

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th October- 31st October 2020

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year A • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 2

HERE AM I, SEND ME (IS 6:8) ! CONT'D

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ON WORLD MISSION DAY 2020

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40). Today we all know these two great commandments, but no one had ever put together those two isolated verses before Jesus did. Here in Matthew's gospel Jesus says that the second command is like the first; that is, it is equal to the first. You have to love God and you have to love your neighbour. Jesus delivered this message to people who were trying to trap him. They approached Him without love, and He taught them love.

In combining the two commandments, Jesus goes beyond the extent of the question put to Him and joins to the greatest and the first commandment a second, that of love of neighbour (Leviticus 19:18). The double commandment is the source from which the whole law and the prophets are derived. Jesus does not discard other commandments. He explicitly adds: "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Jesus' answer declared that what God wants from us above all else is love. Our love is due first to God, but there is no genuine love of God unless it finds expression in love of our neighbour. Love of neighbour, in turn, presupposes a healthy self-love, recognizing and appreciating myself as fundamentally good, because I am created in the image and likeness of God. To love the neighbour, especially the vulnerable neighbour, is to love the Lord.

The great theologian, Saint Thomas Aquinas, points out that the second commandment, to love our neighbour, is a consequence and result of the first; because when man is truly loved, then God is loved, for man was made in the image and likeness of God. If we genuinely love God, we will also love our neighbours, because we realize that they are all our brothers and sisters. We are all children of the same Father. We are all redeemed by the same blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Love of God and love of neighbour as the fulfilment of the law exists in very early Hebrew Scriptures. There is something unique, however, in Jesus' assertion that they are alike. Jesus teaches that we cannot have one without the other. Motivation to love our neighbour springs from our love of God. Our love of God is demonstrated and strengthened by our love of neighbour.

Love of neighbour is not only a love that is demanded by the love of God, an achievement flowing from it. It is also in a certain sense its antecedent condition. There is no real love for God that is not, in itself, already a love for neighbour; and love for God comes to its own identity through its fulfilment in a love for neighbour. The novelty is in his placing these two commandments together — love for God and love for neighbour — revealing that they are in fact inseparable and complementary, two sides of the same coin. You cannot love God without loving your neighbour and you cannot love your neighbour without loving God. Jesus united into a single precept this commandment of love for God and the commandment of love for neighbor found in the Book of Leviticus: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (19:18; cf. Mark 12:29-31). Since God has first loved us (cf. 1 John 4:10), love is now no longer a mere 'command'; it is the response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us."

Jesus answered the deliberately tricky question, saying quite simply: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment" (vv. 37-38). In fact, the main requirement for each one of us is that God be present in our lives. He should, as the Scripture says, penetrate all levels of our being and fill them completely. The heart should know Him and let itself be touched by Him, and thus also the soul, the energies of our will and determination, as well as intelligence and thought. One could say, as St Paul did, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20).

READINGS

FIRST READING:
EXODUS 22:20-26

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

SECOND READING:
1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

GOSPEL:
MATTHEW 22:34-40

LEARN

“...Jesus did not abolish the Law but fulfilled it by giving its ultimate interpretation in a divine way: "You have heard that it was said to the men of old. . . But I say to you. . ." With this same divine authority, he disavowed certain human traditions of the Pharisees that were "making void the word of God"

CCC581, MATTHEW 22:23-24,34-36



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark
Twenty—Nineth Sunday - Year A

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am
10:00am 11:30am* 6:00pm
* with Children's Liturgy
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Eucharistic Adoration:
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am
Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm
1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

25TH OCTOBER—31ST OCTOBER, 2020

SUNDAY 25TH

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

6.00PM

People of the Parish

10. 00AM

Christian Tuvi, one year in mind.

12.00 PM

Paul Igbokwe, special intentions

6.00 PM

Holy Souls

MONDAY 26TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Elizabeth Fontaine

7.00 PM

Winnie Pepple, birthday remembrance and eternal repose

TUESDAY 27TH

FERIA

9.00AM

Rocky Fernandes, RIP

7.00 PM

Lara Ogunleye, Birthday Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY 28TH

FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON & JUDE

9.00 AM

Holy Souls

7.00 PM

THURSDAY 29TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Holy Souls

7.00 PM

FRIDAY 30TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

HOLY SOUL

7.00 PM

SATURDAY 31ST

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10.00AM

6.00PM

6.00PM

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unending love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PSALM 104: 3-4

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

FIRST READINGS

EXODUS 22:20-26

“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. “

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 17(18):2-4,47,51

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. .
- 2 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 .

SECOND READING

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

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 .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACTS 16:4

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son . Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:15:-21

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord .

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:

Sacred Heart Church Camberwell

Sort Code: 60-50-01

Account Number: 79102409

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the exit and baptismal font of the church. We are encouraged to make our offerings and drop our gift aid envelopes after Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to: camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk.

MASS BOOKINGS

Parishioners are encouraged to book Masses for this week, with any of the priests, as there are Mass spaces available.

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Deslyn Derbeau at the passing of her mum Annie Elizabeth Derbeau. Her funeral mass will take place in our parish on Wednesday 28th October at 11:30am followed by burial at Camberwell new cemetery. May her gentle soul rest in peace. Amen

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October is the month of the Holy Rosary: Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily especially during this time of the global pandemic. May our Blessed Mother Mary continue her powerful intercession on the world.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION

The Priest Training fund, known as the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, pays for the men studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate here in Southwark. It costs £30,000 a year, for six years, to sponsor each seminarian, so your generous support in this appeal makes a real difference in our ability to fund and support men saying "Yes" to the vocation of Priesthood. We currently have 8 men in formation for the Priesthood for Southwark. **Our Second collection in support of this Fund will take place the weekend of 7th and 8th November.**

BAPTISM AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The baptism and first holy communion classes for our parish children will begin soon. The forms are now available at the exit door and also on the Parish website at

www.sacredheartchurchcamberwell.co.uk/forms. Forms should be filled and submitted by the 15th of November. The first compulsory class with parents of the children and Fr. Victor is Saturday **21st November at 11am in the Parish hall.**

The first class for the children and their parents is on Friday 12th December at 9am in the parish hall.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our Confirmation classes continues this week and attendance is as follows:

Group 1 - Classes are held on Wednesdays

Group 2 - Classes are held on Thursdays

Group 3 - Classes are held on Fridays

From 7.00pm Each night.

Candidates whose paper work are not up to date are reminded to submit them this week on their respective meeting day.

PILGRIMAGE 2020

Dear Pilgrim,

It is with regret and sadness that, due to the unprecedented circumstances caused by COVID-19, the decision was made to postpone your planned 2020 Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto. Deposits have been paid to both British Airways and the hotels, but they have agreed that we can postpone the reservations until 2021.

As you have already booked and paid a deposit for the 2020 Pilgrimage, we of course will give you the option to take up a 2021 place, before advertising generally. Therefore do please advise if you wish to have one of these places. The dates are not as yet set but we should have some information in the near future. The deposit paid will simply be transferred to your booking for 2021. please be rest assured, Tangney Tours is a fully bonded Company and your money is safe with them. **PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHOICE BY EMAILING gill@tangney-tours.com OR CALL 01732886666.**

FACE MASK/FACE COVERING

Please be reminded that face mask or face covering is recommended for everyone attending Mass except for those exempted on health grounds.

The parish is no longer able to provide you with one. Kindly ensure you have your own mask for the safety of us all.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

RESUMPTION OF WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

IN THE PARISH

Any of the Pious Prayer Groups in the Parish, who feel they are ready to begin prayer meetings again under the new restrictions guiding us for Masses, are now encouraged to do the following:

1. Each prayer group should appoint a safeguarding officer and a steward and submit the names and contact information to Fr. Victor.
2. Soon after meeting this request, prayer groups can begin their weekly prayers. For the sake of clarity, the following are the weekly prayer groups of our parish: The Legion of Mary, the Charismatic, the Divine Mercy group and Sacred Heart Association.
3. At all prayer meetings, the 2 meter social distancing must be observed, sanitise your hands before entering the Church and when leaving the Church. Face covering must be used except by those exempted due to health reasons. The steward should ensure everyone writes their names for Track and Trace. No group singing is allowed during prayers. However, a cantor or a soloist can sing and the organ or Piano is permitted. No passing of prayer books, each person should have his/hers. Physical contact with anyone is not permitted during prayers. The duration for prayer meeting is maximum of one hour. After the prayer meeting, the safeguarding officer for the group and the steward will ensure the pews are thoroughly cleaned with recommended anti bacterial wipes without bleach.
4. The UCM and St. Theresa's society are also permitted to meet only for prayers avoiding their usual meeting patterns. This way such meetings are permitted inside the Church. Both groups can alternate their meetings at the choir gallery. If they must proceed with this arrangement, please give us the names of your safeguarding officer/steward as requested for other societies.
5. Please note that cultural/social gatherings of communities within the parish are not permitted at this time.

Finally, as we all are aware, the coronavirus is still very much with us and restrictions are being tightened. We have to adapt to safety rules and learn to live with it. In the last two weeks, two parishes and their parish priests tested positive of the virus and have been shot down for two weeks. Let us remain careful and cautious as we create a safe environment for our collective worship. God bless you all.

Father Victor

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For any other consultations please email camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.



HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debitru Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Andra Martin, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Ursula Lubrano, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, MarieAugust, Rueben Jameson, AlbaJuliana Ramirez. Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray. Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Paulin Ngang, Cian Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Jackie Skeete, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermenstine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Cloo, Liam Whitfield. Monica White. John Howard, Charlie Quigley, Joshua Tomas, Collen McDonagh