

Sunday 04 November 2018: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it



...[Jesus] underlines the commandment given in today's reading from Deuteronomy, familiar to all faithful Jews as part of their daily prayer: 'You must love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength' – in other words, with your whole being; to love anything in preference to the Lord is idolatry. Jesus is calling his hearers back to the radical faith and trust that so often finds expression in the Old Testament – especially in the prophets and the psalms – a faith and trust that was a true response to the God who had entered into covenant with the chosen people. Jesus goes on, however, to show great originality and wisdom, by linking the 'first' commandment with a 'second': 'You must love your neighbour as yourself' (Lev 19:18)...

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