

FR ALO WRITES...

“Greatest Commandment”

(Matt 22:34-40)

The answer given by Jesus to the question of the Pharisees in today’s gospel was not new. He just quoted what was written in the Torah or Old Testament, precisely from the books of Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. He said, *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. A second likewise is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”* (vv. 37-39). It is a persistent principle of Jesus. On the other occasion he said: *“Don’t think that I came to destroy the laws of the prophets. I didn’t come to destroy, but to fulfill. For most certainly, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not even one smallest letter or one tiny pen stroke shall in any way pass from the law, until all things are accomplished”* (Matthew 5:17-18). It means that the Pharisees should be familiar with this law.

What is the nature of love? Love is the gift of giving oneself for the good of others - it is wholly other oriented and directed to the welfare and benefit of others. Love which is rooted in pleasing myself is self-centered and possessive - it is a selfish love that takes from others rather than gives to others. I suppose we all know about it. We may have lots of theories and understanding of love. The problem is how to put into practice what we understand. I was wondering why the Scriptures (agreed by Jesus) mentioned four areas of abilities (strength, mind, heart and soul) to love God and our neighbours, instead of just saying that we have to love with the totality of our being?

I came to my own conclusion that the Scriptures and Jesus would like to invite us to look closely at the four areas of our being that could become a practical means for channeling our love to God and our fellow human beings. Our experience tells us that we in our ways have experienced love. We are loved because we are worthy to be loved. We inherit the identity of being sons and daughters of God through the baptism of Jesus and our own baptism when God proclaims us as his beloved ones. And he touches us with his love through those four areas of our life which generate our ability to love physically (strength), intellectually (mind), emotionally (soul) and spiritually (heart).

The further questions are that after being equipped physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually by God’s love: am I aware of this very precious love that I have received from God? Have I developed my ability to express my love for God and my neighbours? In which way have I expressed my love?



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 25 OCT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 26 OCT

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 27 OCT

9:00am Mass

9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 29 OCT

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 31 OCT

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 1 NOV

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 2 NOV

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea

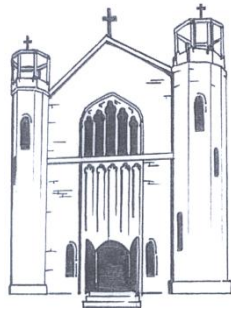
11:00am Baptisms

3:30pm Indonesian Mass

6:00pm Mass

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! Let us know how we can support you in your faith journey. Please introduce yourself to the parish priest and/or one of the hospitality team at morning tea.



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MASS TIMES
 Sat - 6pm (Vigil)
 Sun - 9:30am (Family), 6pm
 Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am
 Indonesian Mass Sun - 3:30pm
 French Mass Third Sun - 11am

RECONCILIATION
 Mon 9:30am or by appointment

HOLY HOUR + RECONCILIATION
 Thursday before 1st Friday - 7:00pm

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY
 Fr Aloysius Tamnge msc – 0426 042 624

BAPTISMS
 First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS
 By Appointment

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 Contact parish office

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RESPONSES

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

FIRST READING
 Exodus 22:20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING
 Thessalonians 1:5-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 All who love me will keep my words,
 and my Father will love them and he will
 come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
 Matthew 22: 34-40

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

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Margaret Carrick (Bowral),
 Lucienne Radzyminski, Miriam McKoy,
 Fr Roger Duggan msc, Neville Dunn,
 Mr MacKenzie, Fr Chris Murphy msc,
 Tom Regan, Pam (Rose's friend),
 Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill),
 Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi,
 Fr Peter Robinson msc, Lucia Simeone,
 Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto,
 Frank Zakrzewski, Llewellyn Samuel,
 Antonio Laquian, Joe Di Blasio,
 Rina Vecchief, Betty Mansfield,
 Anton's mum, Nella Custorella,
 Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper,
 Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George,
 Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon,
 Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES
 Giovanni Miceli, Terry Brosnan,
 Jennifer Gladstone, Simone Armstrong,
 Mifsud & Caruana Families

ROSTERS

OCT 26/27	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	John Allen	Fred Luca
Readers	Selvi Ung Sr Helen Hearne	Big Kids Church Big Kids Church	Virginia Black Nicholas Black
E. Ministers	John Ryan Alice Mouco	Sheila McAndrew Brigid Siely Amelia Iovanella Hartono Ong Thomas Chia Grace Pandiangan	Lyn King Trish Veness
KidsChurch	9:30am - Christina Halim 6:00pm - Mark & Fiona O'Farrell		
Counting	James Lynch, John Sparke, Helen Liew		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia, Grace Pandiangan		
NOV 1/2	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Roel Castillo	Terry Gormley
Readers	John Dorahy Agnes Irhia	Sandy Mak Stephen Chiew	Jim Nguyen Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani Vien Suhadi	Henny Ramali Nani Widarto Robyn Kildea Barbara Hitchcox Ana Corpuz Amelia Iovanella	Grace Pandiangan Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	9:30am - Aubrey Curley, Holley Curley 6:00pm -		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Margaret Rigotti, Robyn Kildea		

YOUTH

Big KidsChurch

Join the team and lead the 9:30am Mass every fourth Sunday. Ages 10-15.
Contact: Ana Corpuz – 0416 166 149.

KidsChurch**Sundays 9:30am & 6pm Mass**

Mass can be pretty difficult for young children to understand. It can also be challenging for their parents to focus and pray when little ones need their attention. KidsChurch runs from the beginning of Mass until the Offertory where children return to their parents in the Church for the Eucharistic prayer, giving parents some well-deserved time to pray and listen to God's Word. But it's not just a childcare service. It's a complete child focused catechesis on the Sunday readings, developed to engage your children and nurture their faith. And now, it's available at both the Sunday morning and evening Masses so that families who have sport in the morning can still have a valued time with our Lord.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

FAITH IN ACTION: SOCIAL JUSTICE EXPO

is your opportunity to engage with agencies and organisations working in justice and peace and explore ways you can get involved. On **3 & 4 November**, guest speakers will explore a justice topic from a Catholic perspective. The Expo on **5 November** will feature exhibitors, live entertainment, food and competitions at the Courtyard of the **University of Notre Dame, Broadway**. Holy Mass will follow the expo at 8.15pm at St Benedict's. More info & **Free Registration** at faithinactionsydney.com. This event is organised by the Justice and Peace Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney with Catholic Youth Services. To find out more contact **9307 8461** or qwayne.guevara@sydneycatholic.org.

INSTALLATION OF THE MOST REVEREND ANTHONY FISHER OP

As previously advised by The Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Peter A Comensoli, the Liturgical Reception and Mass of Installation for the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP as the ninth Archbishop of Sydney will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on **Wednesday, 12th November 2014** at 7.30pm. Those attending would need to be seated by 7.00pm. All are welcome.

THE JOY OF MARRIAGE

All engaged and married couples are invited to this talk which will be given on **Friday, 21st November 7pm**. It is given by a Missionary Couple from the Verbum Dei Community who will be in Australia for one week to share their experience. Address: 74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery. If you have any questions please give us a call on 9313 7099.



Two pairs of glasses have been found in the church, a pair of reading glasses and a pair of sunglasses. Please contact the parish office if you think they might be yours.

PARISH CHAT.....

Holy Hour**First Thursday Vigil (7pm)**

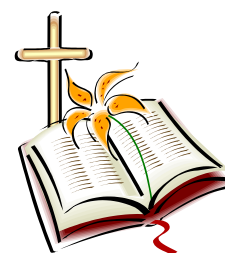
This Hour of Grace and Mercy is a time to encounter the healing presence of Jesus and refresh your soul. Reconciliation is also available during Adoration.

Cana Communities

Volunteers and friends from Cana Communities will be with us this weekend seeking our help. Cana Communities provide family-type support for people from the streets. Cana Communities is one of the largest providers of crisis beds in the inner city. They will be holding an appeal at our Parish Masses next weekend. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Even if you don't donate, they would love to tell you about their community.

November Month of the Holy Souls

The November Remembrance Book and Mass Offering envelopes are available in the church foyer. Parishioners are asked to write the names of their deceased family and friends in the Remembrance Book and Mass Offerings can be dropped off at the parish office, left on the collection plate or given to Fr Alo. The November Mass Book will be available in the church for the month of November.

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PASTORAL APPEAL**

The final Appeal for the year will be held next weekend. The CWF is an essential partner in delivering vital social, advocacy and training programs in our local Sydney communities and we ask for your generous support of this appeal. Thank you.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

WEDDING - 26 October 2014

Jacob See Ming Ding & Marini Gunawan

NOTICES

FATHER JOHN FLADER BOOK LAUNCH

The book and DVD series *Journey into Truth* by Father John Flader will be launched on Tuesday, **18 November** 2014 7.30pm at the Catholic Centre, 3 Keating Street, Lidcombe by Anthony Cleary, Director of Religious Education & Evangelisation, CEO. The DVD series contains 24 half-hour talks on the faith, based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, with beautiful high definition images and film clips throughout. The book contains the full text of the talks. **RSVP:** bookshop@caec.com.au or (02) 9646 9000. A flyer is attached for more information. All are welcome.

JOKE CORNER

Confession

Fred is a Dutchman living in Amsterdam. He feels the need to confess, so he goes to his priest.

Fred: "Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned. During world war II, I hid a refugee in my attic."

Priest: "Well," answers the priest, "that's not a sin."

Fred: "But I made him agree to pay me 50 Euros for every week he stayed."

Priest: "I admit that wasn't good, but you did it for a good cause."

Fred: "Oh, thank you, Father. That eases my mind. I have one more question."

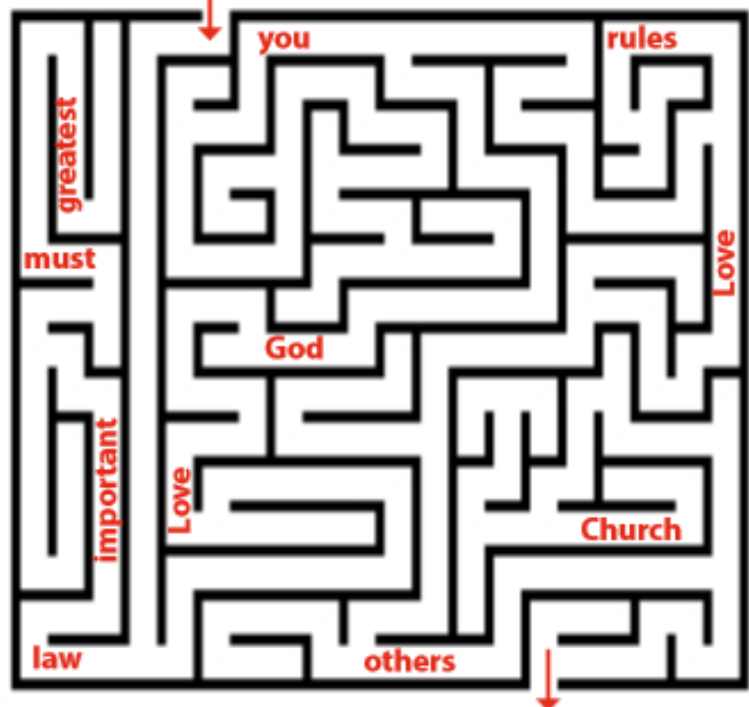
Priest: "What is that, my son?"

Fred: "Do I have to tell him the war is over?"

Love the Lord!

Unlike English, Hebrew is written from right to left. Can you decode this script?

lhtiw doq evol
 traeh ruoy lla
 luos dna dnim dna
 srehto evol dna
 flesruoy sa



Collect the words along your path to remind you of Jesus' commandments

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