

## Gospel

Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*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 him 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** Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.



## Prayer against Coronavirus

*O God, Healer of all our ills, to Whom we turn in this time of distress, grant we pray, in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**St Edmund**, patron saint of pandemics, *pray for us.*

**St Sebastian**, patron saint of plague sufferers, *pray for us.*

**St Roch**, invoked against the plague *pray for us.*

**St Godeberta**, invoked against drought & epidemics, *pray for us.*

**St Luke**, patron saint of doctors, *pray for us.*

**St Agatha**, patron saint of nurses, *pray for us.*

**St Damien**, patron saint of chemists, *pray for us.*

**St Anthony of Egypt**, patron saint of gravediggers, *pray for us.*

**Our Lady of Lourdes**, *pray for us.*

## Prayer for Renewal

*Blessed are You, Father, who, in Your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.*

*By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney. Amen*

**Our Lady, Help of Christians**, *pray for us.*

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation**, *pray for us.*

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**, *pray for us*

## Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year B

31 October 2021

## Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake 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

Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*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.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 to the God that saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed. **R/**

## Second Reading

Heb 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*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

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!



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins  
*(available Tuesday to Sunday)*  
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**MASSES AND SACRAMENTS**

<b>Masses</b>	Tuesday to Friday—9:15am Saturday—5:00pm Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm or by appointment
<b>Exposition</b>	Thursday – 8:00 -9:00am
<b>Adoration</b>	Sunday 9:00—9:25am
<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

**COLLECTION for the dates 23 August to 19 September 2021**

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
<b>\$140.00</b> (supports the expenses of priest)	<b>\$25.00</b> (for day-to-day running of parish)	<b>\$1035.00</b> (part of 2nd collection)	<b>Nil</b> (part of 2nd collection)

**Masses were offered for:** pro populo, Angele Nazar (7-year death anniversary, William Smith (RIP)).  
  
**Pray for:** Di’s health, the repose of the soul of Washington (Sunday parishioner from Ecuador) and pray for his wife, Luz, and family.

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. *(Archdiocesan permanent notice)*

**COVID restrictions. We are currently in STAGE 2:**  
 The Archdiocese has re-opened churches and ceremonies to “mixed” congregations; the 4 sqm rule will apply, and masks must be worn indoors. No congregational singing will be allowed (apart from a fully vaccinated socially distanced choir of 10). **NOTE: All Souls Mass will be celebrated 2 November 9:15am. Mid-week Masses will resume 9 November.**  
**STAGE 3 90% are fully vaccinated, estimated date 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.** There will be no difference between the Covid safety requirements for all NSW citizens. The 2sqm rule will apply, including weddings and funerals. Masks will not be required inside the church.

**Catholic Mission Appeal** This weekend is our parish Catholic Mission Appeal.

**Advent Group, Tuesday evenings, in presbytery** Please advise the office by no later than Thursday 11 November if you would like to join the “New Life in Christ” Advent Reflection Group led by our Parish Council Chairwoman, Caroline Crilly. You may also let Caroline know personally if you wish.

**“I survived COVID” celebratory Mass, Sunday 12 December** Bishop Brady will be here visiting our parish on this weekend. There will be a choir (if allowed), liturgical dancing & praying, and possibly morning tea afterwards.

**Healing Mass** Friday 5 November 2021, St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Enfield. Celebrant: Fr Hugh Thomas. *CssR See noticeboard for further details.*

**Greenwich Euthanasia Bill** Independent MP Alex Greenwich tabled his euthanasia bill in parliament last week. The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House, available here: [https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition\\_2108\\_ocr\\_nsw](https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocr_nsw)

**PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT FOUNDATION** **Priests’ Retirement Foundation Appeal 2021**  
 To donate visit [www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf) or scan the QR Code. Please return all envelopes by next weekend 6/7 November. Envelopes returned later will be sent in 2022.

**Bishop Robert Barron launches Sydney’s Reclaiming Evangelisation Series**  
 Live Online, Saturday 13 November 2021, 11 AM – 12:30 PM  
 You are invited to attend Bishop Robert Barron’s live online address to the faithful of Sydney as he launches our renewal series, *Reclaiming Evangelisation: How Jesus’ Great Commission Will Renew Our Parishes*. During this first talk of the series, Bishop Barron will be speaking on the topic ‘Why Make Disciples? The Case for the Evangelising Mission of the Church’. Register at [gomakedisciples.org.au](http://gomakedisciples.org.au)  
 Enquiries: [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org)

**Advent candles & Christmas cards**, made by the nuns of Jamberoo Abbey, are available on their online shop [www.jamberooabbey.org.au](http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au).

**Mass intentions** See noticeboard for 28 intentions to be said elsewhere.

**Parish Financial Report 2020 and latest accounts** See noticeboard.

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**Lay Formation Course – Foundations of Missionary Leadership** The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is undertaking a pilot course in which they are offering a limited number of subsidies to laity serving in key roles in parishes. If you are interested in this doing course, please see Father by 31 October.

**Aid to the Church in Need Australia**  
**November Mass Intentions** visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/Masses](http://www.aidtochurch.org/Masses)  
**Christmas Cards:** [www.thatcatholicshop.com/shop/cardsmass\\_cards](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com/shop/cardsmass_cards)