



In today's Gospel reading, we find another discussion between Jesus and his opponents, this time the Pharisees. It centres on which of the commandments is the greatest.

Matthew agrees with Mark that love of God and love of neighbour constitute the chief and basic commandment; that this is, in a way, a summary of the entire Torah. But Matthew goes further: he puts these two commandments on an equal footing, and presents them as supporting the rest. He uses the verb "hang" to express the idea of these two being the ropes which hold up the rest. His reply is perfectly orthodox, and Jewish Christians would be able to defend themselves on this basis.

Matthew shows that permeating religious practice must be love: love of God and our fellow human beings, and that both are equally important. In a sense, this is his version of the Golden Rule. ■

REFLECT

Matthew the evangelist is usually understood as being a tax collector, called by Jesus to leave his profession and become one of Jesus' disciples. This traditional view has been expressed in art down the centuries. It may well be the historical fact, but it is unlikely that someone from such a background could have produced such a scholarly work, which we know as the Gospel according to Matthew: it betrays too deep a knowledge of the Jewish scriptures. There is another possibility about his identity, that he was, in fact, a convert Jewish scribe, "who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old" (Matthew 13:52 may offer this description of the author of the Gospel).

To Jewish converts, the place of the Law, which they had regarded as their way of responding to the Lord's covenant with Israel, must have been a question of the highest importance. By the time Matthew is writing, the Temple has been destroyed, the political influence of the Jewish people in the land has disappeared, and the Law has provided the core of their sense of identity. Does this have to be, at best, abandoned, or, at worst, repudiated because they have accepted Jesus and his message? The answer of the earliest disciples seems to have been "No", as they continued to frequent the Temple. Although there was eventually an official excommunication of Jewish Christians from the synagogue, it is likely that Jewish traditions continued to influence communities such as Matthew's. The lesson that love of God and neighbour should be the force which informs all the outward observing of our own traditions today, that there is no essential conflict between law and love, is as valid today as it was when Matthew wrote his Gospel. ■

SAY

The greatest commandment is to love God and my neighbour.

LEARN

The rabbis calculated 613 commandments in the Torah: 248 positive and 365 negative.

After the destruction of the Temple and the end of animal sacrifice, observing the Law took on even greater significance in Jewish life than before.

Not all the commandments were of equal weight: some were classified as "heavy" (more important), others as "light" (less so).

DO

Reflect that when you come to celebrate the Eucharist, you are supporting your fellow parishioners as well as expressing your commitment to the Lord.



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25th October 2020 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Saturday	24	6.30pm	Vigil Mass Clocks go back 1 Hr	Intention of Paul and Linda Dwerryhouse
Sunday	25	9.30am	Mass 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Peter Callaghan RIP Recently Deceased Agnes Monaghan (sick)
Monday	26		Sts Chad and Cedd	
Tuesday	27	10.00am	Mass	Mass of thanksgiving
Wednesday	28		Sts Simon and Jude	
Thursday	29	10.00am	Mass The Douai Martyrs	Sue Washington RIP Recently Deceased plus Sue's parents Lesley Rees RIP 2 nd Anniversary and Enid Rees RIP
Friday	30			
Saturday	31	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Teresa Kerr RIP Barry Scruton RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday	1	9.30am	All Saints	Alexander Joseph Wilson RIP Recently Deceased William Potter RIP Bernard Dockery RIP

IN NEED OF A PRIEST Please contact Fr Grace at St Gabriel's 01270 877736

Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to us at stannesnantwich@btinternet.com

The wearing of a face covering is compulsory inside church as we are now socially-distancing at 1 metre + in seating areas. Please provide your own face covering where possible but these are also available in church.

Church Doors Opening Times

To keep everyone safe, church doors are not opened until 15 minutes before Mass. This is to limit the time spent indoors and to allow stewards time for safety preparations. This is part of our risk assessment and has been approved by the diocese. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

NHS track and Trace App

If you have downloaded the NHS Track and Trace app to your phone, you can now scan the QR code which is on the doors in the entrance hall, instead of giving your name to the steward.

Funeral Service for Alexander Joseph Wilson RIP on 4 November at 11am. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep Alexander's family in your prayers.

Sunday 25 October 2020 – Thank you

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours). Leaflet: https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS20_Leaflet.pdf



OFFERTORY

Last week's collection

£307.40

Thank you

Online donations <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/page/stannesdioceseofshrewsbury2168>

November Prayers for the Deceased Envelopes in which you can place the names of your deceased relatives and those for whom you wish to pray are now available at various points in the church. There will be a basket at the altar for these November Intentions. Unfortunately, we won't be holding our usual Mass for the recently deceased as this does not fall within our COVID 19 guidelines, however we will have Mass intentions for the recently deceased of the Parish throughout November.

Christmas support for Nantwich Foodbank are promoting a reverse advent calendar idea. It gives suggestions of what is needed in the parcels (they don't expect people to donate all the items unless they wish to!) Donations can be dropped at Brine Leas school on 28/11/20 between 11-13.00. The organisers for the Food festival are arranging this collection. Copies of the calendar are available at the exits to St Anne's and on our website.

SVP would like to extend their thanks for the generous anonymous donation recently received.

CAFOD A sincere thank you for your generous contributions to CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day. St Anne's raised £530 including gift aid. This generous gift will help Cafod support vulnerable communities without access to clean water and health care. Thank you.

Diocesan In-House Solicitor The Diocese of Shrewsbury are looking to recruit an **In-House Solicitor**, who will be required to provide legal advice and support on a range of matters including employment and HR (including sponsor management for overseas workers), commercial, probate, litigation, and academy conversion. Based at the Curial Office in Birkenhead. Full details and application form can be found at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> Completed applications should be returned to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Closing date Friday 6 November.**

Bible Timeline Course - If you have struggled to read the Bible, and maybe given up several books in, this course is designed to help you understand the history of salvation. There are seven sessions from 7pm - 8.30pm starting Wednesday 4th. November. It is free and looks at the Bible story in a clear and simple way. You will need access to a Catholic Bible to read a section prior to each session. A description of the course is available in the link below as well as details of how to register. 'comeandsee.org' The course is held live on 'Zoom' but you do not need a zoom account, the course leader will send you a link enabling you to join in.

Fratelli tutti is the title Pope Francis has chosen for his encyclical letter dedicated to "human fraternity" and "social friendship". In English, it can be read as 'All Brothers', 'Brethren all' or 'Brothers and sisters all'. The first words of the new 'circular letter', or encyclical as we know it, come from St Francis of Assisi. <https://catholicnews.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8bfb372c271fbad8a971552fb&id=d1814557fa&e=d5cb67f88d>

Community Hub Understandably things have been quiet whilst we have been under Covid lockdown however we still need to reach our target before we can take the next step to approach the council for planning. Please do help by making donations via this link <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/17726/st-annes-church-nantwich/st-annes-community-hub> or to the presbytery. **Thank you to the family and friends of John and Sheila Wilson RIP who have recently made donations to the good exchange in their memory.**

Diocese of Shrewsbury Liturgy Reflection Sheet For October: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Prayer-Resource-for-October.pdf>

Pope Francis' prayer for October: The promotion of greater integration of the lay faithful, especially women, in areas of responsibility in the Church. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/pope-francis-prayer-intention-october-women-leaders-church.html>

Subject: Autumn talks on Spirituality A series of eight, fortnightly talks about Spiritual Masters, given by distinguished speakers. They are free to view live-streamed, although there will be a fee to view recordings. Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters. A series of online talks on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm, starting on 3 September organised by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. For details and to register: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/>.

While you're planning your autumn viewing, you might also be interested in choosing selectively from a new Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality series of lectures. This features the five great Teresa's of the Carmelite tradition - Teresa of Avila, Teresa Margaret Redi, Therese of Lisieux, Teresa of the Andes and Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein). For Teresa of Avila and Therese of Lisieux the paid-for talks in this series overlap with the free talks in the Christian Heritage centre series (given by the same or an equally distinguished lecturer), but it would be a chance to learn about the other Carmelite spiritual masters. The talks in this series will be given on selected Sundays at 8.00 pm between 20 September and 15 November. The cost is £20 for each lecture. For details and to register: <https://mailchi.mp/oxcacs.org/new-spirituality-series-of-lectures-from-cacs?e=1f35f1f3f8>

Feast and Memorial Days

Feast 26th October St Chad, a 7th century priest, monk and bishop, served in Lichfield for just two-and-a-half years. But his heroic virtues have left an impact on that part of the West Midlands that has lasted for centuries, with more than 30 churches dedicated to the saint's honour and as well as several wells and the cathedral church of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

He was one of four brothers who all became priests, and two of them – Chad and St Cedd – became bishops. They were Angles by race and were born in the kingdom of Northumbria, training at Lindisfarne under St Aidan. St Chad went to Ireland after the death of St Aidan and spent several years working with St Egbert but was called back to England by his elder brother, Cedd, to be Abbot of Lastingham, near Whitby, Yorkshire.

Within a year he was summoned by King Oswy to become Bishop of York and was ordained in the province of the West Saxons, then immediately and strenuously devoted himself to the teaching of ecclesiastical truth and purity of doctrine. He gave great attention to the practices of self-denial, humility and study and would emulate the Apostles by travelling through the towns and villages of his diocese on foot, rather than on horseback, preaching the Gospel as he went.

When Theodore, the new Archbishop of Canterbury, arrived in England in 669 he decided that St Chad's episcopal ordination was irregular and gave his See to Wilfrid. The response of St Chad was one of humble acceptance which so impressed St Theodore that he made St Chad the Bishop of Mercia on the death of Jaruman.

After his consecration, St Chad moved the seat of the diocese from Repton to Lichfield and King Wulfhere gave him land on which to found a monastery. By the church in Lichfield St Chad also built a house of retreat, in which he would spend his leisure time with the seven or eight monks who settled there. St Chad died in Lichfield on 2nd March 672 after an illness which lasted seven days and after receiving the final sacraments of the Church.

The Diocese of Shrewsbury covers land formerly belonging to the old Diocese of Lichfield, established by St Chad, and the Diocese of Hereford. St Chad's red cross is incorporated into the Shrewsbury diocesan heraldic crest.

Some of St Chad's relics are in the cathedral of his name in Birmingham and a 7th century manuscript, known as St Chad's Gospel, is preserved in Lichfield cathedral library.

Sanctuaries, shrines Catholics can 'visit' virtually in Europe, Mideast. <https://catholicssentinel.org/Content/Arts/Arts-and-Entertainment/Article/Sanctuaries-shrines-Catholics-can-visit-virtually-in-Europe-Mideast/6/31/40431>
Journeying Together <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/>
Shrewsbury Youth Mission. <https://www.symt.org.uk/>
The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream
Laudato Tree <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-05/laudato-tree-sahel-pope-francis-laudato-si-year.html>
Watch a Mass from home. Live-streaming of Masses Shrewsbury Diocese:
<http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player> Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>
 Prayer resources at: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>. <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> <http://ln54.blogspot.com>
<http://prayasyougo.org/>

Catholic Bishops Conference <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> and latest news <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/>

Prayer for times of Flu or Illness <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/prayer-flu-viruses.pdf>

Stream Father Denis McBride's Mass for the Dead <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY1bOyrcDbw>

Life Helplines and Information can be found at <http://www.dayforlife.org/article/helplines-and-information-2020/>

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Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers overseas and all missionaries who share God's love - they tell us the love and strength they receive from us keeps them going.

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At Missio, we are committed to supporting our sisters and brothers around the world, through any challenges, struggles and hardships. We will continue to work as best we can during this coronavirus pandemic.

<https://missio.org.uk>

We recently held 'Mission Under the Shadow of Covid-19' online sessions and have put together a brief summary of the sessions, together with edited videos of the contributions of our guest speakers, which can be viewed on this page of Missio's website: <https://missio.org.uk/1s/shadow/>

Faith in Action Reflection <https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Faith-in-Action-Reflection-Session-Solidarity.pdf>

Mary, the mother of God, was a loving mother and a model for missionaries. That's why we've created this series of Marian resources. Each resource helps children to deepen their appreciation of Mary and learn how she can help us to become missionaries of God's love too.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/marian-and-mission-rosary/>

Missio World Mission Sunday 18th October

https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS20_Leaflet.pdf

<https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday/world-mission-sunday-2020/>

New Guidelines for attending Mass at St Anne's during Covid 19 Restrictions

The Masses will be celebrated at the following times:

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 9.30 am

Tuesday 10.00 am

Thursday 10.00 am

Numbers inside the church will be limited to approximately 52 people or maybe a few more depending on "household" attendees who can sit together. We urge you to please come to a weekday Mass, if you can, so that those who are working during the week can attend on Saturday or Sunday. Once the capacity of the church has been reached, people will be invited to stand outside or sit outside on chairs which they have brought with them. The doors and windows will be open. Please maintain 2 m apart wherever possible.

- **The wearing of a face covering is compulsory inside church as we are now socially-distancing at 1 metre plus in seating areas. Please provide your own face covering where possible but these are also available in church.**
- **Please sanitise your hands on entry - bring your own if you can but hand sanitiser is available in church.**
- If you have downloaded the NHS Track and Trace app to your phone, you can now scan the QR code which is on the doors in the entrance hall, instead of giving your name to the steward.
- **The church doors will not open until 15 minutes before Mass is due to start. Mass may start a little late if entry to church takes longer than we anticipate. Please do not enter the sacristy for any reason.**
- **Toilets are closed**
- **There is a one-way system inside church and not all benches and chairs are in use so please follow the signs and instructions from the stewards.**
- **Signed Mass cards are available near the entrance. Please do not bring food or drink to church. If necessary, a non-twist top bottle of water may be used. All Newsletters and other items collected in church must be taken away and not left behind.**
- **Please make your weekly offering as you enter church, collection points will be signposted. There will also be collection points at the exits.**
- **Holy Communion will be distributed by one minister: either the celebrant or an extraordinary minister of Communion from a single point. This will be after the Dismissal. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be given and the stewards will direct you. Although the celebration of Mass will be slightly shorter than usual, it will take longer to exit the church so please be patient. Those who have been outside will be invited to receive Holy Communion after those in church. Anybody with mobility difficulties should remain in their seats and Holy Communion will be brought to them once the church is empty. Please also sanitise your hands as you leave.**

At the conclusion of the Eucharist Prayer the priest recites the doxology, Per Ipsum, "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever" words we can look forward to inspiring us once more before joining in responding the great Amen. *Deo gratia.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

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 God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, 'You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry: my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.'

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 17

Response:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

You say grace before meals. All right. But I
say grace before the concert and the opera,
and grace before the play and pantomime,
and grace before I open a book, and grace
before sketching, painting, swimming,
fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing
and grace before I dip the pen in the ink.

G.K. Chesterton