

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

22:20-26

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 hear their cry; my anger will flare and 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

R/: I love you Lord, my strength.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

1:5-10

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will  
come to them.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

22:34-40

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.'

### ✠Remembering our Beloved Dead✠

Throughout November, we pray at every Mass for all those dear to us who have died. While we are not able at this time to offer an opportunity to personally write loved ones' names on our beautiful Cross of Remembrance, we invite you to send us the names to be included in the list we'll produce for attachment to the cross. As always, the cross will stand in the church throughout November (even if the church is empty) and all named thereon will be remembered at each Mass.



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## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

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This is the final public encounter between Jesus and his enemies in Matthew's Gospel. They are seeking to expose his lack of professional knowledge of the Scriptures or to trap him into giving more weight to one of the Ten Commandments, which are viewed as equally important. Jesus cuts the ground from under them. No one could argue with his answer! But if the dual command of love was present in the Jewish Law, what new thing did Jesus bring? His originality places love of God and love of neighbour together. It is not possible to love God and despise people. God and the human situation are intimately interwoven. This is shown most perfectly in the person of Jesus himself: Son of Man and Son of God; fully human and fully divine. Followers of Jesus must also embody the dual commandment of love. Do you find it easier to love God or love other people? Are there ways you can make your response to the great commandment more balanced?

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**MASS TIMES:**  
**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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Saturday 6:30 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday 6.00 pm  
Wednesday 9.15am  
Thursday, Friday 9.15 am  
Saturday 9.00 am

**COMMUNION SERVICE:**  
Monday 9.15 am

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**RECONCILIATION:**  
Saturdays: 9.30am & 6pm

**BAPTISMS: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism and Application Form available on our parish website.

**WEDDINGS: CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO**  
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).  
Contact the Parish Office: 9583 6161

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**PRAYING FOR:**

Lucy Chavez ...and all who died recently.

**We also remember:**

...and all whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**OPINION PIECE BY ARCHBISHOP**

**PETER COMENSOLI:** You may be interested to read the Archbishop's Opinion piece in last Monday's Herald Sun. It may assist you when enquiring where our Catholic voice is in the current landscape:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/ArtMid/416/ArticleID/24685/People-of-faith-deserve-hope-not-exile-Archbishop-Comensoli>

**COVID RESTRICTIONS:** Stage Four restrictions now apply. General Guidelines from the Archdiocese (Update #18: 20th Oct, 2020):  
[https://cam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/18-20October20-UPDATE-COVID\\_19-GENERAL-GUIDELINES.pdf](https://cam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/18-20October20-UPDATE-COVID_19-GENERAL-GUIDELINES.pdf)

**Broadcast & Online Masses:**  
**11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral** continues to be **televised live (free to air) on Channel 31** (Ch. 44 on Digital TV).

This Mass is also live-streamed on the Melbourne Catholic website:

[melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass](http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass)  
**Pre-recorded Masses available online:**  
[cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online](http://cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online) or

[stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos](http://stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos) or  
[holyfamilydoveton.org.au/](http://holyfamilydoveton.org.au/)

Mass can also be heard on **Light FM (89.9 FM) every Sunday at 7am.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) online:  
[www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass](http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass)  
Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column



**VCE STUDENTS.** We are producing a “roll” of students known to our community for whom we particularly pray. Please let us know if you would like a student's name included. If you would like a letter of support and prayer sent from the Parish, please include address in your email.

### MAKING CONNECTIONS

Do you struggle with achieving a balance between the two commandments? Is it easier to love God and ignore those around you, or are you drawn to people but find it difficult to be truly attentive to God?

- The term ‘love’ can be overused and undervalued in today's world. Discuss some of the abuses of the word ‘love’ that are common.
- At the end of each day this week, spend a few moments reflecting on how you experienced God's love today and how you extended God's love to others.
- St Paul describes what love is like in a beautiful passage in his first letter to the Corinthians. Pray over these verses this week and contemplate their meaning:

*Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous. Love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins, but delights in the truth. It is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, to endure whatever comes.*

(1 Corinthians 13:4–6)

**READY, SET, PRAY!** This ‘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 a wonderful tool for families in their homes. 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.

Go to: <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

**FRATELLI TUTTI WEBINAR: WHAT FUTURE FOR HUMANITY?**

Pope Francis's new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* (*Brothers and Sisters All*). A Zoom webinar with Fr Bruce Duncan giving an appraisal of the new encyclical, with Danusia Kaska responding and considering what it means for us in Australia. **Thursday 22 October 2020, 7.30 to 8.30pm**, Australian Eastern Summer Time. Ample time for questions and discussion will be given.

**Registration:** For FREE ticket registration, please email Stefan Gigacz at: [aci@australiancardijninstitute.org](mailto:aci@australiancardijninstitute.org) You will then receive a LINK to join the webinar. The session will be recorded and questions can be submitted in advance or during the webinar.

To order Pope Francis's new encyclical, ‘**Fratelli Tutti**’ please go to:  
<https://secure.stpauls.com.au/category/149/Encyclicals+&+Apostolic+Letters>  
Copies will be available mid-November.