others that we love them as much as we love ourselves?



Which are the most important commandments?

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Love GOD
& love your
neighbour



Jesus said that the most important commandments were to love God and to love others as we love ourselves. What are some ways we can show our 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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An expert in the Jewish law _____ Jesus, "_____, 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 _____".



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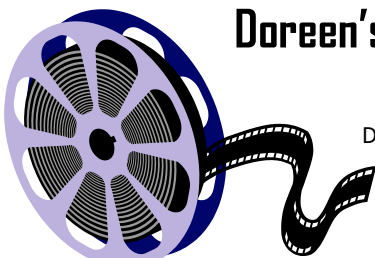
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Solutions

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Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

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An expert in the Jewish law **asked** Jesus, "**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**".

