

**Welcome to worship at
Holy Trinity, Terrigal**

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
25th October 2020**



9.00am – Holy Eucharist

**Presiding and Preaching - Fr Mark Watson
Organist – Chris Sillince**

Fr. Roy writes: There are a few words that have gained prominence in relation to the pandemic since last I wrote to you. They are "cluster" in relation to the community transmission of the virus, then "vigilant" in relation to our behaviour in public places to avoid community transmission of the virus and thirdly a "constant awareness" that even though the number of new cases is lower does not mean that the virus is not hanging around just waiting for its next victim.

If I asked you "How do you relate these words to your spiritual life?", I would receive a number of different answers. This is because there is no right or wrong answer. This is because God gives us thoughts according to our needs as we sit and think in silence with God, allowing God to do whatever is needed in our spiritual life. Read on if you want to read some of my thoughts on the question. It is all right if you want to stop now but make sure that you find a quiet space where you can be with God and the question in silence.

First in "cluster", we proclaim that "We are the Body of Christ" and we, as people, meet together for worship infecting one another in the love of God in Christ Jesus, sustaining one another in the faith and aware that we are in company with all Christians throughout the world and "the great cloud of witnesses" who have gone before us in the sign of faith. This idea also reminds us of our task of evangelism as we move around in our daily life whereby we are "gossiping the Gospel" of the love of God in Christ Jesus for those who we meet.

Secondly, in "vigilant", that our behaviour is consistent with our following in The Way of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This is reflected in our behaviour in the home, at work and in the marketplace as a disciple of Jesus Christ

Thirdly, in "constant awareness", that temptation is not letting up on us throughout our lifespan. We are facing every day temptation in thought, word and deed and in leaving undone things that we should have done in our daily living and spiritual life as a disciple of Jesus. We ask, "save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil". When, then, we fall into the temptation we know, that when we examine ourselves and confess our sins

in penitence and faith, God's love forgives us and gives the opportunity to continue on The Way of Jesus Christ within the Body of Christ.

Come Holy Spirit, come and touch the lives of your people.

"Our help is in the Name of the Lord who made heaven and earth."

Keep well, keep safe and the blessing of God be upon you and on all who you love and may your days and nights be holy, good and peaceful.

Sentence

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22.37-40

Prayer of the Day

O God,
whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment
of your law:
stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love,
so that we may love you with our whole being,
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Leviticus

Chapter 19, verses 1-2 and 15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly: nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

**2 But their delight is in the law of the Lord:
and on that law will they ponder day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted beside streams of water:
that yield their fruit in due season.

**4 Their leaves also shall not wither:
and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:
they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians
Chapter 2, verses 1-13**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia!**

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

Alleluia!

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Chapter 22, verses 34-46

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?'

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

For the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for those suffering severe illness (adapted from *A Prayer Book for Australia*, p. 692)

Healing Spirit,

we pray for those suffering from serious diseases
and for those who are terminally ill,
and those living with the COVID-19 virus.

We pray for skill and patience for the doctors and nurses who care for them. We pray that their relatives and friends may be strengthened and comforted.

May their faith not falter as they support each other through testing times.

We pray for those engaged in research
that by your inspiration and their skill
the scourges of this generation may be overcome.

Help us to live in your way

and to seek health in body, mind and spirit. **Amen.**

Please pray for

Barb Matthews, Graeme Patterson, Ken Hope, Norm Williams, Emma Horton, Isobel Hargraves, Gloria Townsend, Margaret Willard, Carolyn Gibbs, Cathy Oaks, Pat Stokes, Tania Howlett, Jill Ross, Carmen McGee, Shirley Kearns and Adrienne Baldwin.

Direct Debit details of account:

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Parish of Terrigal

BSB: 705-077

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'Whispers of Love' Meditation

Meditation is each Monday at 10.00am at The Church of the Holy Trinity.

Reflection:

In her book "Prayer" Joyce Rupp wrote:

Without some quiet reflection, some solitude and stillness, our inner

eyes will eventually be too blurred and weary to discover God in the rushing of our demanding days.

Prayerfully Reverend Ann

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship meets the second Monday of each month at 1pm in the church foyer. All women are welcome to join us for a shared time of Christian fellowship.

Dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club

Please join us for dinner at Terrigal Bowling Club at 'Bec's Kitchen' on **Sunday 1st November from 6pm.**

If you are interested, please let us know by email to the office

admin@terrigalanglican.org.au,

calling the office on 4365 1115

or asking to have your name added to the sign-up sheet upon entry to the service on Friday or Sunday.

Samaritans

We will have our basket for food donations available for those wishing to bring items. Some suggestions are breakfast cereal, long life milk, pasta, plus sauce, soap, toothpaste, soup, sardines, baked beans, spaghetti in a tin, creamed corn and chips.

Plant Stall

Betty would like to thank everyone who has supported and helped with the three plant stalls so far.

The next plant stall will be on:

Saturday 31st October from 9am to 12 noon.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God,
give to us the increase of faith, hope and love;
and, that we may obtain what you promise,
make us to love what you command;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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Ordinary Sunday 30[Pentecost 21] – Sunday 25 October 2020

- Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17;
1 Thessalonians 2.1-13; Matthew 22.34-46

Today's Gospel brings to an end Jesus' controversies with the Jewish leaders.

His answer to the question of which commandments are the most important (of the 613 in the Jewish scriptures) is quite traditional and similar to other rabbis of the time.

However, His answer to the question of who the Messiah is, is revolutionary. Clearly from Jesus' argument The son mentioned must not be the son of David, but the Son of God. And by implication for the readers, Jesus himself.

- Give us grace to live more Christ-like lives and tell others of His glory. Amen.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente*, the Philippine Independent Church.

Text: The Very Rev Phillip Saunders,
Dean of Canberra and Goulburn
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Mission Report - 25th October 2020

**Ships don't bring us over 95% of everything we have.
Seafarers do.**

During these unprecedented times and due to COVID-19 restrictions, the centre operations are temporarily limited. Please pray for all the seafarers at this time.

How to support the Mission to Seafarers this Christmas

The Newcastle Mission to Seafarers is starting to collect items for Christmas Care Packages, for seafarers visiting our port over Christmas.

Suggestions include: Aftershave, antiseptic cream, batteries, beanie, deck of playing cards, deodorant, fun toy e.g. stress release ball, hair comb, hand sanitizer, hair shampoo and conditioner, hand cream (skin repair), lip balm, little torch, magazines, magnetic photo frame, nail clippers, new socks, new underwear, pictures of Australia, prayer cards, razors, religious icon, religious material, sealed lollies (nothing that melts or attracts ants), shaving cream, small headphones, soap, sunblock, sunscreen, toothbrush, toothpaste, tissues (small packets), words of encouragement. Let your imagination take over and have fun!

On the 8th November the Parish will acknowledge the work of the Mission to Seafarers at the Port of Newcastle, and throughout the world.

Coralie Taylor
Mission Secretary

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Carolyn Shields / Christine De Gans - 4365 1280

The Op Shop is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9.00am to 4.00pm

Fridays open from 9.00am to 10.15am and from 11:15am to 4.00pm

(Please note Friday between 10.15am-11.15am the Op Shop is CLOSED)

Saturday open from 10.00am to 1.00pm