

## Reflection ...

Until fairly recently, the Jewishness of Jesus was often downplayed, even ignored. Today's gospel passage has Jesus affirming the most central of Jewish traditions, namely the command of Deuteronomy 6 known as the Shema (so called from the first word in the statement meaning "hear"). The words of the Shema are recited repeatedly every day by every faithful Jew. Although not a prayer in itself, the Shema is an integral part of Jewish liturgy and prayer. It is a creedal statement that continues to function like an overture to Jewish life and practice. The doorpost at the entrance to a Jewish home generally features a tiny rectangular box known as a mezuzah. It contains a scroll bearing the text of the Shema. Those who enter touch the mezuzah with the greatest reverence. When I first encountered this practice, I was deeply affected by the power of the symbol to link one with the deep story of a people, in this case with that of the Jewish people.

In Matthew's story, Jesus the Jew provides an honest response to the less than honest questioning of an expert in Jewish law. He overlooks the hostility of the lawyer and the Sadducees with whom the lawyer has aligned himself. He evokes the text of the Shema. Jesus thus invites the lawyer to return to the heart of their shared tradition. He links the teaching of the Shema on wholehearted love of God with a second commandment taken from Leviticus 19: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself". The lawyer's unfair "testing" of Jesus is evidence that this is precisely what he fails to do: he addresses Jesus as teacher, a term of respect, and yet fails to show him the respect due to him as neighbour.

For Jesus, the whole of the Torah and the teaching of the prophets can be summed up in the commandments to love God with all of one's being - heart, soul and mind, and to love one's neighbour as oneself. Not just love, but intensity of love is the issue here. One is to love with the whole of one's being. One is to care for others as one cares for oneself. We see such intensity of love in those who are giving their lives to save those infected with Covid-19. Front-line health workers are three times more likely to contract the infection than others and yet few hesitate to turn up day after day to be there for their patients. Amnesty International estimates that some seven thousand health professionals have already lost their lives to the virus. The witness of their commitment functions like the mezuzah in our lives: it draws us back into the heart of the gospel tradition and calls us to a deeper, more intense love. It also helps us to deal with the insincerity of those who seek to score points and undermine the dignity of others.

Sr Veronica Lawson RSM



Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with  
all your soul and with all  
your mind.

Matt 22: 37

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY 24 OCT

6:00pm Mass

### SUNDAY 25 OCT

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

### MONDAY 26 OCT

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

### WEDNESDAY 28 OCT

9:00am Mass

11:00am Funeral - Angela Sollazzo

### THURSDAY 29 OCT

6:00pm Mass

### FRIDAY 30 OCT

9:00am Mass

### SATURDAY 31 OCT

6:00pm Mass

### SUNDAY 1 NOV

9:30am Mass

11:00am Baptisms

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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### PARISH PRIEST

**Fr Aloysius Lamere msc**

### PARISH SECRETARY

**Maria Caetano**

(9:30am - 2:00pm Mon to Fri)

### MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

### RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

### ROSARY

First Saturday at 3.00pm Rosary Room

### INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Petrus Suroto msc - 0450 625 757

### BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

### WEDDINGS

By Appointment

### SACRAMENTS

Contact parish office

### OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Marie Nilon - 9663 3346

### OLSH COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

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Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334

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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

1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

### 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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

## OREMUS

*Let us Pray*

### SICK

Grace Veronica, Salvatore Messina, Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Sr Mary D'Apice rscj, Amina Chahrour, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, Xavier Stratton, Maria Zic, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, David Lai, John Roberts, Gavin Robertson, Chris (Cindy's husband), Manuel Mouco, Eva (Nicole's mum), Paul Galea, A.L., Plutarco Cadornigara, John & Olga Nasser, Lynne Chaundhuri

### PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Malcolm MacDonald, Nella Custorella, Rose Kelter, Jill Rees, Mario De Roit, John Borg, Gwen Smith, Laura Leonard, Sebastiano Gentile, Margaret Stocker, Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin, Lucienne Radzaminski, Nicole Chiaradia

### BELOVED DECEASED

Angela Sollazzo, Mary Cunney, Giles Auty, John Rees, Lucia Narsete, Angelo Paino, Gil San Gabriel

### ANNIVERSARIES

Setyo Irvan Kanginan, Jack Papallo, Peppina Calanni, Albert Aris Gunawan, Walter Grusovin, Pasquale Iovanella, Frank Higgins, Paul David Corcoran, Sr Margaret Rita Ellis, Mary Breen, Simone Armstrong, Pierre Langy, Anthea & Roy Nicholas, Ana Niel, Phyl Dewar, Tony McDonald, Margaret Quinnell, Harry Dewar, May Campbell

## ROSTER

24/25 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	Brian Koh	Roel Castillo	John Allen
<b>Readers</b>	John Dorahy Sr Helen Hearne	Scott Murcutt Nani Widarto	Patricia Reyes Isabel Reyes
<b>Comm to Sick</b>	Cathy Castillo	Thomas Chia	
31 Oct/1Nov	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	John Ryan	Gus Alimhamzah	Danny Tjahjadi
<b>Readers</b>	Thelma Slunsky Sr Pauline Richards	Michelle Alimhamzah Jeff Kildea	Marieann Duncan Marissa Meyn
<b>Comm to Sick</b>	Nubia Suarez		



### WHATSAPP MESSENGER

To connect to the OLR Parish Community WhatsApp Group, scan the QR code with your mobile phone.

Alternatively, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or you can txt Jock Marmotta on 0412 116 133 with your name.

### COLLECTIONS - 24/25 OCT

**1st Coll** \$370

**2nd Coll** \$175

**Envelope Coll** \$395

## HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration Monday  
26 October, 6pm-7pm  
(call in for a few minutes or  
stay the whole hour)

## FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

The Parish Rosary will continue on Zoom on Saturday 7 Nov at 3pm. If you would like to join in, please private message Sarina through the Parish WhatsApp Group or contact the Parish Office. All welcomed.



**NOVEMBER**  
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

The month of November begins with the Feast of all saints when we remember all our deceased family and friends who have gone to their heavenly home. All Souls Day follows on the 2nd November when we pray for all who have died.

As the month of November is a special time of remembrance of those who have died, we invite you to write the names of your deceased family and friends in our Book of Remembrance. Together we will pray for the deceased during the month of November. If you are not able to attend Mass but would like names added to the Book, please contact the Parish office on 9663 1070 or olrkensoparish@gmail.com.

Offerings can be dropped off at the Parish Office, given to Fr Alo or left in the collection baskets. Offerings can also be made by EFT using the reference November Masses.



**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL KENSINGTON

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN M

Last term Kindergarten M focused on the **Unit K.7 God's Creation**. The unit explored the wonder and beauty of God's creation. It presented creation as God's gift to God's people and a reflection of God's goodness. Kindergarten enjoyed writing prayers of praise for creation and commitment to care for it. The story of

Noah and the Ark is presented. It tells of the renewal of creation and God's promise of continued blessing on the whole of creation throughout time.

In religion this term we are focusing on **Unit K.8 Advent and Christmas**. This unit focuses on the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The concepts of waiting and joyful anticipation are explored through the use of the Advent Wreath and the story of John the Baptist. Advent is introduced as a time of preparation that points us towards Jesus. The Christmas story is told through the stories of the Annunciation, the birth of Jesus, and the visit of the shepherds. In engaging with aspects of the story, students are presented with the Good News that Jesus is the promised Saviour, the gift of God.

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS RELIGION AND GLOBAL ETHICS ANNUAL EVENT

Wednesday November 11th, 5 – 6 pm | Zoom (Link confirmed on registration)

The release of Laudato Si' by Pope Francis in 2015 was hailed as a major milestone for ecology and environmental action across the world: the encyclical offers a framework for Catholics to both understand the contemporary climate crisis and take action. In

this timely and interactive event, Dr Celia Deane-Drummond (Laudato Si' Institute, Oxford) and Fr. Peter Smith (Sydney Catholic Archdiocese), discuss the successes,

challenges, and possibilities of Catholic responses to the climate crisis. Dr Deane-Drummond and Fr. Smith together bring a wealth of theological expertise and practical experience on Catholic approaches to ecology and climate change, and this is a unique opportunity to hear a scholar and practitioner 'in conversation'

on one of the pressing issues of our time. For more details and please register by emailing: [ies@nd.edu.au](mailto:ies@nd.edu.au).



## SEEKING WORK

Martin, a local parishioner and former refugee but now an Australian citizen is seeking house cleaning/gardening work. Martin is honest, punctual and reliable. If you are in need of Martin's services please contact John Hill on: 0411 315 533.

## THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY HAS GONE DIGITAL!

With the Catholic Weekly returning to print after the COVID-19 lockdown, some of you might prefer to read it electronically on your desktop, tablet or mobile. Subscribe to The Catholic Weekly Digital Edition at <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/product/the-catholic-weekly-digital-edition/> and be the first to receive the latest Catholic news and opinion.

## E-PETITION TO PROCLAIM MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2018

While the NSW Government has now committed itself to enacting legislation passed by parliament over two years ago, pressure is still on the government to ensure this happens before the end of 2020. You'll find a link to an e-petition calling on the government to act here: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/pages/epetitions-list.aspx>. The closing date for signing the e-Petition has been extended to 3 November 2020. Over 10,000 people have so far signed the petition and with the securing of 20,000 or more e-signatures, a debate on the subject of the e-Petition will be activated in the Legislative Assembly.

## CAN YOU PICTURE YOURSELF BEING A FOSTER CARER?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer.

To learn more about becoming a carer register for our next online information session on Wednesday, 28th October 2020: 6:30pm – 7.30pm

To book call

**Family Spirit 13 18 19**

connect@familyspirit.org  
8am – 6pm Monday – Friday



## JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE APPEAL FOR FOODBANK DONATIONS

The Jesuit Refugee Service mobile food bank is a huge and growing operation. Since 1 April, they have collectively fed more than 5,000 women, children, and men who have lost jobs, been excluded from Federal Government financial support and cannot return home. Their stocks of rice, pasta, oil, tuna, and long life milk are RUNNING LOW. In the absence of Federal Government support for people in need, we continue to need your help.

Please visit: <http://jrs.org.au/how-to-help-refugees-and-people-seeking-.../> and learn how you can support people who have no other means to buy these basics for their families.

This short video also shows what happens to food donations that are made: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=293160638622911>.

*If you can donate items we have drop off spots as follows:*

**Paddington - VivCount**

Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm | Ph: 9356 5100

**Broadway - The Two Wolves Comm Cantina**

Mon-Fri, 11am-2pm | Ph: 0426 366 544

**Kings Cross - St Canices Parish Office**

Mon & Wed 9am-11am

## 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 [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5810. 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.