

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – 25th October 2020

Preparation

□ If possible arrange candles, a Crucifix and a Gospel or Sunday Missal on a table.

Introduction

Today we are reminded that we must love God with all of our heart, and soul and mind and we must love one another as we love ourselves.

Penitential Act

Ask the children to think about how they have behaved in the past week. Ask them if they have always been kind and helpful to others, obedient to their parents, listened to their teachers etc.

Lead the children in singing the “Sorry Song”.

(sung to tune of Frere Jacques)

We are sorry,
Truly sorry,
Heal us Lord,
In Your love,
Help us to do better, Help us to be kinder. Forgive us,

Forgive us.

Gloria (Sung)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of the Father.

Amen

All stand to welcome the Gospel singing the **Gospel Acclamation:** (*Sing to the tune of 'If You're Happy and You Know It'*)

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord, As we listen to the story, let us praise him for his glory.

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

Gospel

“A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew”.

Explain and demonstrate – make three crosses: one on your forehead, one on your lips and one on your heart (in this way we think God's word, speak God's word and keep God's word in our hearts) **as we say together “Glory to You, O Lord.”**

Matthew 22:34-40

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Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say: **“The Gospel of the Lord”**.

All reply: **“Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ”**. Ask everyone to be seated.

Lead a Discussion on the Gospel

It's good to have rules in life. Discuss with the children why it's good to have them. (They create order. Everybody knows what is expected, and it keeps people safe. For example, imagine if there were no rules for car drivers and people trying to cross the road...)

Ask the children if any of them have heard of the Ten Commandments and what they are? They are a special set of rules that God gave to Moses to pass on to all of us. They are rules to guide us on the right path in harmony with God's plan for us and help us to live a good and happy life that is pleasing to God.

When Jesus was asked which of the Ten Commandments was the greatest how did He answer? (He said 'You must love the Lord your God with all your might and love the your neighbour as yourself')

Jesus was saying you must treat others as you would like to be treated. It's easy to want others to treat us kindly and share things with us. It can be difficult to treat them the same way when we don't feel like it though.

This is exactly what we have been asked to do, treat everybody just as if you were showing the love of Jesus at all times.

We have the best example of this in our Lord Jesus Christ. He came to the Earth and He took on human form and showed us how to live God's love.

We must follow this example and show God's love to everybody we meet -not just those who we want to be kind to and when it's easy.

Prayers of the Faithful (optional/ time dependent)

Dear Father in Heaven, Thank you for sending your only Son to Earth to walk among us and give us His example of love. Help us to strive to share your love with all those we meet both in our words and in our deeds.

Lord, in Your mercy.

All reply: **"Hear our prayer."**

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Remind me how precious the gift of life is. May I never take anyone for granted and always show love and kindness to my neighbour. I am your hands and feet on Earth Lord. Help me to answer Your call in my life and follow the path You have set for me.

Amen