

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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. Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. 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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Those who are learned in the Torah (the first five books of the Bible) have identified 613 commandments in it – 248 positive ('thou shalt') and 365 negative ('thou shalt not'). Obviously, no one can remember them all, and not all the commandments are of the same weight.

A number of biblical figures attempt to sum up the Torah's commandments in a small number of precepts or a summary statement. David proposed eleven (*Psalms* 15), Isaiah six (33:15), and Micah three (6:8). Amos simply says: 'Seek the Lord (5:4). Tobit gives a parting advice: 'Serve God faithfully and do what is right before him' (14:9).

In reply to a Pharisee's question about the 'greatest commandment,' Jesus cites *Deuteronomy* 6:5, the Shema-prayer ('Hear, O Israel') which the Jews would recite daily. This is the basic principle of the Mosaic Law. Since the Lord alone is God, all must love him with an undivided heart. Jesus, however, attaches to it the second commandment, equal in importance, citing *Leviticus* 19:18: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' And by neighbour, Jesus does not mean just a fellow Israelite, but anyone, especially when the person is in need (see the parable of the Good Samaritan, *Luke* 10:29-33).

Elsewhere, Jesus gives another summary of the Torah 'Do to others what you would want them to do to you. This is the meaning of the Law and the prophets' (*Matthew* 7:12). Later, St Paul writes: 'Owe nothing to anyone, except the debt of mutual love, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the Law' (*Rom* 13:18).

FR GIL ALINSANGAN SSP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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OBSERVE THE SORT OF LIFE WE LIVE. In every society people observe the actions of others. When many people ignore a particular law others conclude that it is alright for them to do the same. Children often imitate the behaviours of their parents. When we practise the law of love in our lives we benefit not only those who need our help but also those who observe our actions.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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. P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

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 ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

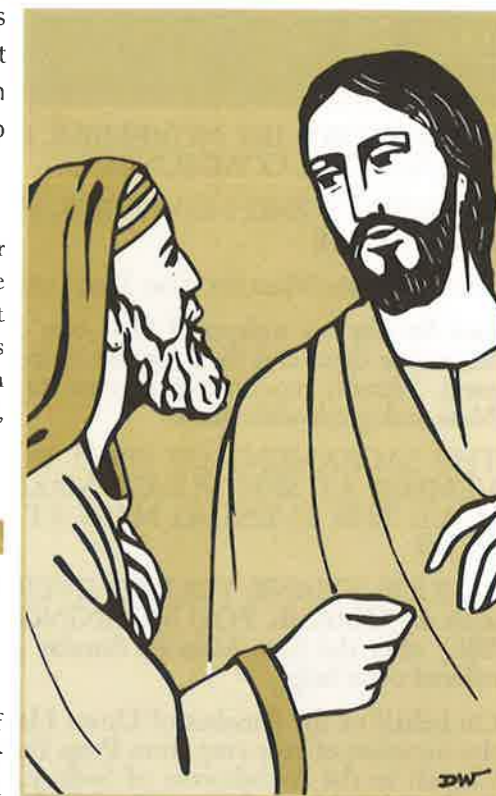
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP 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 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.

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!



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30th Sunday

29 October 2017

WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER IS ALL SAINTS DAY. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9 AM WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER IS ALL SOULS DAY. MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 8AM, 9AM AND 7.30PM.

I will celebrate Mass for Year 2 on Friday 3rd November at 9am.

Last Sunday we welcomed forty-two candidates to prepare for the celebration of their First Reconciliation. Let us remember them and their families in our prayers as they learn more about the mercy and healing offered in this sacrament. I kindly request that parents stay for Mass after the class so I can gather the children around the altar during Mass and speak with them!

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER AT 5PM. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE PRESENT IN THE CHURCH ON TIME AS WE HAVE THE EVENING MASS AT 6PM. WE WILL BE USING THE SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FROM THE PARISH WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED to assist with the 'THANK YOU MORNING TEA' after the 10am Mass on Sunday 3rd December and the 'THANK YOU BBQ' after the 6pm Mass on Sunday 3rd December. It is very encouraging knowing that so many parishioners have offered their help!

On behalf of the Parishes of Dover Heights and Rose Bay I would like to congratulate Robert and Maureen Brian on the occasion of receiving from Pope Francis the 'Croce pro Ecclesia et Pontifice' for their distinguished services to the Church in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Archbishop Fisher will present this award to them in a formal ceremony on Friday 10th November at 10am in the Chapter Hall next to St Mary's Cathedral. We congratulate them and thank Father Bernard Moylan for organising the award.

Next weekend we have the first CHARITABLE WORKS FUND COLLECTION FOR THE 2017-2018 Financial Year. The quota for St Mary Magdalene Parish is \$5,500. The quota for St Therese of Lisieux Parish is \$6,300. Your assistance with these appeals is greatly appreciated for the specialised ministries of the Archdiocese. Contributions \$2 and over are tax deductible.

The SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 9.30AM (AFTER THE 9AM MASS) AND AT 7.30PM.

Let us continue our prayers for our parishioners who are completing their HSC! May the Lord bless them in this special time!

Just a reminder that EUCHARISTIC ADORATION is held every Friday from 8.30am till 9am.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. ENVELOPES FOR MASSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH.

How do the people in my daily life experience the love I have for God? What may I need to do? Where do I need the Holy Spirit?
Fr Chris

Let Us Pray For...

The Sick: Brian Oong, Dorothy Cambell, Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine O'ong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke, Renata, Richard Hughes.

The Deceased: Victor Delfin, Gladys Shell, Monsignor John Lyne, Joan Day, Leo Bridle, Trish Mac Farlane, Paddy Nolan, Liam Marsden, Domenico and Elena Malzone, Ernesto Dayrit, Francesca Bellanto, Barbara Hall, Bernie Morgan, Fr Frank Furfaro, John Roarty, Christian Manaco Gonzales, John Johnson, Solomon Aguan, Beryl Yip, Sister Pam Corsier, Victor Prineas, Dorothy D'Mestre, Mary Dunne, Joan Quinn, Pamela Shiels, John Fenech, Ethell Purcell, Patricia Scharrer.



Weekly Liturgies

Sunday Mass
St Mary Magdalene: 8am, 10am, 6pm
St Therese (Sat night Vigil): 5pm
Weekday Mass
St Mary Magdalene, Rose Bay: Tue-Fri 9am
Confession
Tues-Fri after 9am Mass (or by appointment)
Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 8:30am-9am
Rosary after 9am Mass.

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A Word From Pope Francis



Today's gospel Reading reminds us that the whole of Divine Law can be summed up in our love for God and neighbour. Matthew the Evangelist recounts that several Pharisees colluded to put Jesus to the test (cf. Matthew 22: 34-35). One of them, a doctor of the law, asked him this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" (v. 36). Jesus, quoting the Book of Deuteronomy, answered: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment" (vv. 37-38). And he could have stopped there. Yet, Jesus adds something that was not asked by the doctor of the law. He says, in fact: "And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (v. 39). And in this case too, Jesus does not invent the second commandment, but takes it from the Book of Leviticus. The novelty is in his placing these two commandments together — love for God and love for neighbour — revealing that they are in fact inseparable and complementary, two sides of the same coin. You cannot love God without loving your neighbour and you cannot love your neighbour without loving God. Pope Benedict gave us a beautiful commentary on this topic in his first Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* (nn. 16-18).

In effect, the visible sign a Christian can show in order to witness to his love for God to the world and to others, to his family, is the love he bears for his brothers. The Commandment to love God and neighbour is the first, not because it is at the top of the list of Commandments. Jesus does not place it at the pinnacle but at the centre, because it is from the heart that everything must go out and to which everything must return and refer.

In the Old Testament, the requirement to be holy, in the image of God who is holy, included the duty to care for the most vulnerable people, such as the stranger, the orphan and the widow (cf. Ex 22:20-26). Jesus brings this Covenant law to fulfilment; He who unites in himself, in his flesh, divinity and humanity, a single mystery of love.

Now, in the light of this Word of Jesus, love is the measure of faith, and faith is the soul of love. We can no longer separate a religious life, a pious life, from service to brothers and sisters, to the real brothers and sisters that we encounter. We can no longer divide prayer, the encounter with God in the sacraments, from listening to the other, closeness to his life, especially to his wounds. Remember this: love is the measure of faith. How much do you love? Each one answer silently. How is your faith? My faith is as I love. And faith is the soul of love.

In the middle of the dense forest of rules and regulations — to the legalisms of past and present — Jesus makes an opening through which one can catch a glimpse of two faces: the face of the Father and the face of the brother. He does not give us two formulas or two precepts: there are no precepts nor formulas. He gives us two faces, actually only one real face, that of God reflected in many faces, because in the face of each brother, especially of the smallest, the most fragile, the defenseless and needy, there is God's own image. And we must ask ourselves: when we meet one of these brothers, are we able to recognize the face of God in him? Are we able to do this?

In this way, Jesus offers to all the fundamental criteria on which to base one's life. But, above all, He gave us the Holy Spirit, who allows us to love God and neighbour as He does, with a free and generous heart. With the intercession of Mary, our Mother, let us open ourselves to welcome this gift of love, to walk forever with this two-fold law, which really has only one facet: the law of love.

St Mary Magdalene Roster - 5th November

5th Nov	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer	Elizabeth Moore		
Info Desk		Sue Heavener	
1st Reader	Margaret Mayo	Sue Heavener	Frances Walsh
2nd Reader	Eveline Giusti	Stuart Green	Margaret Douglas
Eucharistic Minister	Lucie Priestly Toni Pimenta	Jay Gilbert Anthony Gilbert	Thomas Jones
Acolyte/ Altar Servers	Paul, John, Saxon/Darcy & Harry Moffet	Tricia Oliveri/ John & Michael Oliveri	Andrew Scarf Edward Scarf William Scarf

St Therese, Dover Heights Roster—4th November

Commentator— Marie Manche
First Reader— Robert Penalzoza
Second Reader— Patti McGowen
Acolyte/Senior Server— Tom McNamara
Communion Ministers: Matthew Scarf, Mary Sriskandarajah

Announcements

We are looking to form our new parish choir! If your God-given talent is to praise the Lord with your voice, or to honour Him with instrument—organ, piano, violin, guitar, harp (or any other instrument), please contact our parish office to register your interest on 9371 7112 or at admin@magdalene.org.au.



Fr Chris' 35th Anniversary of Ordination—Monday 30th October

Next 'Coffee with Father' - Sunday 12th November, following the 8am Mass. You are all more than welcome join.



First Reconciliation—Sunday 5th November at 5pm. Prep Class Sunday 29th at 5:15pm. All candidates are required to attend with at least one parent, and attend our celebration of Mass at 6pm.

All Saints Day—Wed 1st November Mass with McAuley Catholic Primary School at 9am.

All Souls Day—Thurs 2nd November Mass will be celebrated at 8am, 9am and 7:30pm. Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available in the Church.