

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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Those who are learned in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible) have identified 613 commandments in it – 248 positive ('thou shalt') and 365 negative ('thou shalt not'). Obviously, no one can remember them all, and not all the commandments are of the same weight.

A number of biblical figures attempt to sum up the Torah's commandments in a small number of precepts or a summary statement. David proposed eleven (*Psalms* 15), Isaiah six (33:15), and Micah three (6:8). Amos simply says: 'Seek the Lord (5:4). Tobit gives a parting advice: 'Serve God faithfully and do what is right before him' (14:9).

In reply to a Pharisee's question about the 'greatest commandment,' Jesus cites *Deuteronomy* 6:5, the Shema-prayer ('Hear, O Israel') which the Jews would recite daily. This is the basic principle of the Mosaic Law. Since the Lord alone is God, all must love him with an undivided heart. Jesus, however, attaches to it the second commandment, equal in importance, citing *Leviticus* 19:18: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' And by neighbour, Jesus does not mean just a fellow Israelite, but anyone, especially when the person is in need (see the parable of the Good Samaritan, *Luke* 10:29-33).

Elsewhere, Jesus gives another summary of the Torah 'Do to others what you would want them to do to you. This is the meaning of the Law and the prophets' (*Matthew* 7:12). Later, St Paul writes: 'Owe nothing to anyone, except the debt of mutual love, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the Law' (*Rom* 13:18).

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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."

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

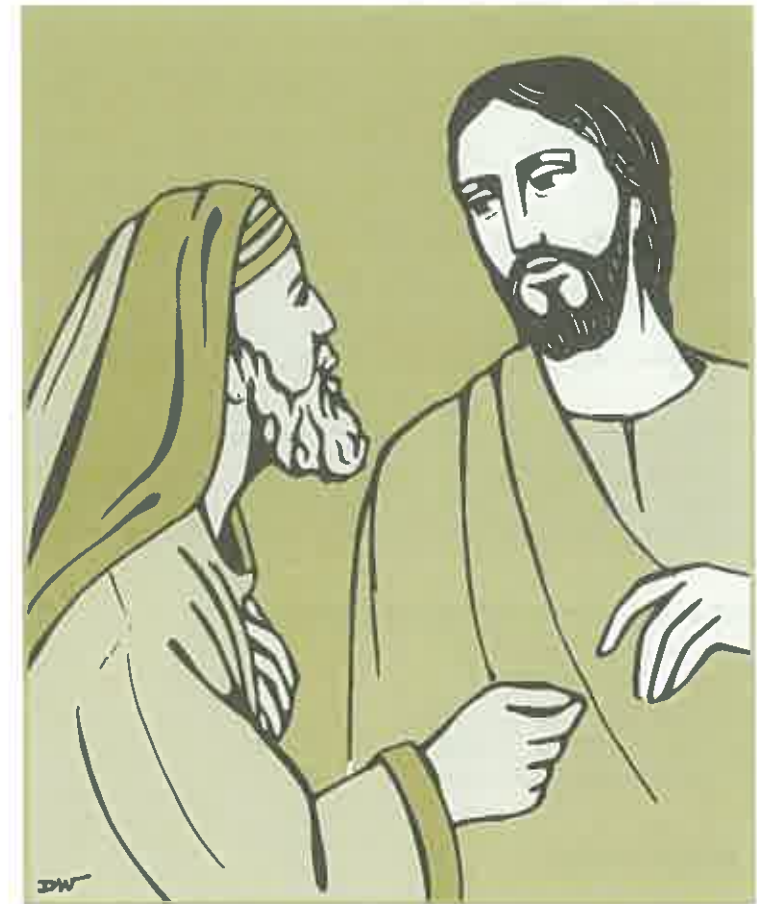
1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 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.

■ The word of the Lord.



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All Saints Day—1st Nov 2017. This is a day of Solemnity.
Mass Times: 9.15am and 7.00pm.

All Souls Day—2nd Nov 2017. Mass will be held at 9.15am.

November is dedicated to remembering those who have gone before us. The book of Names will be in front of the Altar for the whole month. Please write the names of deceased loved ones. November envelopes are now available in the Foyer.

All Souls Masses at Cemeteries (in Italian)

29/10/17 Preston @ 2.00pm
01/11/17 Kew @ 2.00pm
04/11/17 Box Hill @ 10.30am
05/11/17 Carlton @ 3.00pm
12/11/17 Fawkner @ 2.30pm

Scripture Studies:

The 2017/2018 schedule is given below. Please mark the dates in your diary.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES 2017 -2018

Advent Scripture Studies: In the Clifton Centre, beginning at 7.00pm.

30 November 2017: Advent 1 (Year B: Mark)
7 December 2017: Advent 2 (Year B: Mark)
14 December 2017: Advent 3 (Year B: Mark)
21 December 2017: Advent 4 (Year B: Mark)
Please contact: Mark Gregor (9.00am Mass)/ Martin Teh (5.30pm Mass) or Cecilia for information.

Sacramental Program

We ask you to consider being a catechist for 2018. Enrolments for 2018 have begun. Forms can be downloaded from the parish website. Payment must be made at the enrolment.

Confirmation and Reconciliation for 2018:

Last day of enrolment is 31 January 2018

Dates of Confirmation: Friday, 18 May 2018 (For children attending St. Clement of Rome School) Saturday, 19 May 2018 @ 5.30pm (For children attending the After-School RE Program).

Piety Stall :

2018 Columban Art Calendars are now available. Melbourne Catholic : Please buy a copy for yourself or as a gift for someone \$4.

Volunteers needed : to provide transport to Parishioners to come to Mass over the weekend. Please contact the Parish Office if you can be of any help. Thank You.



MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am ,11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.



Recently Deceased : Fr. Anthony Guelen, Neil Howard

Death Anniversaries : Nicola Lauletta, Peter Attard, Raffaele Palermo, Nino Blasetti
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH DIARY

Sun 29th Oct @ 10am—Mario & Angela's Café after Mass
Wed 1st Nov @ 9.15am—All Saints—School Mass
Wed 1st Nov @ 7.00pm—All Saints Mass
Thurs 2nd Nov @ 9.15am—All Souls—School Mass (Grade 2)

Collections Last Weekend
1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
Actual — 1,896
2nd Collection (Presbytery)
Actual — 1,009
Many thanks & every Blessing!



The Council of Christians and Jews (Victoria)



PRESENTS A PANEL DISCUSSION ON VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

David Brooker is currently Senior Minister at Southern Community Church of Christ in Cheltenham, an active and diverse community of faith that has a long and strong heritage of engagement with the local community, a reflection of David's passion for people of faith to be agents of transformation and harmony within their local communities. David has served as an ordained minister for 36 years, most of them in various local church contexts, but he also spent seven years at State Minister with the Churches of Christ in South Australia & Northern Territory and has exercised a number of leadership roles within boards and agencies of Churches of Christ in Victoria & Tasmania. At present, David is Chair of the City of Kingston Interfaith Advisory Committee, a role which he finds energising and educative.



Raphael Descaux is a native of Sydney, currently residing in Melbourne. He completed his BA in Philosophy, Religious Studies and Classical Hebrew at the University of Sydney; his MA in Comparative Religion at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; and his PhD at the University of Chicago, focusing on medieval Jewish history and philosophy. In addition to his academic training, he has a broad background in the traditional study of rabbinic literature and law. Raphael has spent time studying in yeshiva at Yeshivat Hachibutz Hadati (Ein Tzurim), in the hotel of the Perles Institute of Jewish Studies, in the beit midrash of the Shalom Hartman Institute and in the Hainza beit midrash program at the Hebrew University. He is currently an Adjunct Research Associate at Monash University and works in translation and editing.



Rev. Dr. John Dupuche is a Priest of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He is Associate Professor at the University of Divinity and an Honorary Fellow at the Australian Catholic University and chair of the Catholic Interfaith Committee of the Archdiocese.



Rabbi Kim Etklinger was ordained at Hebrew Union College (HUC) where she earned two Master of Arts Degrees, in Jewish Education and in Hebrew Letters. In 1997 she was awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Politics, Philosophy and Sociology from Murdoch University in Perth. She joined Temple Beth Israel in 2010 and has served the congregation since then and currently oversees Education and Religious Life at TSI. Rabbi Etklinger is passionate about liturgy, contemporary issues and how they interact with Rabbinic Judaism throughout Jewish history.

Sunday, 29 October 2017, at 3.00 pm

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA (VIC)
Eva Besen Centre
131 - 133 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield VIC 3161

\$10.00 entrance (includes Kosher afternoon tea)
We cordially invite you to attend and if possible please advise the CCJ office. Tel 9429 5212 or email ccjvic@bigpond.net.au

1 st November		9.15 am	7.00 pm
All Saints' Day	Sacristan	Francis/Gloria	Rita
	COMMENTATOR	Christine Landsberg	Mark Gregor
	Reader	Tim Landsberg	Maria Papalia
	Special Ministers	Anne Fusca	Linda Cultrera
		Eleanora Mascitti	Rita Galiardi
		Gloria Ng	Corinne Goh
			Gabriella Grande
			David Mitchell
			Pam Mitchell
			Cecilia Lam

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is an ongoing spiritual formation for those wishing to know more about the Catholic faith with the intention of being fully initiated as Catholics. It is also a good opportunity for all who wish to further deepen and strengthen their understanding of the Catholic faith. Meetings are held fortnightly in the Parish office. Dates on the banner in the foyer.

Contact: Martin Teh mcyteh@gmail.com (RCIA Leader)
Cecilia Tan cecilia.tan@cam.org.au

Next Meeting: Thursday 16 November 2018 @ 7.30pm in the Parish Office. ALL are welcome.

Liturgy Roster		Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
28/29 October	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR	Paul Sammut	Christine Landsberg
	Reader	May Teh	Tim Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Martin Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Enza Wilcox	GabriellaGrande
		Warwick Wright	Eleanora Mascitti
			Sylvia Mascitti
			Pam Mitchell
			David Mitchell
			Gloria Ng
4/5 November	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR	May Teh	Tim Landsberg
	Reader	John Bruce	David Mitchell
	Special Ministers	Linda Cultrera	Maria Papalia
		Rene De La Cruz	Elsa Waters
		Elroy De Witt	Chris Zordan
			Trish Atherton
			Grace Canatelli
			Anne Fusca
			Rita Gagliardi

Christmas Rosters :

All Sacristans/Readers/Commentators/Projectionists : Please pick up your Christmas Roster from the Foyer. If you are unable to turn up for duty, please contact another person on the list and make mutual changes.