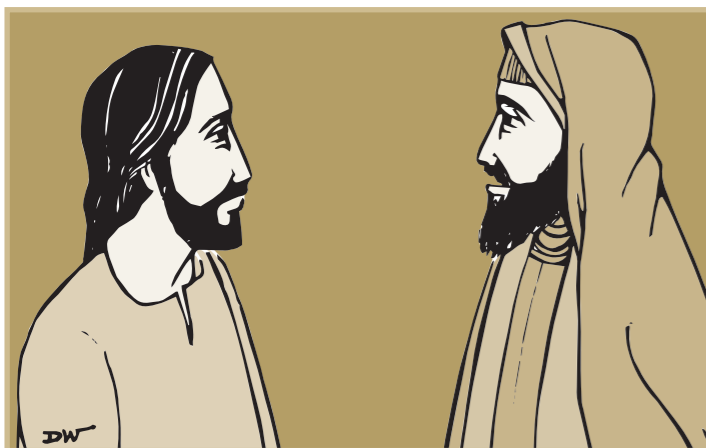


A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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.**

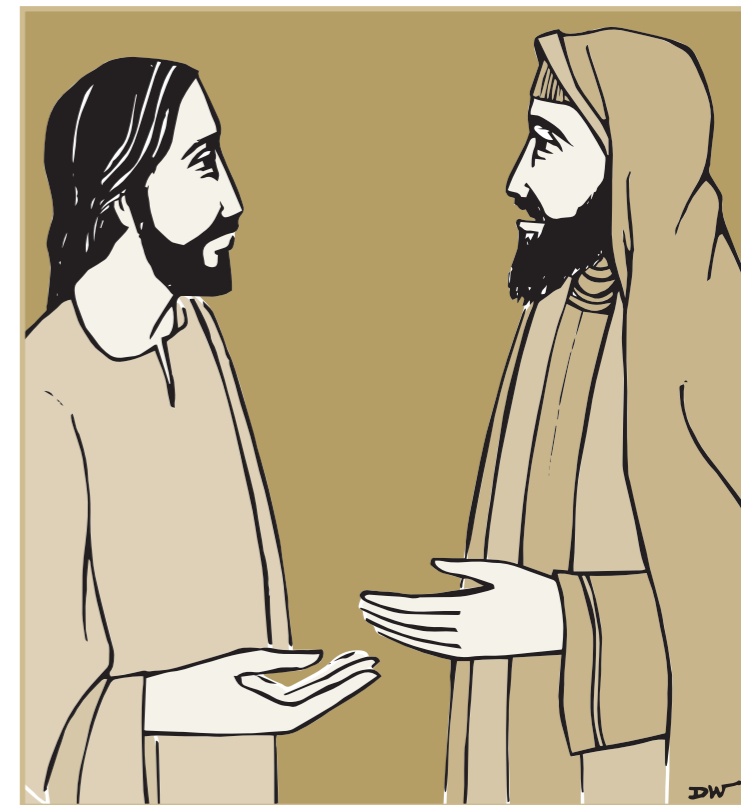
SECOND READING

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!

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Wandong: St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration: Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary: Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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ROSTERS:

	<u>2/3 Nov</u>	<u>9/10 Nov</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	2 Nov	9 Nov
Reader	Amy Leahy	Brian O'Dwyer
Eucharist Minister	Arthur Donovan	Cath O'Dwyer
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	2 Nov	9 Nov
Reader	TBA	Marg Fleischmann
Eucharist Minister	Velia Barro	Clare Clancy
PowerPoint	Boyd Family	Pauline Duff
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	3 Nov	10 Nov
Reader	TBA	Paul Finneran
Eucharist Minister	TBA	Jeannette Jain
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Justine Sapiano
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	3 Nov	10 Nov
Reader	Nithin Britto	Norbert Ryan
Eucharist Minister	Selina Buckley	Tracey Brincat
PowerPoint	Terry Cooney	Vivienne Lawrence
	Rosebelle Quinn	Fetu Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	3 Nov	10 Nov
Reader	Anita Mathew	TBA
Eucharist Minister	Ian Pirie	Kath Pirie
PowerPoint	Kathy Curry	TBA
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Marg Fleischmann	Pauline Duff
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	Arthur Donovan	Helen Clancy
		Pauline Duff
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	Lynne Beaumont
		Carry Eid

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Peter Hanvin, Beth Murphy, Dot McIlroy, Susan Foster, Rita Devlin, Rosa Dahm, Guadalupe Agreda, Patrick Hogan, Nuvia Prelac, Bernadette McWhinney, Sandra McCaughey, Rachelle Snoball & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Jim Trull, John McConnell, Jim Lari, Maria Ferrusi, Thomas Raymond Hellwege, Timothy Cleve, Mary Webster, Jack Hunt, Marie Therese McDonald, Katherine Jean Smith, Gladys Carr, Lena Dania, Desmond John Fitzgerald, Verna Walsh, Daniela Kiegerl Paul Zerafa, May Jamieson, Frank Mooney, Theresia Seidler-Poli, Daniel Sage, James Fellis, Sebastiana La Terra and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Mon 4th Nov: 9am Communion Service, no Mass.

Pastoral Care Appeal 2024: Next weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously.

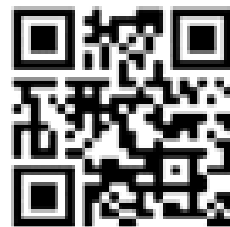
“Get well” Cards and messages for Fr. Prakash: If anyone would like to write a card or message to Fr. Prakash, & send him a special get well message or well wishes, we will be supplying a box in each church to drop off your cards. If they could all be in by Sunday 3rd November, then we will mail a big box to Fr. Prakash with all of the cards. Thanks

Articles for The Shamrock Magazine: The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the next edition. Photos would be great too. Please email articles to: stpatsparishmagazine@gmail.com



Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?



Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

This weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

All Saints Day November 1—Why All Saints Day Matters

All Saints Day is very important in the Catholic Church. It reminds us of all the saints in heaven. These saints lived holy lives and followed Jesus. They are our examples and guides.

The Church teaches about the Communion of Saints. This means all believers are connected. We are one family in Christ. The saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory, and the faithful on earth are all united.

The saints help us by their prayers. We can ask them to pray for us. They are close to God and can intercede for us. This is a great comfort and support for us.

All Saints Day also reminds us of our own call to holiness. We are all called to be saints. We are encouraged to live good and holy lives. This day inspires us to follow Jesus more closely.

In the liturgy, we honor the saints with special prayers and readings. The Mass on All Saints Day is a joyful celebration. We thank God for the saints and ask for their help. It is a time of hope and joy.

Celebrating All Saints Day strengthens our faith. It helps us remember that we are never alone. We have many friends in heaven who pray for us and guide us. This day is a reminder of our shared journey towards heaven.

(Source: <https://young-catholics.com/448/all-saints-day/>)

All Souls Day November 2—Where All Souls' Day Began

The practice of praying for the dead goes back to the early Church. Christians have always believed that prayers could help those who have died. Even in the early centuries, people would pray for the souls of loved ones, especially during the Mass. This belief grew stronger over time.

In the 10th century, a monk named St. Odilo of Cluny helped to officially start All Souls' Day. St. Odilo was the leader of a monastery in France. He wanted to set aside a special day to pray for all the souls in Purgatory. In the year 998, he declared that November 2 would be All Souls' Day. This practice spread to other parts of the Church.

Soon, All Souls' Day became a part of Catholic life across Europe. Different countries had their own customs for honoring the dead. Many people would go to Mass, pray, and visit cemeteries to remember their loved ones. Over time, these customs became a tradition that we still follow today.

In the Middle Ages, the Church strongly encouraged prayers for the dead. People were reminded that their prayers could help the souls in Purgatory. The idea of offering Masses and prayers for the dead became very important. This was a key part of All Souls' Day.

Over the centuries, the Church continued to teach about the importance of praying for the dead. All Souls' Day became a fixed part of the Church calendar. Today, Catholics around the world celebrate it in much the same way, with Masses and prayers for the souls in Purgatory.

All Souls' Day has grown into a day of great love and care for those who have died. It is a day to remember that we can help the souls in Purgatory on their way to Heaven.

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St Vincent de Paul, Kilmore Conference - Christmas Sale, available at all Churches this weekend

Columban Calendars= \$10 each & Christmas Cards= 5 for \$5