

The Living Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

31 October 2021

First Reading Dt 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God 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.'

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 to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

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.

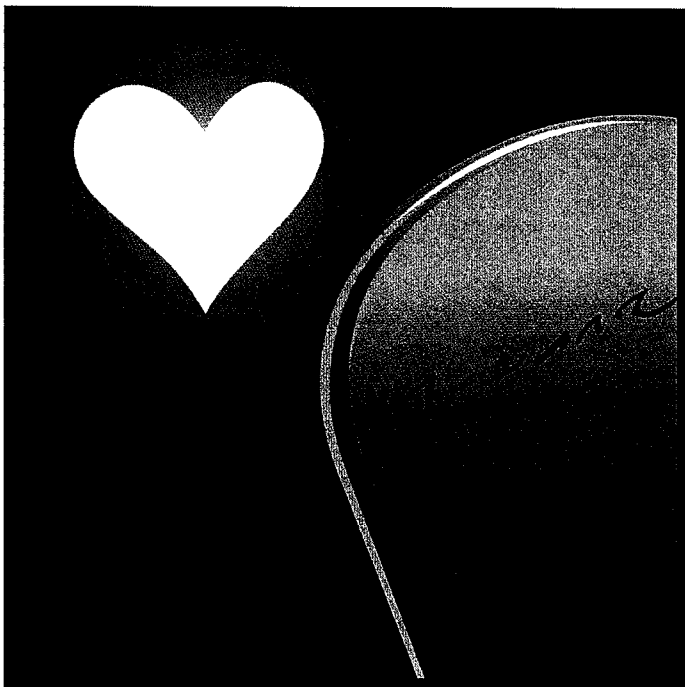
To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has 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.

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!



Gospel Mk 12:28-34

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 him 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.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES (Sat 6th & Sun 7th Nov)

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is available prior to each weekend Mass

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

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Recently Deceased: Robyn Nagle.

Anniversaries 31st October to 6th November:

Christine Martin, Mary Alice O'Loughlan, Michael Walsh, Rita Rosevear, Ellen Fell, Sheila Marsden and Austin Peter Dillon.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Carmel Conte, Connie D'Amico, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Jennifer Jones, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Evelyn Leahy, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Helen Pearce, Peter Rafter, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COUNTERS: Counters are not required for Tuesday 2nd November.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

*We are consulting our Parish Pastoral Council regarding
resuming public celebration of Mass and the Sacraments.*

*At this stage, we aim to open on the weekend of
Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th November.*

*Please note: proof of full vaccination against the COVID-19
virus will be required in most instances.*

We will update you as soon as possible with further details.

For current information, please visit our website:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au.

As always, please stay safe and well, and know of our prayers.

With warm regards, may God bless you,

Fr Darien

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**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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*** The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 2nd November ***

All Souls' Day Mass: will be held at Queenscliff cemetery at 9:15am. **For bookings, please contact Von Philp on 0438 191 196.** Bookings are essential as attendee numbers are limited and attendees must be fully vaccinated. Thanks to Geelong Cemeteries Trust for organizing.

Take the Way of the Gospel (4):

What exactly is a "Mission"?

A Mission is a distinctive faith locality that lends itself to being lived out in family-like arrangements in the service of proclaiming the Gospel.

A MISSION IS:

- A local area, with commonalities in history, demographics, geography
- A collaborative focus on evangelisation, worship, formation and outreach
- A family of communities, working together for viability and vitality
- A reordering of ministerial and material resourcing
- A leadership of at least two priests, working as a team
- A strategic and operational decision making with lay leadership
- An intentional co-responsibility of all of the people of God
- A pooling and sharing of resources and administrative functions
- A move towards shared arrangements across communities, working in solidarity.

A MISSION IS NOT:

- Aimed at closing down parishes
- Focused purely on data
- Driven by clergy shortages or falling parishioner numbers
- Aimed at destroying local community diversity and culture
- Creating centralised clerical leadership
- A plan to take over parish assets and finances.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 1st November – All Saints (Solemnity)

Tuesday 2nd November – The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)

*Parish Office closed due to Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Mass at Queenscliff Cemetery (see above)
(Therefore, no Mass at Ocean Grove today)*

Wednesday 3rd November – St Martin de Porres (Memorial)
No Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 4th November – St Charles Borromeo (Memorial)
No Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 5th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 31
No Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 6th November – Weekday, Ordinary Time 31

Sunday 7th November – 32ND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

**"We aren't sales people for the Gospel.
We are free samples!"**

- Ron Huntley.


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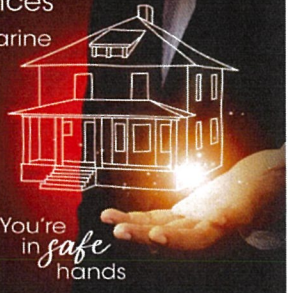
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