Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

One of the experts in Moses’ Teachings went to Jesus during the argument with the Sadducees. He saw how well Jesus answered them, so he asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of them all?”

Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. So love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second most important commandment is this: ‘Love your neighbour as you love yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

The expert in Moses’ Teachings said to Jesus, “Teacher, that was well said! You’ve told the truth that there is only one God and no other besides him! To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as you love yourself is more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

When Jesus heard how wisely the man answered, he told the man, “You’re not too far from God’s kingdom.”

After that, no one dared to ask him another question.

(Mark 12:28b-34)

Gospel Reflection

The question posed in today’s Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God’s covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus’ response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today’s Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus’ teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.
Term 4 Dance Timetable

Children will be required to wear their sports uniforms on the following days for Term 4.

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Extra Kindergarten Class at St Mary’s for 2019

The Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst has announced St Mary’s Catholic Primary School will have three classes for Kindergarten in 2019.

Ensuring smaller class size whilst still offering all the high qualities of education St Mary’s is renowned for. This announcement has caused much excitement in the education sector.

Additional but limited spaces are now available for new arrivals to Orange or families who have not yet settled on a school for Kindergarten in 2019. St Mary’s is a Catholic school welcoming all religious denominations.

Group tours of the school will operate on Wednesday 7th November & Monday 12th November at 9.30am. Please contact the school office to book a place on a tour or to arrange a private tour and interview on 63627926.

Our Transition Program continues on the following dates:
* Tuesday, 13th November - 9.30am -11.00am
* Tuesday, 20th November - 9.30am -11.00am
* Friday, 30th November - 2.00pm - 3.00pm
* Friday, 7th December - 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Secure your place today.

Learning today. Leading tomorrow.
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Scarlett Purvis |          |              |
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Thomas King  
Nlijah Hardman  
Ryan Marshall  
Lewis Hinchliff |          | MacKillop - 400  
McNamee - 440  
McAuley - 390  
Shannon - 340 |
| 1B    | Amelia King  
Sebastian Felice  
Ivy Scovell-Wynn  
Mason White  
Constance Whittaker  
Lachlan Jones |          | MacKillop - 120  
McNamee - 90  
McAuley - 170  
Shannon - 130 |
| 1G    | Rose Staniforth  
Ryan Anderson  
Jake Newham  
Neha Geo  
Mia Howarth  
Liam Vaira | Jake Newham  
Clancy Simmons |          |
| 2B    | Annabella Duncan  
Zoe McLean  
Kennedy Shephard  
Jordan Robinson | Jade Haynes  
Zoe McLean  
Ella Sutton  
Jessie Wallace  
Tonde Rukundu |          |
| 2G    | Nicholas Meacham  
Matilda George  
Breanna Burke  
Maddex Gosper  
Peyton Rudd  
Byron Seymour-Burgess  
Ellie Trembath |          | MacKillop - 20  
McNamee - 10  
McAuley - 60  
Shannon - 90 |
| 3B    | Annabelle Foster  
Archie Hammond  
Macy Mauder  
Mariel Libunao  
Mesmin Scaria | Mariel Libunao  
Isobel Nathan  
Bonnie Shore  
Reggie Staniforth  
Annabelle Foster |          |
| 3G    | Oscar Pickering  
Daniel Moloney  
Popy Summerton  
Aravind Raj Krishnan  
Noah Chislett | Sebastian King  
Sahan Sabu  
Lucas Vickery  
Mia Holmes | MacKillop - 90  
McNamee - 80  
McAuley - 110  
Shannon - 80 |
| 6B    | Phoebe Woodham  
Lachlan Roberts  
Angus Summerton  
Grete Simmonds |          | MacKillop - 120  
McNamee - 470  
McAuley - 530  
Shannon - 790 |
| 6G    | Zara Pickering  
Sadie May  
Jessica Blowes  
Ella Xuereb  
Luke Geoghegan  
Harriet Ringbauer  
Sam Baker  
Elliot McDonell  
Isabella Betts |          |
BYODD - 2019

ATTENTION all students in Year 3 2019 and any students in Year 4, 5 or 6 new to the school who have not yet purchased a Chromebook.

Our Chromebook Portal is Now Open!

The designated ACER Chromebooks are to be purchased only through the JB Hi Fi Purchasing portal. To purchase a Chromebook you will need to go to the following website and then enter in our school code.


School Code: SMCBYOD2019

The total cost of the Chromebook is $379. You will also have the option to select additional warranty and insurance for the device. As well as this, there is the option to purchase the Chromebook through JB Hi Fi for 12 months Interest Free. We are asking all families to purchase the Chromebook by the end of the 2018 school year so that we can ensure all students will have the device for the beginning of next year.

If you have any financial concerns regarding the purchasing of a device before the 2019 school year, could you please contact the School Office or Mrs Basha or Mrs Maher so that alternative arrangements can be made for your family.

CANTEEN HELPERS

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If you can help in the canteen please text Mandy on 0418 664 741 or contact the school.

WEEK 5 SPECIAL

Hawaiian Macaroni Salad
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Year 2 and older

Students have received information this week detailing their Ceremony Information. If your child is not enrolled please contact the Parish Office immediately on 6362 2378.

SACRAMENTAL DATES

5:00pm and 6:30pm, Tuesday, 13th November (Week 5 - Term 4), at St Joseph’s Church
5:00pm and 6:30pm, Thursday, 15th November (Week 5 - Term 4), at St Mary’s Church
5:00pm and 6:30pm, Tuesday, 20th November (Week 5 - Term 4), at St Joseph’s Church
5:00pm and 6:30pm, Thursday, 22nd November (Week 5 - Term 4), at St Mary’s Church

Reconciliation Thanksgiving Mass
9:30am – Tuesday, 27th November – Week 7 (Term 4)

Grade and Class Masses in Term 4

Year 3 Grade Mass - Tuesday 13th November (Week 5) at 9:30am.
Year 5 Blue Class Mass - Tuesday 20th November (Week 6) at 9:30am.
Year 4 Blue Class Mass - Tuesday 4th December (Week 8) at 9:30am.

Grades or classes will be joining the parish at mass. The children will not have roles during the mass instead they will be participating in the celebration of the Eucharist. Families are invited to the parish mass.

Year 6 Graduation Mass

We invite our St Mary’s School Community and all the parents, grandparents and families join the school to celebrate and farewell our Year 6 students at their Graduation Mass.

Tuesday, 11th December – 6pm at St Mary’s Church.

End of Year Mass

We invite all parents, grandparents and families join the school to celebrate our last Mass together for 2018.

Tuesday, 18th December – 9:30am at St Mary’s Church.
Monday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents,

I would like to inform you of some changes that will be happening in the Sacramental program next year. These changes concern your child that will be in Year 2 in 2019.

In previous years the Sacrament of First Reconciliation has been celebrated by Year 2 students during Term 4. They then go on to prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion during Term 2 of Year 3.

Next year when your child is in Year 2, the students will still prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation during Term 4, however will not receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in 2019. This will take place during Term 1 in Year 3 (2020). First Holy Communion will still be celebrated during Term 2 of Year 3.

There will be children who are disappointed with this change, especially if they have older siblings who have previously received the sacrament and are aware that Year 2 was once when the sacrament occurred. We feel that moving the sacraments closer together will be a better way to assist your child’s faith development and preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

To assist preparation for these sacraments it would be wonderful to see your children at Children’s Liturgy. This is every Sunday during 9:30am Mass at St Mary’s Church. It is a great opportunity for your children to learn about their faith in language they can understand. Once a month after this Mass there is ‘Stay and Play’, this is a chance to have a cuppa and a chat after mass while the kids play.

There are many events like this during the year that we would like to invite you to so that your family can celebrate Jesus and get to know your fellow parishioners. Please join our Facebook page to ensure you hear about upcoming events for your family. Our Facebook page can be found be searching ‘Catholic Parish of St Mary and St Joseph-Orange NSW’.

Yours In Christ,

Fr Greg Bellamy
Parish Priest
This year the needs of the Orange community are centered on the FAMILY. We would like to continue to help those who are less fortunate than us have a joyful family experience.

You can help by giving a gift for a family to use. For example:

- Gift vouchers to local coffee shops,
- Flip out entry ticket, Movie tickets,
- Ten Pin Bowling, coffee shop vouchers
- or even a garden shop gift vouchers.

All items will be donated

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Thank you for your support.
Together we can create a world where there is justice for all.
SRC DISCO
TONIGHT

Thursday 8th November

Infants Theme - Pyjamas
K-2 - 4.30pm-5.30pm

Primary Theme - Hippie Hawaiian
3-6 - 5.30pm-7.00pm

Cost: $3 - bottle of water and packet chips provided.
Students are advised to bring a water drink bottle on the night.
Last week was an exciting week for music across all grades with our annual Music Count Us In celebration “One Song” on Thursday and our final Musica Viva group for 2018 B’tutta performing live for our students on Friday.

MCUI Celebration day, held on Thursday 1 November 2018. The day was celebrated nationally where right across the country – all registered schools sang the same song, on the same day, at the same time.

Celebration Day events have been known to take over classrooms, school halls, shops, arts centres, parks, beaches, public spaces, concert halls and even Parliament House!

The program culminates in the National Celebration Day when more than half a million students sing the same song, on the same day, at the same time – the annual Program Song. It is a song written by students, for students. The 2018 Program Song “One Song” involved over 660,000 students from more than 3,000 schools from around Australia joining in to celebrate the value of music education.

It was absolutely fantastic to experience such excitement and participation from all our students, including our talented instrumental students from our Strings, Woodwind, Percussionist and Guitar ensembles who lead the troops in song. As usual our Solid Gold year 6 dancers were guiding us with our moves to accompany this wonderful event.

This is our 9th year joining in the celebrations promoting the value of Music Education throughout schools in Australia.

Musica Viva B’tutta: Last Friday St Mary’s students were treated to a live performance from Musica Viva’s Quartet B’tutta. B’Tutta are a brilliant percussion ensemble with a gift for removing barriers for all to make music.

The Students were intrigued and delighted by the sounds of B’tuttas instruments from marimbas to vibraphones, to Shekere and Latin American percussion. Students were invited to participate becoming conductors, composers and players.

Demonstrating their creativity improvising rhythms and patterns using the amazing collection of percussion instruments. B’Tutta’s inspirations are as diverse as Brazilian Samba to Tokyo subways.

B’tutta introduced us to many of the music elements used in the concert, such as ostinato patterns, contrasting tempos and dynamics, conducting and creating imaginative music stories through sound scaping.

Such an enjoyable sharing experience. We would like to thank Musica viva for providing our students with quality musical experiences and education.

A word from our students:

“My favourite was work on the drums, I learnt a lot of things from their music” Reggie Yr 3
“IT was great fun, they taught us how to conduct and we did lots of improvising.” Phoebe Yr 3
“I liked Mark because he had cool hair and he is a good drummer” Cleo Yr 3

Fiona Nell (Music Coordinator)
### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Our staff are committed to lifelong learning and as a result, often attend workshops, lectures and study groups to update their learnings, skills and theories.

This week, staff were involved in:

- Mrs Maher - Principals Meeting
- Mrs Short & Mrs Haydon - Godly Play in Bathurst
- Mr Corben, Mrs Frew & Mrs Brown - Godly Play in Orange
- All Staff - CPR Training

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### HELP KIDS STAY SAFE ONLINE
Top 7 Tips for Parents

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<td>SET EXPECTATIONS</td>
<td>Be sure your children understand your expectations before they are given access to technology. Such as when they can be online and what they can share.</td>
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<td>CENTRALIZE YOUR DEVICES</td>
<td>Have your kid's computers and gaming consoles in a central location in your home. Also create a central family charging station where all mobile devices are stored before kids go to bed.</td>
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<td>COMMUNICATE</td>
<td>Make sure your kids feel comfortable talking and sharing with you. Have them demonstrate what apps they are using and how they are using them. Have them teach you.</td>
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<td>KEEP CALM &amp; RESPOND OPENLY</td>
<td>If your child approaches you about something bad happening online, don't overreact. Instead, use the incident as a learning opportunity. If you punish your child for approaching you, they may not come to you in the future.</td>
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<td>EDUCATE EXTENDED FAMILY</td>
<td>Make sure family members are aware of your rules and expectations when your children are visiting them. You may have created a cyber safe environment when at your home, but what happens when your kids visit relatives?</td>
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<td>SEEK RESOURCES</td>
<td>There are a tremendous number of resources online where you can learn more. Visit rsaconference.com/safe for more ways to protect kids online.</td>
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Dubbo Zoo Excursion

On Friday the 2nd of November Yr 4 went Western Plains Taronga Zoo, Dubbo for our Geography excursion which lasted most of the day. We had heaps of fun singing and sleeping on the bus trip to the zoo. When we arrived we went to look at different animals such as the zebras, giraffes, meerkats, rhinos, elephants, otters and gibbons. When morning tea came we were entertained with a hippo talk while we ate our food.

One of our favourite animals was the gibbons who were very athletic and agile. We were entranced by the Siamangs and their loud noises due to their throat pouches. In the afternoon one group went to the Education Centre and learnt about the differences in the Earth’s Environments which we are learning about in class whilst the other group visited the lions. We had heaps of fun at the lion talk, were the lion started stalking us like we were his prey.

It was a very hot day and we learnt lots. The bus ride home was quiet as everyone was tired after a busy day out at the zoo.

We would like to thank Mrs Whittaker and Mrs Davis for helping us out on the day and bringing lots of frozen poppers to help cool us down!

Written by Lucy Wilson and Molly Mason