

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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3RD NOVEMBER 2024 – 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

RECENT DEATHS:

Jim and Carmel Madden

ANNIVERSARIES:

Annie Briody, Glenys Williams, Bernie Collins, Lorn Jackman, John Doyle, Norma Hobson, Mac Bradley, Pat & Margaret Ryan, Alex Henderson, Maurice Fay, Monsignor Henry Nolan, Dennis Denehy, Tony Liston, Charles Martin Cushing, Mary Cushing, Mary Jaensch, Sr Rita Hayes, Kitty Grose, Joy Martin, Nora Simpson, William Lindsay, Mary Cullinan, June Crosby, Kevin O'Brien, James Norbury, Verna Loader, Tom Liston, Cissy deSouza, Colin Williams, Betty Preston, Brian Carrigan, Alma Beer, William Hinchliffe, Edith Drew, Terry Stewart, Allan Donovan, Alvie Hannett, Elwyn Clarke, Claire Waites

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dennis Davies (Genevieve's brother), Pat Byrne, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McLnerney, Graeme Trethowan, Mia Hanrahan, Colleen Hains, Michelle Smith (Friend of Angela) and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: Genevieve Johnston

November 10th: Sue Mahony

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Carita Clancy

November 10th: Bernadette Franc

Assembly Leaders

Today: Carita Clancy & Angela Gerrard

November 17th: Sue Mahony & Carita Clancy

Special Minister

Today: Clarrie Johnston

November 17th: Therese Jess

Music

Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers

Oct 27th & Nov 3rd: Colleen Briody

Oct 27th & Nov 3rd: Bernadette Franc & Therese Jess

Church Grounds

Oct 27th & Nov 3rd: Gerard Briody

Nov 10th & Nov 17th: Bill Franc

Newsletter

November – Carmel Milenkovic – 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES

November 10th: **MASS 8.30am**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

DIOCESAN NEWS

For the Diocesan E-News see the link below:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news>

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD MASS

Deacon Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat, Saturday 23rd November, 10.30am at St Patricks Cathedral. All Welcome. Lunch follows

CLERGY JUBILARIANS MASS 2024

Mass to celebrate the 2024 Clergy Jubilarians 5.00pm Thursday, November 14th. All Welcome, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

The 2024 clergy Jubilarians are:

50 years – Frs Erc Bryant, Paddy Mugavin & Michael O'Toole, 25 years – Fr Ed Moloney.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTIONS ON COMMUNION FROM CHALICE

Bishop Paul has prepared some reflections on the communion with Christ that we celebrate in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine.

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/reflections-on-communion-from-the-chalice/>

PRAYER FOR TODAY (*John 6:39*)

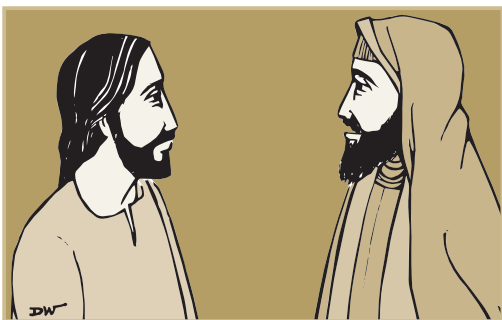
This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, and that I should raise it up on the last day

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.**

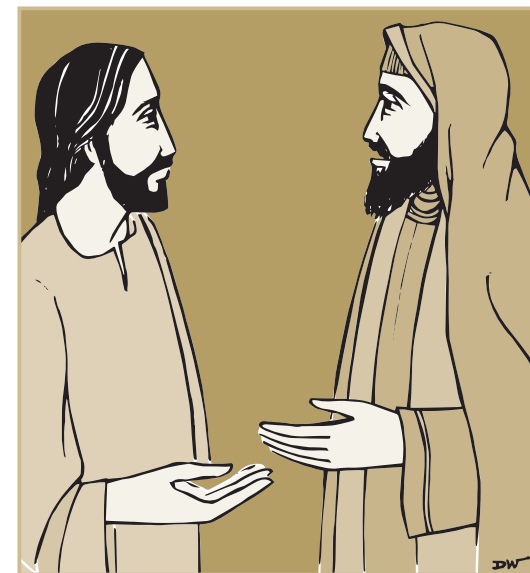
SECOND READING

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.

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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!