

**Gospel Mt 22:34-40**

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**25 October 2020****First Reading Ex 22:20-26**

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 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."

Responsorial 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 Thes 1:5-10

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.

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!

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All staff and volunteers in our parish must have a current Working with Children Check.

FACE MASKS FOR SALE

\$5 each. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to purchase one. They will be on display for those attending an outdoor Mass.

2021 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2021 Columban Art Calendar is now available for purchase - \$10.00.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

The news from Premier Daniel Andrews last Sunday did not bring us much joy. We are still restricted to outdoor Mass with only 5 people in attendance. Funerals remain at 10. Let us pray that continued conversations and negotiations will permit further increases. Father Sebastian has sent a letter to our local MP, The Honourable Ben Carroll and The Honourable Bill Shorten, Member for Maribyrnong. The text of the letter and email addresses will be added to the Parish Website and Facebook. You may wish to also send a similar letter yourself, the choice is yours.

If you would like to attend an outdoor Mass and haven't yet been contacted, please call the Parish Office or send an email – leave your details and we will call you back to organise a suitable day and time to attend a Mass. When numbers permitted to attend increase, we will recommence an online booking service.

CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY 2020

WE ARE STILL HERE Catholic Mission is part of a global network with missionaries around the world, dedicated to serving their communities. They are the people with a thousand faces, comforting the lives of some of the most vulnerable communities. The "We Are Still Here" global video connects more than 30 missionaries and mission partners based in over 25 different countries, speaking their own languages and the languages of those they work with. Catholic Mission, recognises the many donors, friends and supporters from different backgrounds, whose generosity supports projects around the world. For more information and to make a donation, visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/> For those attending an outdoor Mass, envelopes are available for your donation. Another option to donate to Catholic Mission is by using your mobile phone. The process is simple: one only needs to send the word "GIVE" to the number: 0488 854 436. This prompts an immediate reply which provides a link to a platform to make a donation.

READY, SET, PRAY! CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD @ HOME

The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity. This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists. The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration. It commenced on Sunday 18th October and continues each Sunday until Christmas. Please follow this link to view: <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING – 'ONLINE SAFETY RESOURCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND CARERS' The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides "key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps. Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>

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ST PETER'S COMMUNITY VIRTUAL ART SHOW 2020

St Peter's Primary School have come up with a great idea to host a St Peter's Community Virtual Art Show with the theme being 'Advent & Christmas'. The children are busy creating artworks in their classes for the display and Parishioners are also invited to present a piece of Art Work. This could involve any medium: drawings, paintings, photography, sculptures, pottery or craft works.

If this is of interest to you, you would be required to submit a digital photo of the Art piece with the name of the artist, the title of the piece and a short description (optional) to Mrs Seona Martin at smartin@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au prior to the **20th November**.

Please consider sharing your wonderful artistic talents with the St Peter's Community.