



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish

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“LOVE TO BE REAL, IT MUST COST—IT MUST HURT—IT MUST EMPTY US OF SELF.”

— MOTHER TERESA

What motivates us? Money, Power, Security? Whatever intermediate force drives us; the experts tell us that the dominant power of motivation is love. Even when driven by "hate", these same experts tell us that "hate" is the absence of love. Religious thinking has always drawn upon "love of God" as the main driving force for creation. The readings today deal with this belief.

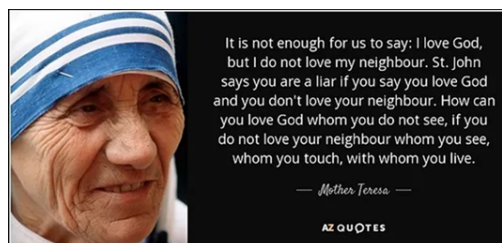
This exchange between Christ and the Jewish Religious leader strikes a new note in religious practice - meeting human need is shown as a deeper way of honouring God. Ritual observance is all very good; but human need takes precedence.



For the Jewish leaders, obedience to the Law was the absolute test of fidelity; hence the insistence on the Sabbath rest. Christ's claim that He had not come to destroy the Law, only to perfect it, left them unimpressed. But for Jesus, the process of perfecting the Law was to have it consider human needs; to have it accepted that meeting these needs represented a deeper way of fulfilling the Law.

Every Jew worth his salt knew that the Law was summed up in the two Commandments - firstly, Love the Lord Your God and, secondly, Love your neighbour. What Christ did was to link the two; to show that they were intrinsically connected. So much so that St. John writing on this subject later on stated that either one could not exist without the other -"[1 John 4:20] Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen".

And who is my brother and sister? Our world is filled with appeals to become involved - whole populations threatened by famine, disease, war, natural disaster and the victims of human ineptitude. There are forests to be saved, threatened species to be saved, river systems to be regenerated, desalination programs to be initiated... as the King in the musical "The King and I" would say etc. To meet all these needs, volunteers come from all walks of life. Worldwide organisations are formed, providing cushy jobs for numerous people. In many instances, much of their efforts can be seen as being inspired by concern for people and sometimes they reflect "love of God". But not always! We all know persons who are obsessed with causes, many of whom do little other than to tell other people what to do, whilst doing precious little themselves.



Some years ago, the late Mother Teresa visited the United States. At a press conference she was asked "What could the Catholics of the United States do for the suffering people in India and the Third World?" Her reply nonplussed the gathering. "Well", she said, "you might begin by trying to be more patient, more loving, more generous with your own families, friends and those with whom you work!" Her point was - Charity begins at home; and if it does, then it will spread, much like a stone dropped into a pool. To quote St. John again -"[1 John 4:21] The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

For those who claim the title Christian, the ultimate motivation comes from "love of God". Whatever we do that is good reflects that love. It inspires our generosity, our tenderness, our kindness, gentleness, patience, compassion, warmth and reassurance. God knows these qualities are needed in the slums of Calcutta as they are in the depressed communities of the world; but they are also needed in our own neighbourhoods, our own suburbs, our own homes. If they are not here first, there is no lasting hope for us to export them further afield. "No one gives what he does not have". - Source Geraldton.

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like."--St. Augustine of Hippo

For the love of God and the community, let me invite each and every one of our community to actively participate in various programs and ministries of our Parish and build up our community into a viable, just and wholesome community in which each one of us will be able to experience well-being, care and support. Have a lovely week ahead!

**LOVE EVOKE POWERFUL
FORCE OF DIVINITY IN
EVERY MAN**

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

Foresake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

First reading: Deuteronomy 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: I love you, Lord, my strength.

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**

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: Hebrews 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 : **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

Gospel: Mark 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 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.

Communion Antiphon:

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so whoever feeds on me
shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 4th - St Charles Borromeo, bishop

Saturday 9th - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE ARRIVED HOME WITH THE HEAVENLY FATHER
AND MAKE THIS PRAYER THROUGH OUT THIS WEEK



Loving God, we remember now in prayer our dearly departed.
May they rest in peace with you and experience the eternal joy of heaven.
Heal our grief, merciful Lord, strengthen our hope that we, too, will one day share in the resurrection of your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



You are invited to write down the names of your loved ones in the book of life at the entrance of the church.
Throughout the month of November, the masses will be offered for our loved ones who have gone before us.
The Mass intention envelopes are available at the entrance of the church.



CONFIRMATION CEREMONY
Congratulations to the 35 children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Friday 8th November at 7.00pm.**
Thank you to Diane O'Shea and her team for preparing the children for the Sacrament.



I am pleased to meet with the volunteers of various ministries in our parish on **Friday 29th November at 4.30pm** at the **Parish Hall**. It will be a golden opportunity for everyone to get to know each other, which in turn will enhance our collaborative ministry in our community. We will have finger food with drinks. For catering purposes, could you please **RSVP by Wednesday 20th November 2024** of your attendance to Glenys Oxlee on 0488 228 633 or Nancy Grugan 0434 541 287, the Coordinator of Social Celebrations.

I am expecting each one of you to be present for this event.
Fr Vince

Kindly keep praying for the completion of the intended project with God's grace and guidance.



Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maria Corazon Abello
Edmund Chavernia
Jelka Josipovic
Tom Nayler
Robert Power

Maree Buttenshaw
Louela Davis
Romenda McGregor
Aileen Pelias
Danilo Delos Reyes

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

Individual names of our beloved departed will not be published in the bulletin for the month of November. The masses throughout this month will be offered for everyone in the Book of Life.

PARISH ROSTERS

9/10 November 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Leah Garcia Lynette Rodrigues	Matilda s Harriet S	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Kathleen Burrows Marthe Nalletamby	Marthe Nalletamby	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Gabriella Spinetti Sheila Tapiador
Sun 8.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Daniela M Tara C	Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Juvy Austria	Joseph Andrews Cynthia Oscar	Angelina B Avril L Chloe & Olivia G	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			

16/17 November 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Sue & Len Farrugia	Oscar G Isabella W	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Kathleen Burrows Bill O'Shea	Sue Galletto	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
Sun 8.00am	Anne Fernando	Ron Della Vedova Barbara Rosario	Maya R Cristian A	Lina Flores Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Glenys Oxlee	Astrid Kossim Jessica Tapiadr	Ava E Isabella C Tashnie W	Lynette Rodrigues Dominic Rodrigues			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Morning Tea to Celebrate our Parish Youth



Following the **10am Mass on Sunday, 10 November**, we will be hosting a morning tea to celebrate the young people in our Parish and to kick start our

Youth Group! While all are welcome, we are working to engage young people aged between **12 and 35** to help form and establish our group. *Come and meet the Youth Group leaders and get to know your fellow parishioners over a bite to eat. Look forward to seeing you all there.*

Join Us for Our Monthly Parish Lunch!

Dear Parishioners,

We're excited to invite you to our Monthly Parish Lunch! This is a wonderful opportunity to gather once a month on **Sunday after 10am Mass** to enjoy great company and good food.

Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.

When: Sunday Nov 17, Sunday Dec 22

Where: The Family Inn

Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends!

This initiative aims to foster fellowship and strengthen our community ties.

For more details and/or to RSVP

contact **Allison** on **0411 013 032**.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

We had 30 attend our parish lunch at The family inn hotel, lots of conversation and laughter and new friends made! If you would like to attend our next lunch, you are invited to write your name on the sheet located at the back of the church, this is to assist Allison with the booking reservation.



Diocese of Parramatta

Parramatta Street Feast: 13 November

On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: **Wednesday 13 November 2024, at 10:30am - 1:00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.**

BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: parracatholic.org/streetfeast



Reach out. Give life.

We would like to thank you again for your generosity

On behalf of the Church in Mongolia, and people like Chuluunbaatar, we would like to again thank you for your generosity.

Your gift is already working towards programs like the House of Mercy, which will support people that have been affected by a range of issues, such as homelessness and domestic violence.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.or.au/mongolia. Your action will make a positive impact for many around the world.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Every Wednesday 7:00pm

ROSARY at 3:00pm on the last Saturday of every month at Ermington Shopping Centre (near the Post Office).

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Maritza Graciela
Parish Secretary
Tue/Wed/Thur/Fri
9:30am to 5:30pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator	Diane O'Shea
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator	Allison Markarian
Lectors Coordinator	Glenys Oxlee
Senior Server Coordinator	Anton Massillamany
Finance Chairman	Ron Della Vedova
St Vincent De Paul President	Ron Della Vedova
Rydalmen Coordinator	Mark Bannister
Social Celebrations Coordinator	Nancy Grugan

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