

## 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 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.



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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3 NOVEMBER 2024

## 'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD'

Have you seen a touch plate, a *mezuzah*, on the door frame of a Jewish house or business, and at the entrance to interior rooms? Maybe you have seen the ritual of touching this when entering any of the rooms. Inside the *mezuzah* is a tiny scroll of parchment inscribed with verses from Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21. These verses contain the words of the *Shema* prayer and the command to 'inscribe them on the doorposts of your house'. In this ritual act of touching, the words of the prayer are brought to mind and heart.

Our first reading today contains these verses from the *Shema* prayer: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.' It is a reminder of the covenant with God. In today's Gospel we hear these words again when Jesus is asked what is the greatest of the commandments: 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Then Jesus adds a second 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' All of the commandments are summarised in these two. These words were received well by the questioner and Jesus responds, 'you are not far from the kingdom of God'. As we take the words of these two commandments to heart, recalling them and living them, we too can hear Jesus say to us, 'you are not far from the kingdom of God'.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

## FIRST READING

Deut 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord 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.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PS

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.**

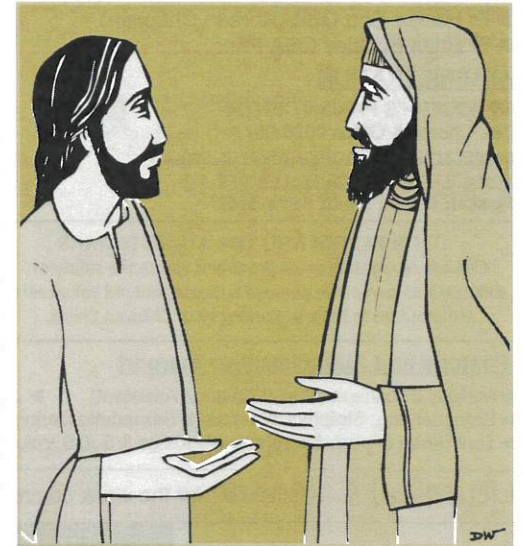
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! / Praised be the God who saves me. / he has given great victories to his king / and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

## SECOND READING

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.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## 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!



Est. 1887 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024)

St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street  
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

**In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS**

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

**ADMINISTRATION**

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
Fourth Sunday of the month  
(except school holidays and long weekends)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

**ANOINTING / HEALING MASS**

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

**HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME**

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

**OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS**

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

**Pastoral and Administrative Support**

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

**Liturgical Calendar** for the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November All Souls	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November St Charles Borromeo		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November Melbourne Cup	10.00am Healing Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November Deceased Members of OSA	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November BI Gratia of Kotor	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November BI Avellino Rodriguez Alonso & Comp	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November Dedication of Lateran Basilica	9.00am Mass	



**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS.**

This is the time of year we especially remember those dear to us who have died and whom we commend to the Lord in our Masses and Prayers.  
The **Book of Remembrance** and **November Envelopes** are in the churches for your use.

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ **RCIA Thursday** 7pm Parish Centre
- ▶ **Healing Mass:** Tue 5<sup>th</sup> November 10am SJ
- ▶ **Parish BBQ:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November
- ▶ **Volunteers Christmas Party** Tue 3 Dec 6pm

**ST AUGUSTINE - HONOUR THE DEAD**



"It follows from the power of God in the resurrection that the bodies of the departed are not to be despised, and above all of just and faithful, whose bodies as vessels of all good works their spirit has used in a

holy manner. For if a parent's garment and ring, is very dear to those whom they leave behind, the greater their affection is towards their parents, in no wise are the bodies themselves to be spurned.

So also the funerals of the just of old were with dutiful piety cared for, and their obsequies celebrated, and sepulchre provided. The Lord himself also, about to rise on the third day, both preaches, and commends to be preached, the good work of a religious woman, that she poured out a precious ointment over his limbs for his burial. (*On Care for the Dead*)

**MONTHLY ANOINTING MASS**

Our monthly healing mass will be celebrated this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November (Melbourne Cup Day) 10am at St Joseph's.

**KOREAN CHOIR**

The Korean Catholic Community Choir of Mt Waverley will join us at St Joseph's 10.30am mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November.



**TAP POINT TERMINALS**

Only one tap point machine is available this week due to the 3G network closing down.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Melbourne Cup Holiday.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Robert Huggins, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mitos Gloudemans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Christine Rodrigues, Janine Forster.

**MASS COLLECTIONS 27/10/2024**

**Clergy (Augustinian Community)**  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits. \$ 793.50

**Church (Parish Ministries)**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection ..... \$ 332.05  
Envelopes..... \$ 80.00  
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards \$ 180.00  
Tap Point Terminals..... \$ 530.00

*Thank you for your generosity*

**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

- ✦ John & Lillian Galvin
- ✦ William & Mary Somers
- ✦ Robert Vincent
- ✦ Rita Slattery
- ✦ Joe Daniel
- ✦ Pauline Hamilton
- ✦ Clare Galvin
- ✦ Lucy Davies
- ✦ Nancy Morgan
- ✦ Victor Mendis
- ✦ Francis Meagher
- ✦ Sir James Gobbo

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN**

We invite anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith, or adult Catholics yet to receive the Sacraments, to an information evening on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 7pm. Please contact the Parish office for more details. 9826 9677



**PARISH BAPTISM & WELCOME**

We welcome the family and friends of Ella Lombardi-Delev who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend. We also welcome Jack & Zoe Earle into our parish community ahead of their baptisms.



**PARISH BBQ NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

Volunteers are needed to help with ticket sales, catering, entertainment, cooking, setting up and cleaning. Please contact the parish office for details.



**FOR SALE**

Orchids available 25 to 30cm pots. Recently re-potted. \$3 to \$5 to go towards parish BBQ. Phone Mary on 0407 873 298