

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Exodus 22: 20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you have 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 17: 2-4, 47, 51.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

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.**

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 – Thessalonians 1: 5-10

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

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 around 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.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

Let’s reflect...

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37

Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it’s not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Rosa Mystica Dias, Philomena Docherty, Teresa Rocque, Aloha Lintag

For the sick: Jenice Lopina (4), Alvito Gracias,

For those who have died recently: Walter Cardoza, Stephen Ward, Walter Cardoza, Errol B. Munoz, Robert M. Bordon, Fr. Sonny Ramirez, O.P

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Baptist Fernandes, Saramma Ambrose, Keith David Concesso, Iap Chiu Moi, Iap Jo Moi, Lay Su Tjing, Daphne & Elmo Fernando, Joe Rodrigues, Peter Ithier, Lakshanpha Fernando



ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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TIME
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24th & 25th October 2020

PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

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<https://stkevins.org.au/>

'Support us' page

<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

YouTube Channel

<https://youtu.be/k-gBOvfy-I0>

(st kevin's parish hampton park)

You can now follow us on Facebook too!

Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation

Until further notice the Saturday morning time for the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation will be suspended. Arrangements can be made privately by contacting one of the priests.

Saint Mary MacKillop

Last Saturday 17 October 2020 marked the 10th anniversary of Saint Mary MacKillop's canonisation, declaring her Australia's first canonized saint. To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop and the wonderful life and legacy she left behind, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart are pleased to remember her with commemorative prayers, videos, and a global vigil in her honour. The theme chosen for this celebration is 'Take Fresh Courage'. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there were no formal celebrations at Mary MacKillop Place for the anniversary. You are invited to check out the resources: www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/.

A CRY FOR EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS

In the current situation given that churches are essentially closed and the strong disappointment that churches are not being treated fairly, Archbishop Peter Comensoli encourages the raising of voices on behalf of God's people in the public square. He points out that any such 'raising of the voice' is to be done prudently, never attacking individuals or using language of anger or aggression, but showing boldness and conviction about what is ultimately reasonable and fair.

You may wish to:

- Call the local State Member of Parliament
- Write a letter to the local Member of Parliament

For Hampton Park and surrounds – Electoral Division of Holt, Hon. Anthony Byrne MP

The substance of the call or letter may assert the failure of some easing of restrictions in metropolitan and regional Victoria to recognise the spiritual needs and wellbeing supports of religious faith. Not only that, but the proposals for Step Three of the Roadmap ahead still force religious people, including the disabled, the elderly, and families with young children, to worship outside. As venues like restaurants and pubs open up, it makes no sense that people of faith are forced to stand outside in small numbers, locked out of their most sacred place.

In line with our Archbishop's emphasis on parity, all of us can simply say, "All I seek is equality and fairness." Personalising letters or hand writing them is always encouraged.

The Archbishop also invites prayer calling on St Joseph, so quiet and patient in the Lord, that he be our guide in having the wisdom to speak clearly and wisely with love for Christ and His Church.

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

For the Joy of the
Lord is your
STRENGTH
NEHEMIAH 8:10

Thank you for supporting
this year's Catholic Mission
Church Appeal through your
kind gifts and prayers.

Your generosity makes it possible for people, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, to continue reaching out and empowering people like Chen and his family.

Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Cambodia Mission Partners program.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia and around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/contact.



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