

St Kieran - Osborne Park Parish

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

25th October 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: **Exodus 22:20-26**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "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 **All: Thanks be to God**

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

Response: **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 the anointed. **R.**

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.

The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **John 14:23**

Alléluia, alléluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alléluia!**

GOSPEL **Matthew 22:34-40**

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**

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH SCHEDULE	
SATURDAY	
8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)
SUNDAY	
8.00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11.15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2nd Sunday)
TUESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
WEDNESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
THURSDAY	
7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass
FRIDAY	
8:00am	Mass
BAPTISM	
1ST & 3RD Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
CONFESSION	
Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment	
WEDDINGS & FUNERALS	
By appointment	

PARISH CONTACTS	
Parish Priest	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti
	Fr. Oscar Aguilera
Parish Co-ordinator	Judith Tresham
Parish Secretary	Margaret Leonard Pat Richards
Safeguarding Officer	Rose Arto
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS	
Monday & Wednesday	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday	12.30pm – 4:00pm
Friday	10.00am – 2:30pm

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Mass intentions		
Sat	6:30pm	Assunta Demarti (12 years)
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	
	9.00am	Antonino Mulè (10th Year Anniversary) Dean Philip Tarca (21 years)
	10:15am	Francesca logrando (1 month) & Santo Logrande (13 years) Maria & Antônio Mignogna Nunzio & Franca Scaffidi Vince Alessandrino Nunzio Bruno & Carmela Agnello
	11:15am	

Readers		
Sat	6:30pm	Kathy Stewart and Adriano Sanzone
	7:30pm	
Sun	8.00am	Anne-Marie Murray and Gabriel
	9:00am	Josefa Hazebroek and Zoran Vukojevic
	10:15am	Italian Mass
	11:15am	Brazilian Mass **(2nd Sunday of the month)**

Servers/*Acolyte*		
Sat	6:30pm	Elyssa, Oliver, Sebastian E, Nicholas B, Carlos, Feliz *Brad*
	7:30pm	*Seminarians*
Sun	8.00am	Gabriel, Jacob & Jonathon *Eugene & Alex*
	9:00am	Grace, Abigail, Ahinsa & Phoebe *Brendon & Pedro*
	10:15am	*Giovanni*

Children's Liturgy		
Sun	9.00am	Ruby and Ahinsa

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Planned Giving is an essential way of supporting the financial needs of our parish. To learn more, please speak with Eugene or Judith Tresham, and consider becoming part of our Planned Giving program. Contributions can be made weekly or monthly through the parish's online accounts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

St Kieran Presbytery Account (1st Collection):
BSB: 086006 Account Num: 773741302

St Kieran Parish Account (2nd Collection):
BSB: 086006 Account Num: 670197551

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BSB – 086006 Account Num: 940251782

The Official account title is: THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF PERTH - CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Architecture of the Law: Putting First Things First *Matthew 22:34–40*

There is a curious habit in human nature. We are always looking for ways to make our obligations manageable. We wish to know which duties matter most, which can be postponed, and which we may quietly set aside without too much inconvenience to ourselves. The Pharisee in today's Gospel asks Jesus, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" It sounds like an innocent question. Yet, in the context of the Gospel, it is a test. They are trying to trap Jesus. They want an answer that can be examined, disputed and perhaps used against Him. But Jesus does something remarkable. He does not merely select one commandment from a long list. He reveals the very architecture of the whole moral life: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." And then He adds, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Here we encounter a mistake as old as humanity itself: the belief that we can have the benefits of religion without its demands, or the virtues of Christianity without the God of Christianity. We want to be kind without being obedient, charitable without being converted, and loving without allowing God to tell us what love truly means. The universe has a grain to it. Put first things first, and the other things find their proper place. Put second things first, and we may lose even the things we were trying to preserve.

First, we must love God. Jesus commands us to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind. God is not one more object competing for a place in our hearts. He is the source from whom all genuine love comes. He is not a rival to our human relationships; He is their foundation. When God occupies His rightful place, our love for others is not diminished. It is purified, strengthened and freed from the unreasonable demands we often place upon it. We begin to love our families not as possessions, but as persons entrusted to our care. We learn to serve without demanding constant gratitude, and to forgive without pretending that wrongdoing does not matter.

Second, we must love our neighbour. Notice that Jesus says the second commandment is like the first. It is inseparable from it, yet it does not replace it. Here is where we must be careful. When we ask another person to become the centre of our existence, love can turn into possessiveness. Concern can become control. Even our desire to help can become a subtle demand that others think as we do and live according to our wishes. The same danger arises when we turn compassion into a substitute for truth. Genuine love is not simply being agreeable. Sometimes love must correct, challenge or set a boundary. Sometimes it must tell a difficult truth when silence would be easier. To love someone is not necessarily to approve of everything that person does; it is to desire that person's true good. We cannot always command ourselves to feel affection. But we can begin by choosing patience instead of retaliation, fairness instead of prejudice, and mercy instead of revenge. We can pray for those we struggle to love, even when our feelings have not yet followed our intentions. Very often, the heart learns its lessons by following the will. We begin by doing what love requires, and, through grace, we may gradually become the sort of people who love more freely. Prayer that never becomes compassion is a contradiction we must examine honestly. These two commandments. They are not competing obligations, as though we must choose between God and humanity. They are the foundation upon which a rightly ordered life is built. To surrender the first place to God is not to lose our neighbour. It is to rescue our neighbour from the impossible burden of being our god. And it is to rescue ourselves from expecting human love to satisfy a longing that only God can finally fulfil. The Christian life does not begin with our attempt to make ourselves good enough for God. It begins with our response to the God who first loves us and calls us to Himself. Let us, then, put first things first. Let us love God with our whole being and love our neighbour in the light of that love. For when God is given His rightful place, human love does not disappear. It becomes what it was always meant to be: a gift, not a possession; a service, not a demand; and a reflection, however imperfect, of the love of God Himself. **Amen.**

COMMUNION AT HOME

If you are unable to attend mass due to ill health and would like to receive communion at home, please contact Eugene Tresham on **0420 936 988** to arrange.

MONTH OF ROSARY

Let's pray the Rosary, at the Prayer Shrine every day at 3:30pm

FAITH FORMATION MEETINGS FOR YOUNG AND ADULTS

Come and grow with us in faith!

All parishioners are warmly invited to join our **Faith Formation Meetings.**

Mondays and Thursdays

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

At the Parish Hall

These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to Deepen your faith, reflect on God's Word, and connect with others. **All are welcome.**

PARISH MORNING TEA

After 9am mass on 1st November

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATIONS

A Fun & Saint Filled Experience for Children

Saturday 31st October | 6:30pm – 8:30pm

6.30pm Mass followed by fun activities in the Parish Hall

Refer to the Notice Board for full details

ALL SOULS DAY

November Masses

We remember and pray in a special way our relatives and friends who have died!

Monday 2nd November

All Souls Mass 8:00am

LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

PRIMA LETTURA — Es 22,20-26

Così dice il Signore: «Non molesterai il forestiero né lo opprimerai, perché voi siete stati forestieri in terra d'Egitto.Non maltratterai la vedova o l'orfano. Se tu lo maltratti, quando invocherà da me l'aiuto, io darò ascolto al suo grido, la mia ira si accenderà e vi farò morire di spada: le vostre mogli saranno vedove e i vostri figli orfani.Se tu presti denaro a qualcuno del mio popolo, all'indigente che sta con te, non ti comporterai con lui da usuraio: voi non dovete imporgli alcun interesse. Se prendi in pegno il mantello del tuo prossimo, glielo renderai prima del tramonto del sole, perché è la sua sola coperta, è il mantello per la sua pelle; come potrebbe coprirsi dormendo? Altrimenti, quando griderà verso di me, io l'ascolterò, perché io sono pietoso».

Parola di Dio **A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.**

SALMO RESPONSORIALE — Sal 17

Risposta: **Ti amo, Signore, mia forza.**

Ti amo, Signore, mia forza, Signore, mia roccia, mia fortezza, mio liberatore. **R.**

Mio Dio, mia rupe, in cui mi rifugio; mio scudo, mia potente salvezza e mio baluardo. Invoco il Signore, degno di lode, e sarò salvato dai miei nemici. **R.**

Viva il Signore e benedetta la mia roccia, sia esaltato il Dio della mia salvezza. Egli concede al suo re grandi vittorie, si mostra fedele al suo consacrato. **R.**

SECONDA LETTURA — 1Tes 1,5-10

Fratelli, ben sapete come ci siamo comportati in mezzo a voi per il vostro bene. E voi avete seguito il nostro esempio e quello del Signore, avendo accolto la Parola in mezzo a grandi prove, con la gioia dello Spirito Santo, così da diventare modello per tutti i credenti della Macedònia e dell'Acàia. Infatti per mezzo vostro la parola del Signore risuona non soltanto in Macedonia e in Acaia, ma la vostra fede in Dio si è diffusa dappertutto, tanto che non abbiamo bisogno di parlarne. Sono essi infatti a raccontare come noi siamo venuti in mezzo a voi e come vi siete convertiti dagli idoli a Dio, per servire il Dio vivo e vero e attendere dai cieli il suo Figlio, che egli ha risuscitato dai morti, Gesù, il quale ci libera dall'ira che viene.

Parola di Dio **A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio**

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, Alleluia! Se uno mi ama, osserverà la mia parola, dice il Signore,e il Padre mio lo amerà e noi verremo a lui.**Alleluia!**

VANGELO — Mt 22,34-40

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, i farisei, avendo udito che Gesù aveva chiuso la bocca ai sadducèi, si riunirono insieme e uno di loro, un dottore della Legge, lo interrogò per metterlo alla prova: «Maestro, nella Legge, qual è il grande comandamento?».
Gli rispose: «"Amerai il Signore tuo Dio con tutto il tuo cuore, con tutta la tua anima e con tutta la tua mente". Questo è il grande e primo comandamento. Il secondo poi è simile a quello: "Amerai il tuo prossimo come te stesso". Da questi due comandamenti dipendono tutta la Legge e i Profeti»».

Parola del Signore **A: Lode a Te, O Cristo.**