

# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024



## Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses proceeds to set forth more particularly and to enforce the cardinal and essential doctrines of the Decalogue, the nature and attributes of God, and the fitting mode of honoring and worshiping Him. Two objects are indicated, the glory of God and the welfare of humankind.

## Hebrews 7:23-28

These verses occur in the middle of a larger argument about Jesus being a heavenly high priest. This is one of the central ideas of Hebrews, and it is a unique contribution in the New Testament of our understanding of Jesus. Because Jesus is not subject to death, in contrast to the earthly priests, as the heavenly high priest he is able to serve and offer salvation perpetually.

## Mark 12:28b-34

We are shown the truth of freedom. Freedom not to attempt to be our own god, but the call to worship the true God with all that God has given us to love God. The other gift of freedom is to love the other as God in Christ has loved us.

Next week:  
32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
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1 Kings 17:10-16  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

## Universal Prayers, Year B

### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

- 1 May we extend the love that heals hurts to those in pain around us. We pray to the Lord.
- 2 May we initiate peace with estranged family members and friends. We pray to the Lord.
- 3 May we show justice and mercy to others even when it is risky and costly. We pray to the Lord.
- 4 May we work to make our streets safe for children and the elderly. We pray to the Lord.
- 5 May we respect the poor and help those living in poverty. We pray to the Lord.
- 6 May we remember our deceased relatives and friends in prayer that they may enjoy the of eternity. Let us pray to the Lord.

### Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8.00am
Wednesday	Mass	8.00am
Thursday	Mass	8.00am
Friday	Mass	8.00am

**Confessions**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 4pm

### Prayer Service

A liturgy will be celebrated for all the deceased on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in St Thomas Aquinas Church.

This liturgy will invite parishioners to name and remember in prayer loved ones who have died, and especially those who have died during the last year. Please tell others – all are welcome.

Afternoon tea will be provided after the liturgy.

### Diary Dates

What's On	Date	Time	Where
Women at the Mill	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	Parish Hall
MMP Cenacle (Rosary and reading)	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	7:00pm	Chapel
Craft Afternoon	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	4:00pm	Parish Hall
Men's Group	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	7:00pm	Parish Hall
Scripture Study	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	6:00pm	Parish Hall
<b>Parish meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Parish Hall</b>
Parish Reflection Day	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	9am – 2:30am	Hermitage
<b>Solemn Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>STA Church</b>

## Parish General Meeting

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend a general meeting on

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
at 7pm in the parish hall.

A proposed building project will be unveiled and explained, which has the approval of diocesan and parish finance committees. The project involves the presbytery and church carpark, and the meeting will provide parishioners information and a chance to see plans & ask questions.

The meeting will run for one hour, after which food and drink will be available- a good chance for some social interaction as we move into Advent. Please place the date in your diaries. If anyone needs transport to attend the meeting, please contact the parish office.

## Planned Giving

An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue or restart your monthly gift at any time.

Please visit

<https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/>  
to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.

## Community Crafternoon

You're invited to an afternoon of Companionship, Cake and Crafts.

Friday 8th & 22nd November

4-6pm in the Parish Hall

Bring along your own project or learn something new!

## Social Justice Points

Not every increase in power represents progress for humanity. We need only think of the "admirable" technologies that were employed to decimate populations, drop atomic bombs and annihilate ethnic groups.

There were historical moments where our admiration at progress blinded us to the horror of its consequences. But that risk is always present, because "our immense technological development has not been accompanied by a development in human responsibility, values and conscience... We stand naked and exposed in the face of our ever-increasing power, lacking the wherewithal to control it. We have certain superficial mechanisms, but we cannot claim to have a sound ethics, a culture and spirituality genuinely capable of setting limits and teaching clear-minded self-restraint". It is not strange that so great a power in such hands is capable of destroying life, while the mentality proper to the technocratic paradigm blinds us and does not permit us to see this extremely grave problem of present-day humanity.

**- Laudate Deum – Pope Francis - To All People of Good Will on The Climate Crisis**

## The CHOSEN



The Chosen is a 'free to view', series, now in its fourth season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers.

The shows are of the highest quality, and it continues to receive acclaim around the world across denominations.

Go to <https://watch.thechosen.tv/> to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends.

## A Vocation View

Love of God and love of neighbour are not mutually exclusive, but rather are mutually enriching.

Demonstrate the love you have for God by acting in service to your neighbour in Christ. (Mark 12:28-34)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

Love<sup>the</sup> Lord<sup>your</sup> God  
with all your heart & with all your  
soul & with all your strength  
& with all your mind; & Love  
your neighbor as yourself. LUKE 10:27