

The Living Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 October 2026

First Reading Ex 22:20-26

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.”

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 Thes 1:5-10

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 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 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

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.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 25th October 2026

Farewell and Thank you, Fr. Jossy.

Fr. Jossy will be leaving our parish on Sunday 8th, so to thank him for his time and devotion to our parish, all parishioners are warmly invited to attend a farewell celebration. We will have a morning tea on Sunday 1st November in Kilmore Parish Centre, after the 10.45am Mass and on Sunday 8th November in Wallan after the 8.45am Mass. Parishioners are kindly requested to bring a plate to share.

If you wish to contribute towards a gift for Fr Jossy, donation envelopes marked "Farewell for Fr Jossy" are available in the foyer of each church. Please place your envelope in the collection basket at any Mass this weekend or next weekend. Alternatively, you may scan the "Donation QR code" below and select "Farewell for Fr. Jossy".

Message regarding St Patrick's Church

It has been noticed that items in St Patrick's Church are being either removed or moved around without permission. Please be aware that there must be nothing moved or removed from the Church, Altar, or Sanctuary without the permission of the Parish Administrator or parish office. Thank you

OUR GREATEST BLESSING

"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them." ~ Desmond Tutu ~

Family life is made up of many moments, some special and memorable, others so ordinary that we hardly give them a second thought. Yet often, it is these little things that mean the most.

Every family has its own story, filled with traditions, shared experiences and memories that become more precious as the years go by. These are the things that help shape who we are and remind us of where we belong.

Growing up in a family teaches us many of life's important lessons. We discover how to share, compromise, appreciate our differences and sometimes see the world through someone else's eyes.

Of course, family life is not always easy. There will be disagreements, worries and challenges along the way. However, these experiences can teach us patience, understanding and the importance of forgiveness.

As we grow older, we come to realise that the greatest gifts we give one another are not material things, but the time, encouragement and love we share.

Perhaps the true beauty of family lies in the many ways it enriches our lives, giving us so much to be thankful for.

Dear Lord, watch over those we hold dear. Keep them safe in your loving care, bless them with good health and fill their hearts with peace, joy and hope. Amen.

(Source: <https://majellan.media/the-family-bond/>.)

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore
Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford
Our Lady of the Way, Wallan
St. Michael's, Wandong

Sunday Masses

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

Weekday Masses

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore
Wed 9 am, Wallan
(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

Confession

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

Devotions

Adoration & Benediction
Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet
15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary
after each weekday Mass, and Sunday
8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

Stations of the Cross
Fri 9.30 am, Kilmore

Donate

To support our Parish and Priests, scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate.



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Presbytery Account
BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382

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St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 24 Oct: WEEKDAY, 29TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 25 Oct: 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Mon, 26 Oct: WEEKDAY, 30TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

No Mass
7 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, Our Lady of the Way Church

Tue, 27 Oct: WEEKDAY, 30TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 28 Oct: STS. SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
7.15 pm RCIA Session, St. Patrick's Parish Centre

Thu, 29 Oct: WEEKDAY, 30TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 30 Oct: WEEKDAY, 30TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4pm First Eucharist Program Lesson 3, St Patrick's Parish Office

Sat, 31 Oct: WEEKDAY, 30TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
9 am Kilmore Catholic Cemetery Working Bee
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 1 Nov: ALL SAINTS

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Synod Corner:

Synodality and families

Families are schools of synodality, where listening, patience, and forgiveness are lived daily. The Church learns synodality from family life.



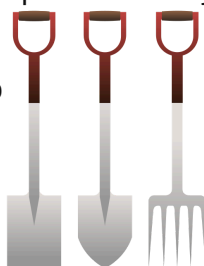
St Patrick's Parish Cemetery Working Bee

The parish's Spring working bee to clean up the cemetery will be held Saturday 31st October 9am-12 noon. Plenty of whipper-snipping to be done. An opportunity for families to tidy up graves prior to All Souls Day.

Morning tea will be provided.

Further information -

Brian Clancy 0429186830



Blessing of graves on All Souls' Day (2nd November)

- Wallan Cemetery at 2 pm
- Kilmore Catholic Cemetery at 4 pm
- Broadford Cemetery at 5.30 pm

Everyone is cordially invited to join in prayer for our beloved deceased.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>24/25 OCT</u>	<u>31 OCT/1 NOV</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	<u>24 Oct</u>	<u>31 Oct</u>
Reader	A. Leahy	J. Dixon
EMHC	P. Fleming	TBA
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	<u>24 Oct</u>	<u>31 Oct</u>
Reader	R. Emmanuel	J. O'Callaghan
EMHC	C. Clancy	M. Fleischmann
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	<u>25 Oct</u>	<u>1 Nov</u>
Reader	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
EMHC	C. Banon	M. Hoban
EMHC	G. Pannuzzo	M. McGowan
PowerPoint	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	<u>25 Oct</u>	<u>1 Nov</u>
Reader	A. Reggie	K. Archer
EMHC	K. Archer	L. Dunlop
PowerPoint	W. Reece	K. Curry
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	C. Eid	E. Ferraresi
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	J. Dixon	TBA
	M. Donovan	TBA
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	G. Kim	L. & R. Doughney

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

Michael Yarwood & Margaret McMahon

Anniversaries

Jeremiah & Alice Vallenge, Carlone Nanetti, Mauro - Beria, Roger Ferraro, Patrick Finlayson, Colin Wigney, Norm Denham, Theresa Bartolo, Josephine Schembri, Tony McDonald, John Joseph Leahy, Kevin Chard, Peter Smith, Norah Harrington, Brian McEntee, Michael Joseph O'Connell, Patricia D'Elia, Therese Archer, Robyn D'Elia, Lawrence Zanelli, Maree Bradshaw, Sylvia O'Donnell, Mario Falzon and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'agostino, Theo Aitchison, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michael Bourne, Faye Vandenberg, Kylie Alexander, Paul Borg & all people who are in need of our prayers.

St Vincent de Paul Kilmore Conference

Selling Columban Calendars at each of our parish churches, commencing Saturday 24th October. **Calendars are \$10 each**

Also selling Christmas Cards **5 for \$3.50**

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS:

Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, Michelle Ramsey and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit).

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