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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) - 29TH OCTOBER 2023

FIRST READING

Exodus 22:20-26

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

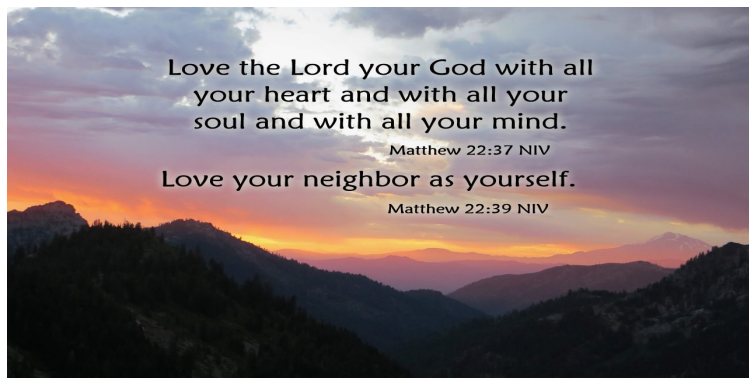
(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

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 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

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.'

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Dear Parish family,

Once again, Jesus is challenged to publicly take a stand, this time in regard to which of the many laws followed by the Jewish people was the greatest. Whichever law he chose meant that he might be criticised for appearing to ignore another, perhaps more important, law.

However, his answer highlighted what is at the very heart of the entire law – that is, love. Going further than this, Jesus shows us that we can't separate the two. All of us are made in the image of God, so to love God is to love our neighbour, and it is by loving our neighbour that we show our love for God. In other words, it is not possible to truly love God while hating our neighbour.

Pope Francis once said that "hating, or even showing indifference to, our neighbour is to deny God's presence in them – it is "practical atheism". It is impossible to pray authentically with this negativity in us. He said "Whoever worships God loves his children. Whoever respects God respects human beings... Prayer is not a sedative to alleviate life's anxieties; or, in any case, this type of prayer is certainly not Christian. Rather, prayer makes each of us responsible. We see this clearly in the Our Father that Jesus taught his disciples".

As we move into the month of November this week, we continue to express our love for those in our lives who have died and gone before us to be in God's presence. We show this love through our prayers and our book of remembrance, which is displayed in each church. Masses to celebrate all Saints Day on Wednesday 1st, and All Souls Day on Thursday 2nd will be celebrated at the regular weekday Mass times. In addition to these our Annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated, also on All Souls Day; 02nd November from 7:30pm at St Finn Barr's, Invermay.

May our prayer this week be an authentic response to the love God has first shown us, and our actions be practical ways of sharing that love with all people.

This weekend, we welcome Fr Bernard Pereira to the Launceston parish. Fr Bernard has recently arrived in the Archdiocese of Hobart, and is visiting Launceston and celebrating some of our Sunday Masses while Fr Chatty is away for the weekend.

Have a blessed week!

Fr Ben Brooks



CATHOLIC PARISH OF LAUNCESTON — MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, 2nd November 2023 at 7.30pm in St Finn Barr's Church, 247 Invermay Road

An invitation is extended to everyone who has lost a loved one, especially during the last year to come along to our annual Mass of Remembrance. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend. You may wish to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and there will be an opportunity to place this at the altar during the Mass if you wish. You are also invited to stay for refreshments after Mass.

All are welcome to join in this very special celebration of our faith.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office on 6331 4377.



A VOCATION VIEW

We must stop just putting band-aids on the wounds of society. We must tell the world that we are God's people. God loves us, and we were created to serve God and others in God.

NOVEMBER MASSES

Names of deceased relatives and friends will be included in the November Book of Remembrance. Envelopes are available in the Church foyers and may be returned on the collection baskets or to the Parish Office.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Kitty Russell, Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Merrill Thompson, Deacon Vinco Muriyaden, Fr Terry Yard, Kim Izard, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Alana Oehm, Kathy Aldred, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall..

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Denise Gasperino and who have died recently, Bernard Boon Judy Bestwick, Brother Deni-Phillips, Fiorindo Cericola, Lim McKercher, Lorinda Berlese, Beverley Brough, Jose Mestre, Ross Perri, Augusto Di Nisio, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the Holy souls in Purgatory.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: As the COVID virus continues to affect our lives, we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *Next Sunday, 5th November at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY is being held each Monday night in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

MORNING MEDITATION at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am.** Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: ph: 6334 1082

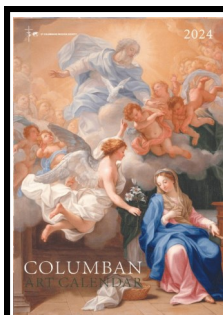
LECTIO DIVINA Every Friday morning 10.30 am for 1 hour, at the Pastoral Centre, Lectio Divina - Contemplating and praying the scriptures for the upcoming weekend Mass readings. A time to slow down, to listen with the ears of your heart. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm.

Save the Date—Parish BBQ at Riverbend Park, 12 noon on Sunday 3rd December

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses next weekend.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2023

This iconic Calendar has become a feature in homes of generations of Australians and New Zealanders and is a major fundraiser for the St Columban Mission Society.

On sale now in the church foyers or the Parish Office at \$10.00 each.

DINING WITH FRIENDS

An initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society together with the Launceston Parish.



If you are feeling lonely, would like to make new friends, or would just enjoy a FREE home cooked meal prepared by and shared with people who care, please come along to Dining with Friends.

Next gathering: Tuesday, 7th November at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre. Bookings are essential for catering Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
6.30pm	Apostles	

WEEKDAY MASSES 30th October—4th November

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	All Soul's Day	

12noon Invermay
7.30pm Mass of Remembrance, Invermay

Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	7.30am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	9.30am -10.30am	Apostles
	5.15pm -5.45pm	Newstead

PREPARE



Advent Reflection Day

Saturday 9th December

9.30am for a 10.00am start (until 3.00pm)

St Patrick's College Chapel, 282 Westbury Rd, Prospect
BYO Lunch. Morning Tea provided.

Facilitated by Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman



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Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish
BSB: 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.
Reference: "your surname"

MASS LIVE-STREAMED Each and every Sunday at 9am

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/
videos/](https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/)

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.



PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..



Catholic women, single or married, ages 18+, are invited to a weekend of prayer, talks, silence, and fellowship, hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia.

Encountering Christ Retreat

Behold I make all things new! (Rev. 21:5)

3 - 5 November 2023

Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre
Newstead

REGISTRATION

emmanuelcentre@aohtas.org.au

or call (03) 6334 1082



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SACRED HEART COLLEGE LAUNCESTON

50 Year Reunion for those in Grade 10, 1973

Saturday 11th November, 12noon

Steve's Grill, Launceston

Further details please contact:

Lynda Peters 0409 002 101

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 30th:	Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday 31st:	Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday 1st:	Matthew 5:1-12
Thursday 2nd:	All Soul's Day
Friday 3rd:	Luke 14:1-6
Saturday 4th:	Luke 14:7-11

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

Psalm 130

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Matthew 23:1-12



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

WEEKEND RETREAT ON CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY

AN INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL PRAYER

The Way of Perfection: St Teresa of Avila, Mystic and the First Woman Doctor of the Church will be the topic presented to us by Fr Paul Maunder, Carmelite Friar based in Sydney. **Emmanuel Centre, Friday 24th November – Sunday 26th November.** Cost of Weekend is \$300 include all meals and accommodation.

Call Sandra on 6331 4991 for more information and bookings.

Children's Corner

Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

love
second
God
answered
yourself
teacher
heart
first
test
commandment

An expert in the Jewish law tried to ____ Jesus. He asked, "_____, what is the most important _____ ?"



Jesus _____ : "Love the Lord your ____ with all your _____, soul and mind." This is the _____ and most important commandment. The _____ is like it : " _____ your neighbor as much as you love _____".

