

*We Respond*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 17)

**ANTIPHON:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**RESPONSE:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**LECTOR:** 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.**

**LECTOR:** 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.**

**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!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Or

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

**TODAY'S READINGS** Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

**NEXT WEEK** (All Saints Year A) Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14; Ps 23; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12

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*Loving God  
and your  
neighbour*



25 October 2020 30th Sunday Year A

October is traditionally a month in which we focus on Mary. In our journey of praying the rosary from the first mystery, the Annunciation, until we come to Pentecost, Mary gives us an example of loving God and loving our sisters and brothers. The rosary ends with her Assumption and Coronation, a reward for keeping the greatest commandment.

The Pharisees in today's gospel reading should have been enjoying the moment when their rivals, the Sadducees, having tried to trick Jesus with a question concerning the resurrection, were silenced by him. But on that day, the Pharisees and the Sadducees joined in an attempt to silence Jesus. Losing arguments with Jesus meant risking losing their followers and increasing Jesus' popularity. So, they called on an expert in the law to ask another tricky question.

His question sounds genuine. Over the years, the scribes, Pharisees and the Sadducees had burdened the lives of ordinary Jews with 613 rules, Dos' and Don'ts. There were 'greater laws' and 'smaller laws' and 'oral and written' laws. Hence the question: Which commandment assured eternal life? But the purpose here was to trap Jesus. They wanted Jesus to say something at variance with the Law of Moses and thus hasten his condemnation.

Jesus replied with a surprising combination of the two Old Testament texts,

Deuteronomy 6:5 (You shall love the Lord your God ...) and Leviticus 19:18 (You shall love your neighbour ...) For the first time ever Jesus brought these commandments together and said that on these two together hung the rest of the Scripture. That was an unexpected answer which enraged his enemies. But here is the heart of Jesus' teaching.

Today's first reading speaks of how greatly God cares for His people. God calls the poor, the widow, the orphan and the stranger "His People." The Lord says to Moses "I shall hear their cry. . . I will listen, for I am full of pity." Saint Catherine of Genoa, a mystic, once prayed, "Lord, you say that I should love my neighbour, but I can love no one but you." God replied to her in these words: "Everybody who loves me loves what I love." God loves his people. Loving God and loving your neighbour are inseparable. As the First Letter of St John tells us, "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen."

On the last Sunday of this Marian month may we learn from Mother Mary. In the miraculous icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, she holds the Son of God close to her heart, but her eyes are fixed on the wounded world and its suffering people.

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**CURRENT PARISH NEWS**  
**WEEK START SUN Oct 25, 2020**  
**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**REGINA CAELI CATHOLIC PARISH**



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YEAR **A**

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Newsletter

On Oct 28 2020, Gloria & Kevin Crawford, two of our original parishioners of Regina Caeli are celebrating their **70th Wedding Anniversary**. We offer Gloria & Kev best wishes & continued good health in the years to come.



**REFLECTION ON GOOGLE SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT AUST BISHOPS 2020 - Mental Health in Australia Today**

Key ideas in the final section. *We are all in this together.* Our care for the most vulnerable, disadvantaged, pushed aside & for victims falling through the gaps tests our commitment to the Common Good. First Nations people & communities need health services which address intergenerational trauma, social & economic disadvantage, self-harm & incarceration. Elders called for Indigenous input into decisions affecting their communities (Statement of the Heart 2017), a call yet to be answered in a spirit of national solidarity. COVID-19 makes clear we are 1 human family regardless of nationality or visa status.

Breaching international human rights, Australia has detained in inhuman conditions over 4000 asylum seekers & refugees, some up to 7 yrs, to send a message to people traffickers. This \$1B per annum policy breaks their spirits & does the rest of us spiritual harm. As a Church & society, let us respond to each person in his/her context. How might contextual factors contribute to if not cause a person's ill-health? The Bishops say sorry for the Catholic Church's complicity in removal of Indigenous children from families & to all survivors of childhood institutional abuse & their families. We commit to advocate humane, just treatment of asylum seekers, refugees & humanitarian entrants. The suffering of victims challenges us to work for change.

**Archbishop Mark's message...**

The relationship between the First Nations peoples & the Church in Australia hasn't always been good. Sometimes it's been awful. The first Australian mission to First Nations people was in this part of the world when the Italian Passionists came to Stradbroke Island in 1843. It was a failure – and yet when we celebrated the 175th anniversary of the mission in 2018 it was clear that a seed had been sown. But the First Nations peoples still suffer across Australia in all kinds of ways, and for years we've been looking for a new way forward. Some things tried have only made things worse. Nothing will work unless it helps to root out any trace of white supremacy, to inculcate a respect for Indigenous cultures and a willingness to listen and learn from them. Here in Brisbane we now have a Reconciliation Action Plan that will try to do that in a practical way. The Church needs to reimagine its relationship with Indigenous Australians and to listen anew to what they are saying. Only then will we see that the First Nations peoples are not a problem but a blessing to us all. Brisbane psychologist Nahum Kozak, who works largely in couples' therapy, said he's seen a sharp increase in the number of people reaching out for mental health support during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more here.](#)



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*in our Thoughts & Prayers*

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**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

**V1** Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You. Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see.  
*Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!*  
 Shine in Your church gathered today.

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**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**COME AS YOU ARE**

**V1** Come as you are, that's how I want you. Come as you are, feel quite at home. Close to my heart, loved and forgiven; Come as you are, why stand alone?  
**V2** No need to fear, love sets no limits. No need to fear, love never ends. Don't run away shamed and disheartened. Rest in my love, trust me again.



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**COMMUNION HYMN**

**A NEW COMMANDMENT**

**REFLECTION HYMN ONLY A SHADOW**  
**V1** The love we have for you, O Lord, Is only a shadow of your love for us; Only a shadow of your love for us, Your deep abiding love.  
**V2** The Bread we take and eat, O Lord, Is your body broken and shared with us; Your body broken and shared with us, The gift of your great love.



*R/. Our lives are in your hands, Our lives are in your hands. Our love for you will grow, O Lord; Your light in us will shine.*  
**V3** Our own belief in you, O Lord, Is only a shadow of your love for us; Only a shadow of your love for us, Your deep and lasting faith.

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**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY**

*Refrain: We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life; and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God, we believe in the love of our God.*

**V1** No longer strangers to each other, no longer strangers in God's house; we are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care, by the strength of those who care. *R/.*  
*R/.* We have been gifted with each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord: to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God, to walk humbly with our God. *R/.*

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