

GOSPEL Mk 12:28-34
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
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.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY
PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.
I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
P. May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:
All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION
P. The mystery of faith.
All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .
P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .
All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.
P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .
R. Amen.
P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD
All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 15:11
You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

‘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’.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B3 NOVEMBER 2024

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD. The commandment to love God with all one’s being is kept constantly before the Jewish people. It is recited daily in prayer; and, written on a small scroll, it is worn on their person and enshrined at the entrance to their homes. To observe this commandment our love must embrace the whole of creation, especially our fellow human beings made in God’s image.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 37:22-23
Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA
Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand

of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT
P. Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

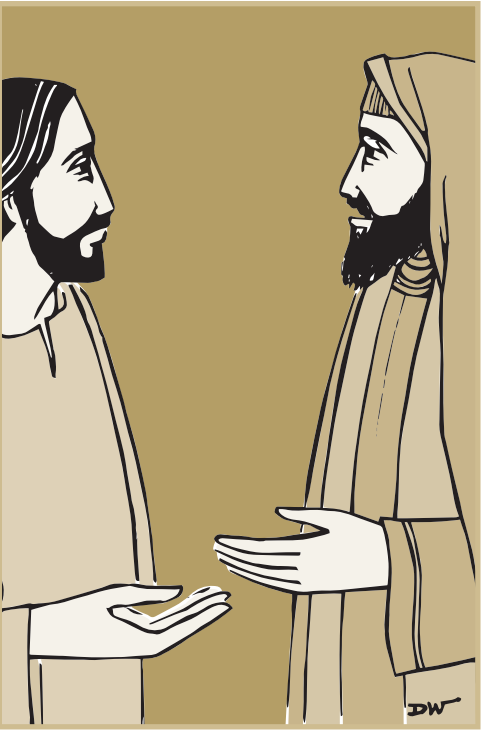
LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.
R. Thanks be to God.

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.**

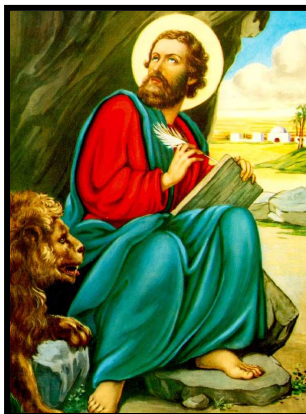


SECOND READING 7:23-28
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

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.
R. Thanks be to God.
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!



St. Mark's Parish, Fawkner

St. Mark's Parish is committed to the safety, well being and dignity of all children, people and vulnerable adults.

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"I will not forget you... I have carved you on the palm of my Hand" (Is 49:15-16)

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday to Saturday: 9:00am.

Weekend Mass Times:

6:00pm: Saturday Vigil Mass.

10:00am: Sunday Morning Mass.

6:00pm: Sunday Evening Mass.

First Sunday of the Month:

Renewal of Marriage Vows.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30am and 5:15pm.

Or feel free to phone Fr. Colin.

Every Thursday of the Month:

5:30 - 7:00pm: Hope Café (Free Dinner).

First Wednesday of the Month:

7:00pm: Baptism Preparation Meeting.

First Saturday of the Month:

10:00 - 11:30am: Working Bee.

Parish Advisory Committee:

Fr. Colin Xavier, P. Wilson, A. George,
L. Rahme, L. Grech, D. Abela, E. & A. Bathan.

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH, MASS TIMES

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am. Saturday: 5:30pm.

Sunday: 9:00am and 10:30am (Italian).



Are you planning a Marriage in the near future?

If so, in order to avoid disappointment, it is most important to first make an appointment with the Parish Priest prior to making any other bookings.



Do not leave your mobiles, purses, wallets, handbags unattended - others may think it is an answer to their prayers...

BEQUEATHING

Would you like to remember the Parish in your Will? Property, Money, Artwork, Plants...

There are many ways you can be remembered.

Do contact the Parish Office (03) 9359 3111 for further information. May God bless you!

ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

A warm welcome to new parishioners.

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.

New to our Parish?

Changing address?

Need Thanksgiving Envelopes?

Please Complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to Parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____



PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more.

Help parents to be good examples to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

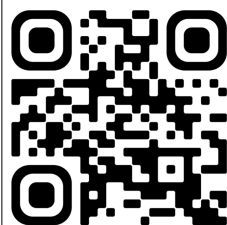
Encircle our families with your loving care.

To the sick and the weak grant health, to the aged bring serenity, and to those in sorrow, joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.

Amen.

QR CODE AND ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR THE THANKSGIVING PLEDGE



To make a thanksgiving payment, parishioners simply scan your CDFpay QR code with your mobile phone camera and follow a few easy steps. This QR code is unique to St. Mark's Church. Alternatively please make a direct transfer to our Parish Account.

Account Name: St. Mark's Church

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Account No: 825284554

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BSB: 083-347

Account No: 673272043

We thank you for your continuous support and help!



Next Weekends Rosters:

9th Nov (Sat):

6.00pm Reader: E. Gutierrez.

Extraordinary Minister: M. Gutierrez.

10th Nov (Sun):

10.00am: Reader: S. Fragapane & C. Ene.

Extraordinary Minister: M. O'Gorman, S. Chamma & N. D'Souza.

6.00pm: Reader: M. Pegorin.

Church Cleaning:

7th Nov (Thu) Team 2:

R. Caruana, Anita & Raj.

Counters:

29th Oct: L. Grech.

8th Nov: M & N. D'Souza.

Thanksgiving: \$452 (Env) \$505 (Loose). Presbytery: \$176(Env) \$316 (Loose).

Thank you for your generosity & support.



all that's missing is U!

Pilgrim Virgin: 24th Oct - Markus Family. 7th Nov - Campana Family.

4th Nov (Mon): Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo.

8th Nov (Fri): Communion of Reparation Vigil in our parish ending with midnight Mass.

9th Nov (Sat): Feast of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

Next Weekend there will be a Special Collection towards the Pastoral Care Appeal - Prison Ministry. Envelopes are placed in the Foyer. Thank you!



God will steer the boat



But you must row.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



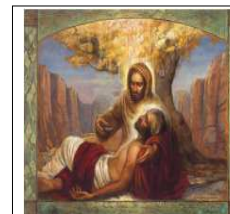
For Those Who Have Lost A Child
Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

POPE FRANCIS: EDUCATE WITH LOVE AND THE GAZE OF JESUS

Pope Francis urged educators to push forward and never get discouraged, "Without love, one cannot educate, "To educate as you well know and testify means, above all, rediscovering and valuing the centrality of the person," he said, particularly "in a relational context where the dignity of human life finds fulfillment and proper space to grow."

"Pay special attention to children, adolescents, and young people," he said, urging them to be looked at "with trust," "empathy," and "the gaze and heart of Jesus." Since they are "the present and future of the world and the Church."

The Holy Father said, "It is our task a fully educational task to accompany them, support them, encourage them, and, through our example, show them the right path."



"Charity may be a very short word, but with its tremendous meaning of pure love, it sums up man's entire relation to God and to his neighbour. As our Lord explained: 'It is on charity that all the Law and the prophets depend.'" **St Aelred of Rievaulx**

RECOGNIZING THE VOICE OF GOD

When the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives, he speaks to us. But does that mean that every thought that runs through our heads is from God? How do you know when a prompting is from God and when it's Satan whispering lies?

It is very important to recognize that Satan does come whispering. We all have an inner world and Scripture makes it clear that Satan has at least some capacity to influence our inner conversation. (Matt 4:1-10, Acts 5:3, 1 Thess 2:18 all point to this.) We also know from Matt 16:23 that Satan can tempt us to act on his behalf.

It is not how the voice sounds, but rather what the voice says that lets you know who is speaking. Recognizing the voice of God takes practice, but the litmus test is very simple. The next time you hear a whisper ask yourself, "Is this keeping me trapped and away from God or is it moving me toward God and obedience?"

Answer that question, and you'll be well on the way to know who is speaking!

An Irishman has been drinking at a pub all night. When he stands up to leave, he falls flat on his face. He tries to stand one more time, but to no avail. Again, he falls flat on his face. He figures he'll crawl outside and get some fresh air and maybe that will sober him up. Once outside, he stands up and, sure enough, he falls flat on his face. The Irishman decides to crawl the four blocks to his home. When he arrives at the door, he stands up and falls flat on his face. He crawls through the door into his bedroom. When he reaches his bed, he tries one more time to stand up. This time, he manages to pull himself upright but he quickly falls right into bed. He is sound asleep as soon as his head hits the pillow. He awakens the next morning to his wife standing over him, shouting, "So, you've been out drinking again!" "Why do you say that?" he asks innocently. "The pub called. You left your wheelchair there again."



NOVEMBER 8-9, 2024

St. Mark's Catholic Church

9 Lee Street, Fawkner

COMMUNION OF REPARATION VIGIL SCHEDULE

6:30 pm - Rosary
7:00 pm - Holy Mass
7:45 pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 pm - Rosary
8:30 pm - Inspirational Talk
9:00 pm - Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart
10:50 pm - Rosary
11:20 pm - Family Consecration
11:30 pm - Rosary
11:50 am - Benediction
12:00 am - Holy Mass



Those who are celebrating their Birthday and Wedding Anniversary this month - We wish you the most beautiful time with family and friends.

BIBLE STUDY AT THE HOPE CAFÉ

Every (Tuesday) at 7:00 pm. All are Welcome!



PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR HOLY SOULS FROM NOV 1st TO NOV 8th



Make a visit to the cemetery. Pray for the Holy Souls. Whatever prayer you favour. Take Holy Water with you. Sprinkle it around.

Pray for the Holy Father's Intentions e.g. Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. Receive Holy Communion and go to the Sacrament of Confession.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH THAT WE IN PARTICULAR REMEMBER THE HOLY SOULS. The church teaches that prayer, particularly the Mass, and sacrifices may be offered on behalf of the souls in purgatory.

The feast of All Souls differs from the Nov 1st feast of All Saints precisely because it offers prayers for the eternal peace and heavenly rest of all those who died in a state of grace, but not totally purified. The Holy Souls are POWERFUL INTERCESSORS. They will not forget us.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. Let's empty Purgatory this month. The Holy Souls will not forget you and will pray for you."

URGENT: CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED

We need a few volunteers to help in the church cleaning. Would you like to come on board? Let us know by calling 9359 3111.

