

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

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

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

World Community for Christian Meditation Australia - Advent Twilight Retreat

You are invited to begin your Advent at our Advent Twilight Retreat—**THE WAY OF LOVE**. On Friday evening, November 29, 6pm–8pm, with coffee, snacks and book sales at 5.30pm. At St Theodore’s Anglican Church Hall, 46 Prescott Terrace, Toorak Gardens.

In a time of quiet, we will meditate together, pray together, reflect on Scripture using *Lectio Divina*, and walk contemplatively together. Please bring your own cup. A donation for the WCCM A National Appeal would be appreciated.

Churches Together Thanksgiving Service

Churches Together SA invite you to a Thanksgiving Service on Saturday November 30, 9.30am at St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide. Morning tea will follow the Service.

Car Boot Sale at the Monastery

The Monastery will be hosting another car boot sale on November 10. The event will be held on the oval between 9.30am – 1.30pm. There will be a stall for our gift shop, a book stall for our parish library and a coffee van on the day. We welcome everyone to join us on the day! **If you would like to book a car space for \$25, please contact the office on 8338 8700.**

Vocations Prayer Vigil – The Call of Mary: The Response of the Heart in Faith

Once again, this year we are celebrating the **Vocations Prayer Vigil** in the **Cathedral on Friday November 15 from 5.15pm** beginning with Evening Prayer of the Church, Mass at 5.45pm followed by Exposition and Benediction to finish by 8.30pm followed by supper in the Cathedral Hall. The theme of the Vigil this year is ‘**The call of Mary-The Response of the Heart in Faith.**’ Looking forward to your companionship in prayer. Please [click here](#) to read the Vocations Prayer Vigil from the Vicar General, and [here](#) to see the poster.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Jesus is questioned by a scribe about the greatest commandment.

As we continue to read from Mark’s Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today’s reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus’ authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus’ growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today’s Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today’s Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God’s covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus’ response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today’s Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus’ teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.



Joey’s Playgroup is FREE and runs during the school term on a Wednesday morning from 9am-11am in the small Parish Hall (entrance via Birkinshaw Ave)

If you are new and would like to join us, please register your interest via St Joseph’s School website: <https://www.stjotran.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/joey's-playgroup>. Our Playgroup Coordinator will then be in touch.



Parish Bulletin

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

2/3 Nov 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

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 the 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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51

Response:

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.

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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**



SPECIAL APPEAL NEXT WEEK

10 November 2024

St Vincent de Paul
Christmas Appeal

SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

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, 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

You shall love the Lord. This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it. Love the neighbour

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD.
The commandment to love God with all one’s being is kept constantly before the Jewish people. It is recited daily in prayer; and, written on a small scroll, it is worn on their person and enshrined at the entrance to their homes. To observe this commandment our love must embrace the whole of creation, especially our fellow human beings made in God’s image.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am
Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters—16/17 Nov 2024
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Alan Tyson Sandy Mazzarolo Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	Tania Loro Montin Angela Mealey
Count team	Julie Priem Leo Priem Anne Dudzinski George Dudzinski
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	26/27 OCT 2024
Open Plate	\$388.80
Planned Giving	\$478.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$866.80

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$526.00



Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Death Anniversary:
Albert & Edna Tyson
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
We invoke Jesus, the Father, and the Virgin Mary, but we seldom speak to the Holy Spirit in prayer. Yet, it is the Holy Spirit who changes our hearts, anoints us with His presence, and helps us truly understand the reality of the Church and the mystery of God.

PARISH NOTICES



November Masses for Deceased
The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the prayers for the deceased. Please collect the November envelopes and write the names of your loved ones you wish to pray for. A daily mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

Morning Tea
Next Sunday 10th Nov 2024 after 9:30am morning mass
All are welcome!

Cathedrals and churches will be lit red.
Stand up for **faith and freedom**
Remember and **pray** for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith **around the world**

RED NOVEMBER
LIGHT RED • WEAR RED • PRAY RED
RED WEDNESDAY
20 November 2024
SAVE THE DATE

Theological Reflection on the Feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day
Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

The feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day invite us to contemplate the mystery of communion, holiness, and the promise of eternal life in Christ. Together, these celebrations help us see our own lives within the larger framework of God's saving work, the Church's intercessory prayer, and the hope of eternal life.

All Saints' Day: Celebrating the Universal Call to Holiness on November 1, the Church honours the great multitude of saints, both known and unknown, who have lived lives of extraordinary holiness and fidelity to God. The feast of All Saints' Day recognizes all those who are united with God in heaven, reflecting the fulfillment of Jesus' beatitudes and the promise of the Kingdom of God. This day reminds us that holiness is a universal calling. The saints, diverse in backgrounds and life stories, reveal that holiness is not reserved for a select few. Every Christian, by virtue of their baptism, is called to share in the divine life and to strive toward sainthood. As we reflect on the saints, we are inspired by their courage, perseverance, and faith amid struggles. They encourage us that no matter our own weaknesses or failures, the grace of God can transform us into the image of Christ. All Saints' Day also points to the communion of saints an invisible yet powerful connection among all the faithful. This communion stretches beyond time and space, joining us with the saints in heaven and reminding us that our journey is part of a greater spiritual family, constantly encouraging and praying for us.

All Souls' Day: Praying for the Faithful Departed on November 2, All Souls' Day, we shift our focus from those who are fully united with God in heaven to those who are undergoing purification in preparation for the beatific vision. The doctrine of purgatory, grounded in both Scripture and Tradition, teaches that some souls undergo a final purification to attain the holiness needed to enter fully into God's presence. On All Souls' Day, we acknowledge that our prayers, sacrifices, and Mass offerings can assist these souls in their journey. This act of intercession is an expression of the Church's faith in the communion of saints, where the prayers of the living can bring aid to the souls of the departed. The Church's liturgy, prayers, and the practice of offering Masses for the dead demonstrate our belief that love and solidarity endure beyond death. This day also offers a time to reflect on our own mortality, inviting us to live each day with a spirit of repentance, love, and hope in the resurrection. All Souls' Day reminds us that death is not the end but a transition into a new life. It calls us to view death with the hope promised by Christ's resurrection, giving us a profound sense of peace.

United in the Promise of Eternal Life Together, these two feasts embody the fullness of the Church's understanding of life, death, and eternity. All Saints' Day celebrates the victory of God's grace in human lives, and All Souls' Day emphasizes our ongoing need for mercy, forgiveness, and purification. Both days remind us of the power of intercessory prayer, the strength of spiritual solidarity, and the love that binds us in Christ. They offer us a vision of heaven, not as an isolated reward, but as a community in communion with God. They inspire us to strive for holiness in this life, supported by the prayers of the saints and the love we share with those who have gone before us. In celebrating these feasts, we find hope that, at the end of our earthly journey, we too may share in the fullness of God's presence. They strengthen our faith in the promise of eternal life and invite us to walk each day with a renewed commitment to God's love, knowing that we are surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) who intercede for us as we journey toward eternal union with God.

The Kids' Bulletin
THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

In today's Gospel reading, one of the scribes asked Jesus what was the most important commandment of God. Jesus told him that the most important rule was to love God with everything- our heart, our soul, our mind and all our strength. The next most important rule is to love others as much as we love ourselves.

GOD, YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN MY LIFE!
God made us to love Him. We will never be really happy unless we do. But if we keep God first in our lives then everything else will happen the way God wants it to. If we love God first, then we can love others the way God asks.

What can you do to keep God first in your life? How about saying a prayer as soon as you wake up in the morning, and last thing before you go to bed at night?

HEY! I CAN HELP YOU BUILD A FORT!

Answer to front page puzzle: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, strength, and possessions. Answer to Greatest Commandment Puzzle: God with all your heart.

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The Greatest Commandment Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is alone! You shall the Lord your God with all your , all your soul, with all your , and with all your . The is this: You shall love neighbor as .

What is the order of importance of those we must love?

1.

2.