

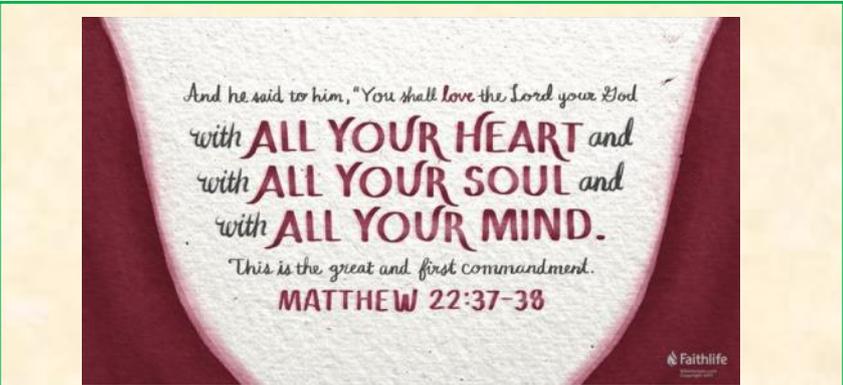


Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
24th/ 25th October 2020

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In today's readings, through the strength that Christ gives us and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we celebrate with joy the great commandment of Love.

In the **First Reading**, we see some of the details of the Law of Moses that highlight the nature of God, his relationship with his people, and the way he wants us to live. Israel, as the chosen people, are to demonstrate kindness and concern for others, the same qualities that their compassionate God displays towards them.

With the **Psalms**, we are invited to give expression to our love of God and to recognise that no single word can convey all that God means to us. He is our source of strength; without him we can do nothing.

This first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians is the earliest preserved Christian document. We hear of the joyful faith of this small Christian community – a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Their approach to faith is attracting attention, and acts as an inspiration to many. (**Second Reading**).

In the **Gospel**, Jesus tells us that it is impossible to separate love of God, of self, and of other people. Jesus' own life is a demonstration of such all-consuming love in practice. He tells us that these three facets of love and of faith cannot be separated: they sum up the entire biblical story.

This week, I express gratitude to the Lord for the many gifts of his wondrous love in my life. I ask that I may have the sensitivity to love as God loves; forever finding new ways of expressing my love, especially in my dealings with the poor, the lonely, and the dispossessed.

Mass at Sacred Heart North Albury

Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 9.30am.

Thanks to our I.T. gurus the 9.30am celebration of the Eucharist will be live streamed.

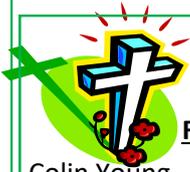
The mass will then be downloaded on YouTube as per normal. Simply click on the YouTube link provided on our website.

Weekday Masses This Week:
All Souls Day—Monday—9.30am
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am
NO MASS THURSDAY

Gospel Discussion/Reflection

In today's climate of social distancing here is an opportunity to meet via Zoom and discuss and reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. Each meeting is on Friday evening at 5.00pm and is for 30 minutes. If you are interested please email Catherine Cutler at: cmmc4321@gmail.com or phone **0419 518 791**

Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Terry Phegan, Vincent Murphy, Colin Young, Christine Barber, Joy Beckinsale, Peter Lawler, Lesley Harbick, Therese Galanakis, Andrew Lindner, Brian Savage.

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Freeman, Joe Hancock, Andrew Prichard, Rosa Vuga, Mary Smith, Mary Curtis, Pat Nesire, Fr Michael Hayes, Dorothy Hamilton, Mary Parkinson, Francis Butler, Irene Norman, Peter Crisp, Desmond Wynack, Marie Collins, Margaret Baker, Ted Green, Beatrice Hammond, Frank Eames, Barney Oak, Donald Sullivan, Jessica Stone, Leslie Rose, Elizabeth Pochdalofszky, Arthur Williams, Rosalie Kopacz, Jim Bowcher.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all. We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

Prayer for Our Sacred Heart Parish

God of Love, Source of all hope and good things; You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.

Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.

Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood. Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mission Prayer for October

Heavenly Father, when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations" and you remind us that through our Baptism we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and zealous in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still very far from completion, may find new and efficacious expressions that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples to experience the saving love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer for Year 12s and those preparing for Exams

Loving God, be with our Year 12s, as they prepare for their exams. We thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given them and for the opportunity of education they have experienced. Calm their nerves and anxiety, help them to remember all that they have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best they can. Holy Spirit, sit with them in their exam and always in the years ahead. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



This weekend we welcome into the community of the church through the sacrament of Baptism:

Stella Louise McLaurin daughter of Joel and Danielle.

A Thought for the Week (Pope Francis):

"Through our love for our neighbour we can get to know God, who is love. Only through loving can we reach love."

Parish News

November All Souls Day

Mass to be held in the church for All Souls Day on Monday 2 November then a shared morning tea to be held in the hall afterwards.

November Book of Life

November is traditionally the month to remember the Holy Souls. Our Book of Life will be displayed at the front of the church during November. If you would like to add family members to this book there are sheets of paper and sleeves inside front of book.

November Mass Envelopes are available at Church entrances if you wish to request a Mass or prayers for your deceased family members or friends.

Memorial Plaques

Plaques in the Sacred Heart Memorial Garden in remembrance of loved ones are still available. The cost is usually around \$250. It takes approximately eight weeks from the time of ordering to delivery. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque please contact the parish office and you will be provided with a sample order form.

Mission Sunday

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Mission through your kind gifts and prayers.

Your generosity makes it possible for people, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, to continue reaching out and empowering people like Chen and his family. So far we have raised \$831. Anyone still wishing to contribute to Catholic Mission please take an envelope from church entrances and place in plate next weekend. If you wish your donation to be tax deductible you need to fill in the required information on the inside of the envelope. Freecall: 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia

Connell Perry—Ordination to the Diaconate

Bishop Mark Edwards has indicated that Connell Perry will be ordained a deacon in a ceremony to be held at St Michael's Cathedral on Friday 11 December at a time to be set. Due to hard cap on numbers this will be a ticketed event. The ceremony will be live streamed for those unable to attend. Please keep Connell who was with us for a short time in your prayers as he completes his formal studies and prepares for diaconate ordination.

Heartbeat—Spring Edition

The long awaited publication of Heartbeat has arrived. Thanks to Karen Purtle and others involved in collecting and collating articles. It is intended that a Christmas issue will be produced. If you have ideas, relevant articles or wish to help out please contact Karen Purtle: bevispurtle@internode.on.net

Hard copies of the spring edition are available in the church or can be read/downloaded from parish website.

UPDATED COVID-19 DIOCESAN PROTOCOLS

If you are feeling unwell, have a cough or cold, sore throat or flu like symptoms please do not attend our physical gatherings as this puts others as well as yourself at risk.

After having your name registered or ticked off please use the hand sanitiser located at the four entrance points of the church at the beginning of our liturgical celebration and as you leave the church building.

Communion will begin with those on the car park side and then move to those seated on the Swan Street side. Please allow space between each recipient.

Eucharist

Holy Communion in the hand only.

Sacred Host to be offered only, not the Precious Blood.

No touching at the sign of peace.

No offertory procession.

No congregational singing.

No collection plates are to be used, but money/envelopes placed at collection points.

Face Masks

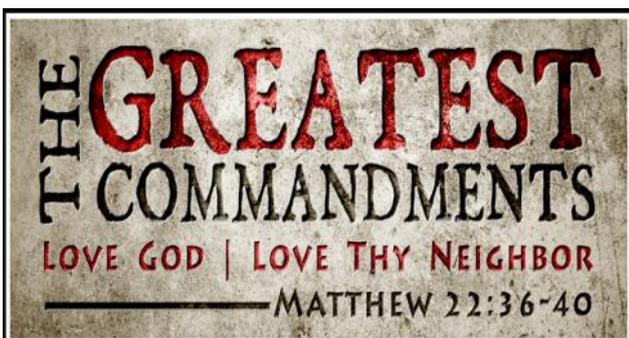
In public spaces and religious and social gatherings where social distancing is an issue it is recommended that face masks to be worn.

COVID-19 Testing

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting COVID-19 test results (even without presenting symptoms) attend a Church or parish setting until a negative diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive attend.

Together

Our diocesan newspaper 'Together' has arrived please take a copy from church entrances.



Feast Days

St Pope John Paul 11 - 22nd October

St Crispin - 25th October

St Jude Thaddeus - 28th October

Liturgy of the Word

First reading from the book of Exodus 22:20—26

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

Responsorial Psalm 17

I love you, Lord, my strength. R

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 the God who saves me.

He has given great victories to his king

And shown his love for his anointed. **R**



A reading from St Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians 1: 5-10

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.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia , alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22: 34-40

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 you 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