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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Malabar**

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Matraville**

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

**30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Let us continue to work together to create safe and protective environments where children and young people can flourish.*

**Please pray for the Faithful Departed:**

**Recently deceased:** Joe Camelleri, Helena Guera Maria Araujo, Jennifer Rule and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

**Anniversary:** Elio Pulella, Robert & Yolanda Aquilina, The McDonald Family, Robert and Helena Dwyer, Linda & Joe Buteya, Dr Ralph Baccash, Moyah Buckley, Giovanni Zappak,



**Communion for the Sick or Elderly**

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify the priest.

Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.

***We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church***

The Italian Prayer Group is Celebrating the 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at 9.10am Mass on Wed. 4 Nov.

The Italian Prayer Group will continue to meet every Wed. at Malabar

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL this WEEKEND**

Please help support the Catholic Mission to help empower people with disability in Cambodia.  
Donations are 100% tax deductible.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIAL JUSTICE HOUSING PETITION**

There are more than 100,000 people still waiting for social housing,  
Please sign our petition at the entrance to the church.

The petition, we hope, will be tabled in NSW Parliament before the  
17 Nov. State Budget, urging the Government to build 5,000 new social housing dwellings  
each year for the next 10 years.



**Sacrament of Confirmation**

We warmly welcome our Confirmation candidates for 2020 and their families  
as they prepare for this special Sacrament

which will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church.

May they all know that we are praying with and for them at our masses.

Confirmation Dates: 21 Nov. 7pm at Matraville & 28 Nov. 6.30pm at Malabar.

Please pray for all HSC students who have commenced their exams.

*It has been a particularly difficult year for them.*

**Parish Financial Support**

As the Government is reducing the JobKeeper Subsidy,  
there will be an added financial burden on our parishes while so few are attending.  
**Thank you** to all those who contribute in any way to the upkeep of our parish.

Churches are now allowed to have up to 300 people attending each Mass.

***Please let others know there's plenty of room.***

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation,  
please form **one line** and keep to the **centre** of the aisle  
and go back along the **side** aisles.

***Those who are unwell or at high risk are encouraged not attend.***

*We pray for families of seafarers who struggle with many months of separation  
from their loved ones. May they be safely reunited soon.*

**Rachel's Vineyard**

Finding healing and hope after abortion.

Do you feel overwhelmed or laid low? Has an abortion experience affected your life?

**A FREE online session at a time to suit you.**

Register at [info@rachelvineyard.org.au](mailto:info@rachelvineyard.org.au) or confidential phoneline: 0400 092 555.

Please give your name (first name is sufficient), email or phone contact details.

**Just mention you are registering for Called to Life online program.**

**No mass on this Wed. St Andrew's.**

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.

■ **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!**

**GOSPEL** Mt 22:34-40  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
*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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

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## THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

When faced with the question in today's Gospel concerning which of the commandments of the law is the greatest, Jesus has no hesitation in uniting two commandments already found in the scriptures of Israel.

The command to love God with all one's heart and soul and mind comes from Deuteronomy (6:4-5). It is a command that every Israelite is summoned to recite each morning on rising (the 'Schema' prayer). So the Christian tradition has inherited from Israel the truth that God is worthy of love, worship and dedication of life simply for God's sake alone. Love is the supreme factor in the relationship that God desires to have with us.

The second command, 'to love one's neighbour as oneself', occurs in Leviticus 19:18. It is 'like' the first because it flows from the nature of Israel's God, who has identified so intimately with the situation of human beings. To love God with all one's heart and soul and mind is to love those whom God loves: one's fellow human beings, especially the vulnerable and the poor.

Down the ages there have been many interpretations as to what loving one's neighbour as oneself might mean. Primarily it would seem to mean putting oneself—at least imaginatively—in the neighbour's shoes and asking how I would like to be treated in their situation. Better still, perhaps, it means taking pains to find out from the neighbour what exactly their desire might be. All effective works of charity and justice begin from a similar base: from *com-passion* ('feeling with') in the deepest sense of that term.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

## FIRST READING

Ex 22:20-26

### A reading from the book of Exodus

*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 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."

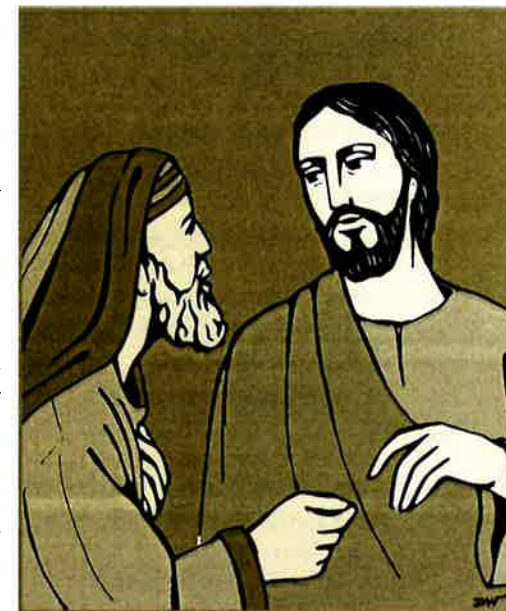
■ **The word of the Lord.**

**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 Thess 1:5-10

### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*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