

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th & 25th October, 2020

Please remember these people in our prayers

Anniversaries:

Mary Murphy; Lorna Rhoden; Jock Sinclair; Angelo Delre;

Sick:

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto; Debbie Nolen; Basilio Alcodia; Gai Trainer; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Sister Basil;



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Online Mass:

Mass for the coming weekend, 24th & 25th October .

30th Sunday in Ordinary time

For the Parishes of St Mary's Robinvale and St Joseph, Ouyen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5X051Woj7XU>

Congratulations Father Anthony !

Recently, Father Anthony celebrated his jubilee ~ 10 years of ministry as a priest.

This is usually featured at the Mass of Oils in Ballarat. Celebrations will happen later in November.

School News

As October is Mission Month St Mary's will participate in 'Socktober'. Socktober helps to promote compassion, respect, joy and enlightenment to those communities that are suffering due to war, poverty and lack of resources. Our students will be raising money by holding a Crazy Sock Day in a few week's time. We have also made sock balls from recycled materials.



Local News:

* A reminder to all parishioners that our church is open for quiet prayer & short visits from 9am ~ 6pm daily. Many thanks to Allan Morgan who opens & closes for us.

* Even though we are still unable to gather as a faith community, we can easily join in with on-line Masses. Father Anthony and some Ouyen parishioners prepare one each week for us to access. Why not tune in.

* Hopefully, on Sunday, we might hear some positive news that will allow us to celebrate Mass with larger groups permitted in our church here & also Manangatang.

* If you ever have any local news to share, people to add to our Sick List or Anniversaries, please contact Rosa (0419 953 716) or Mary (0438 627 920).

Reflection on the Gospel

There is always the danger that when we hear a song too often that we become complacent and take it for granted. The same can happen with the readings and gospels we hear when we come to mass. Perhaps this is one of those gospels. We have heard it so often that it no longer has any impact on us.

No one ever said being a follower of Jesus was going to be easy! We are not only asked to have a relationship with God, we are also called and challenged to be aware of and concerned about those with whom we live and work. We are to love our friends and family as we love God and ourselves. We are reminded of this when we read in the bible, *how can we love God whom we cannot see and not love our brother or sister whom we do see?* Being a Christian and a follower of Jesus is about relationships. Being a disciple of Jesus is about how I live my daily life in relation to others and God. It is not a private thing between God and me. If I say I love God but do not take the time to be aware of and concerned about those around me, then something very important is missing. If I pray, but then ignore those around me at home or in work that need my help, what is the point of me praying? Praying is not about pleasing God or making myself feel better. Prayer is about me nurturing and nourishing my friendship with God. Then, having prayed and precisely because I have prayed, I am asked and called to turn my attention to those around me who need my help, support and love.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus reminds that whatever we do for each other, we do for and to Jesus himself. Whatever we fail to do for each other, we fail to do for Jesus. The smallest gesture of love can often have the greatest of impacts. This week, may we be more aware that God is in the bits and pieces of our ordinary daily lives. May we love God with all our heart, soul and mind. May we love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

Michael Moore OMI

THE 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."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ~

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

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.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

Thes 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

This is the word of the Lord.

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!

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Parish Collections

Parishioners wishing to contribute to the Presbytery/Parish finances during the COVID19 restrictions may by bank deposit to the Parish account

Westpac: BSB: 033250

Account number: 870747