

St. Colman's Parish 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th /25th October 2020

Who is my Neighbour?

In today's Gospel Reading, when Jesus gives the answer to a question that the scholar didn't ask, He makes clear that the second-greatest commandment is very important. Reflect for a moment on the Ten Commandments: out of the ten, the first three are about loving your God, and the latter seven are about loving your neighbour. Why are there more than twice as many commands about "loving your neighbour" than there are about "loving your God"? It's not because loving your neighbour is twice as important as loving your God. More likely, it is because loving your neighbour is twice as difficult as loving your God. The English writer G. K. Chesterton once observed that "The Bible tells us to love our neighbours, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people!"

Why is Chesterton right? Why, so often, are our neighbours also our enemies? In this second-greatest commandment, when Jesus commands you to love your neighbour as yourself, He's not using the word "neighbour" as we might be tempted to do. We, in our fallen human nature, want to shrink the meaning of "neighbour" to as few people as possible. That's why Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan: so that His followers would see every human being as their neighbour.

So, the second-greatest command is to love every human being as yourself. That's very daunting. It's impossible to carry out without divine grace. To love is to follow the Spirit of the law. To love is to fulfil the letter of the law, instead of circumventing its intent. To love is even to go beyond the law, because the law is only a guide pointing in the direction that love will take us. The law isn't meant to tell us where to stop.

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Masses & Intentions.

Mon Oct. 26 th		No Mass
Tues Oct. 27 th	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Oct. 28th		No Morning Mass
Thurs. Oct. 29 th		No Mass
Fri. Oct. 30 th	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. Oct. 31st	6:00 p.m.	
Sun. Nov. 1st	11:15 a.m.	All Saints Day

Offertory Collection for last two weekends €850 – Thank You

Reminder:

Mass is broadcast on 106fm and all weekend Masses will now be streamed online via www.milltownlistryparish.com
Mass on weekdays will continue to be broadcast on 106fm (unless there is a funeral Mass)

Adoration and Rosary:

Will take place on Monday Evenings at 7:30p.m. and will alternate between Milltown and Listry Church. This will be broadcasted via 106fm and streamed on-line:

- Go to www.milltownlistryparish.com
- Scroll down to where it says CLICK HERE
- Our livestream will come up on screen after a few seconds

Please take this opportunity to speak quietly with God and reflect on his word, allowing him to speak to us in our own lives. All Saints Day and All Souls' Days

All Saints Day: Milltown Sunday Nov. 1st 11:15a.m. All Souls Day: Milltown Monday. Nov. 2nd - 9:00 a.m.

Listry Church 7:00 p.m.

Masses for those on our November lists:

Please drop in your list of family and friends that you would like to be remembered at Masses during November.

Milltown Church

All Masses -7:00 p.m. Friday 6th

Friday 27th

Listry Church

All Masses – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday 3rd

Tuesday 10th Tuesday 17th Tuesday 24th

<u>Masses of Remembrance for those who died during the year</u>

Milltown Church Friday Nov. 13th at 7:00 p.m. Listry Church Friday Nov. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

At these Masses, a candle will be lit in memory of each person whose funeral Mass was celebrated in our parish since last November. There will also be four large candles lit, the first, in memory of the entire group whose funeral Mass took place in the parish, a second in memory of those whose funeral took place in another parish a third candle will be lit for stillborn children and miscarriages and finally a fourth for all that have died due to Covid19.

Booking an Anniversary Mass for 2021

If you wish to book an Anniversary Mass for a loved one for the coming year, the 2021 diary will open on 1st December 2020. Please note the first week will be designated to taking bookings for **first Anniversary Masses only.** The diary will then be open to all other Anniversary Masses from the 8th December onwards.

Love your Neighbour.

Jesus, friend and brother,
You know
what it is like to be hungry and thirsty.

You know

the plight of the stranger who is made unwelcome.

You know

the suffering of all who have lost everything.

We pray

that by welcoming refugees

We may

show love for our neighbour and draw closer to you.

Amen.

Accord pre-marriage courses and counselling service.

Until at least May 2020, Accord pre-marriage courses will take place on-line with up to 12 couples via Zoon: they will be interactive and delivered by two presenters. Accord has also resumed face to face counselling. Contact Accord by phone or online to book for either service.

<u>Castlemaine Community Care</u> are looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals in the Milltown area, this would involve delivery once a month. If you have time and would be interested, please contact Dan Walsh 087 9260988 at Castlemaine Community Centre. Thank You.