



This Sunday's Gospel
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.



This is the Gospel of the Lord

Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

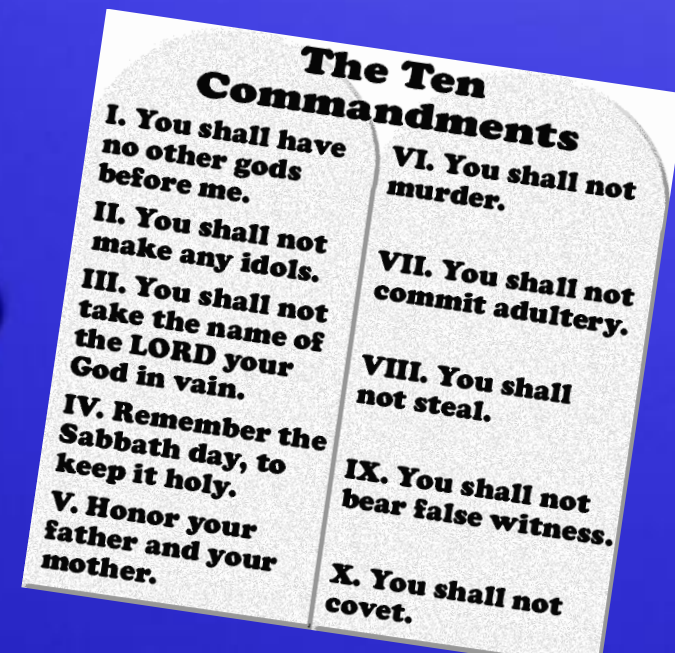
Reflection:

In the Gospel this week we see Jesus being "set up". He is asked an impossible question. How is he to choose which of the 10 commandments is the greatest without being pulled up on leaving out another...

But Jesus realises that this question is a bit of a trap and he cleverly turns it around by saying

'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the **Lord our God** is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must **love your neighbour** as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'

He summarises all ten commandments into just two. The first three commandments are all about God and the next seven are all about you "neighbour". But the even more clever thing is that Jesus transforms a list of "do nots" into a positive command and reminds us that to love is the most important that we can do...its as simple as that!





Final Prayer

Lord,

Help us to remember that the most important thing we can do is to love You and love those around us in all that we do

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.

Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection

Our life is affected by so many rules...



Take a moment to close your eyes and think about the rules that affect you...

**School rules,
The rules in your family,
The laws of the land...**

Some rules may annoy you...

Some rules seem unfair...

Some rules are unfair...

But think how most of the rules in our lives protect us and help us to live together...



Final Prayer:

**God grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change,**

The courage to change the things I can,

And the wisdom to know the difference

Amen

Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*Reflection:
November is the month of
Remembrance for those who have
died...*

A large, vibrant poppy collage is the central focus of the image. It is constructed from numerous small, irregular pieces of red paper, some of which are layered to create a sense of depth and texture. The center of the poppy is a dark, circular area, possibly made of black or dark brown material. The background is a solid, bright orange color. The overall composition is a close-up shot of the collage, with the edges of the paper pieces clearly visible.

In today's tutor time we remember people that we know who have passed away...

Take a piece of red paper and write down the name of the person that you would like to remember...

These names will be displayed throughout the month of November in the Chapel, each little red square will go towards the making of one big poppy collage

Final Prayer

**Lord we offer up all these people's names
to you ...**

**Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

Amen.

Final Thought...

**WHEN LOVE
RULES,
POWER
DISAPPEARS.
WHEN
POWER
RULES, LOVE
DISAPPEARS.**

Next weeks theme: Remembrance