

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.**

# 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.”

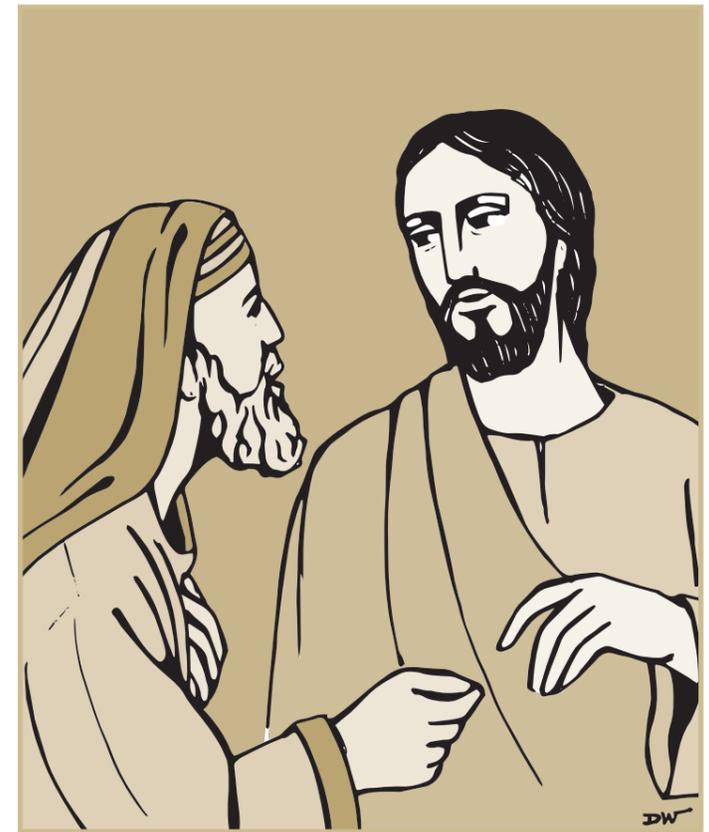
■ **The word of the Lord.**

**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

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## Brighton Catholic Parish

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### **Weekly collections**

Letter boxes have been installed in the front & western church foyers for your collection money. We thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Knights of the Southern Cross Empty Cans /Bottle Collection**

For Collection please ring  
Pat Hodgson 0412  
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### **Sunday Mass Times**

**6.00 pm** — (Saturday Vigil)  
**8.30am** — (Sunday)  
**10.00 am** — (Sunday)

### **Weekday Mass/Services**

Monday 26/10 No Services  
Tuesday 27/10 Mass 12 noon  
Wed 28/10 SHC **Liturgy** 7.30am  
Thursday 29/10 No services  
Friday 30/10 Mass 12 noon  
Saturday 31/10 Mass 10am

### **Feast Day this week**

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Sts Simon & Jude, apostles

### **Reconciliation**

**After** midday Mass on Fridays  
**After** 10am Mass on Saturdays

### **Baptisms**

are held on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 11.15am by arrangement through the Parish office and with the Baptismal Preparation Team.

### **Weddings** - Contact Parish Office

### **Meditation**

The Meditation group meet every Tuesday from 11am in the McAuley Room

### **Parish library**

Our parish Library is open on Tues and Fri mornings from 9.30am to 12pm. Come and join us for Mahjong on Friday mornings. We have a great selection of books, DVD's and puzzles for you to borrow. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and great company.

### **Popes' Prayer Intentions for October**

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Keep updated with our parish through our facebook page:



### **Brighton Catholic Parish**

### **Welcome**

We welcome into our community this weekend through Baptism:



*Elliott Gregory*

The **Brighton Antioch** members will be providing Music and readers for our Sat 6pm Mass this weekend. Please talk to one of our members after Mass if you wish to know more about Antioch.

### **Direct Giving App**

You can now contribute to the first and second collections via your mobile phone. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese Find a Mass app or go to <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/app-home> to make a one-off donation or set up recurring donations to the parish and for the support of the clergy.

### **Brighton Parish Pastoral Council Members**

Fr Michael Kyumu,  
Christina Jonas (Chairperson),  
Emmy Smyk (Dep Chair),  
Monica Conway (Secretary),  
Clare Thewlis, Graham Workman,  
Helena Card, Amanda Parslow,  
Keith Moorman, Chris Nell,  
Mary Hyland, Di O'Neill,  
Frank Verrall, Margaret Senyszyn,  
Cara McGlaughlin (SHC Youth Minister)

### **Readings for next weekend**

#### **31<sup>st</sup> October/ 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2020**

#### **All Saints, Yr A**

**1st Reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14**

**2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

### **Please pray for:**

#### **Recently Deceased**

Monica Ena Thomas,  
Patricia McQuillan



#### **Deceased**

Frank Risitano, Raymond Ross,  
Les Schmitt, Mary Love,  
John Tippins

#### **Anniversaries**

Sue Pavy, Patricia Stanton,  
Arthur, Dominador & Emilia Roncal,

#### **Sick**

Gabrielle Adolph, Jimmy Ryan,  
Marilyn Huddleston, Lauren Eblen,  
Frances McKenna, Peter Paige,  
Robyn Williams, Pam Wallman,  
Peggy Traynor(Ireland),  
Barbara Driscoll, Jim McClafferty,  
Robert Wolf, Kevin Pardon,  
Pam Wynn, Leon Grealy,  
Chris Boast, Rachel Bainbridge,  
Taylor Keen, Charlie Hamblen,  
Duncan Booth, Fr Peter Dunn,  
Bob McEvoy, Pat Donnelly,  
Eileen Paige, Margaret Mary Roche,  
Mr Biro, Debbie Canino,  
Betty Fowles, Sr Marietta Green,  
Margaret Doyle, John Wallace,  
Carol Swavley, Aoibhinn Delaney

**Privacy Laws.** All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will **not** be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

### **COVID Safe**

We are all reminded to keep ourselves and each other safe whilst in our church and offices. Please maintain a safe social distance (currently 1.5m) between each other, use the hand sanitiser, remember to sign in (BYO Pen/ use wipes on pens provided) whenever on the premises, and if you are not well or immunocompromised, DO NOT come to Mass at this time. We would respectfully ask that you comply with any requests asked of you by the COVID Marshal.

### **Plenary Council - Journey to October 2021 and Beyond**

Thursday, 29th October 2020 at 7:30pm-9:30pm  
Thebarton Community Centre, Corner of South Road and Ashwin Parade  
TORRENSVILLE  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLTNS>  
**Everyone is welcome.**

### **Port Pirie Bishop's Installation**

Fr Karol Kulczycki SDS, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Port Pirie, will be installed on Wed Oct 28 at St Mark's Cathedral, Port Pirie, after being ordained in Poland on Sept 29. His installation Mass will have limited attendees due to COVID-19 restrictions but will be live streamed at [www.pp.catholic.org.au](http://www.pp.catholic.org.au)

### **October: The Month of the Holy Rosary**



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

*"The Rosary lays before our eyes the beauty of a simple contemplative prayer that is accessible to everyone, great and small."*

### **WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY**

Just a reminder of the wine and cheese evening on Friday 6th November 7pm-9pm to officially launch our exciting new parish library. We would appreciate if you could bring a bottle to share for the evening. The parish will provide soft drink, cheese and nibbles. To comply with COVID restrictions, could you please contact the parish office or the library on Tuesday and Friday mornings if you intend to join us.

We look forward to welcoming you.

The new issue of the Australian Catholics magazine is now available from the foyer.

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**Word on Fire** are offering a free screening of their acclaimed **Catholicism Series** - 10 wonderful videos, over 500 minutes of content, to celebrate its 10 year anniversary. Go to the link below.

[https://catholicismseries.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3Or0H9ADhDKVTPnBRmWHJDamczLn85N6W1VmQmCzdol\\_qRG8fMsEKkIKA](https://catholicismseries.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3Or0H9ADhDKVTPnBRmWHJDamczLn85N6W1VmQmCzdol_qRG8fMsEKkIKA)

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**'Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom'**, Sat 7 Nov, 10am-1pm (AEST). Facilitated by Carol Dyer, this event provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to, at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practise. Cost \$25. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/663916> For more information, contact holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.

### **Bishops' statement on Abortion Bill**

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ have issued a joint statement expressing their concern over the Termination of Pregnancy Bill, saying the removal of current safeguards would further increase the rate of abortion on demand and put vulnerable women at greater risk of economic and social coercion. The Bishops said the provision for abortions to take place from 22 weeks and six days up until full term, with the approval of two medical practitioners, was deeply concerning. Parishioners are encouraged to contact their local MP to urge them to vote against the Bill.

Love Adelaide is holding an information evening about the proposed legislation on November 2 from 7pm-9pm at Temple Christian College. Due to COVID-19 attendees must RSVP to: <https://www.loveadelaide.org.au/events2020>

### **Tutti Twilight Arts Market**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 5-9pm  
On the oval and inside the Tutti buildings on Commercial Rd, Brighton

## **Madonna** magazine

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### **World Priest Day**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates World Priest day every year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of October. World Priest Day (WPD) is a celebration and affirmation of the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for our priests.

**Heavenly Father, We come before you today to ask your blessing on our brothers, whom you have called to the Sacrament of Holy Orders.**

**Lord Jesus, we ask that you support them with your presence and fill them with grace to serve you faithfully.**

**Gracious Spirit, unite us in service with those whom you have called. Open our hearts to encourage our brothers and sons to pursue your calling, and open their hearts to hear your call to this most Holy Sacrament. Amen.**