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Good morning

Life is good. let's take a few moments to appreciate all that we have and to calm and slow ourselves down before we begin.....

We give you thanks and praise for those who have shared their faith with us , for all who have encouraged us in the way of goodness. We ask for your blessing upon them and upon our loved ones and friends. In Jesus name AMEN

Father Simon's prayer for us at St.Andrew's

Almighty God Heavenly Father, we praise your Holy Name and thank you for all the blessings of this life. We ask for your forgiveness of all our failings and weaknesses ; and the assurance of sins forgiven. As we gather here in St Andrews Pollenca, following the example of your First Disciples , may we pray for the Gifts of your. Holy Spirit. That transformed by your love, we may witness to your saving grace amongst all those who live, work and visit in this community. May they see you in us, that together, we may extend your Kingdom in Pollenca. We ask this for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Refection - by Vicky

I love this Gospel reading it has such meaning for our lives. Jesus as ever was so wise as he basically condensed the 10 commandments into 2. This reading does indeed have a very special place in my heart.

I remember many years ago being cajoled into attending the Prayer group at St. Andrew's. I turned up and then continued to do so for many weeks - with closed body language, head down and not saying a word. However eventually it was suggested to me that I lead the following weeks group. Shock! Horror! How could I possibly do that I didn't have enough knowledge to lead a prayer group! Well during the week I prayed, and prayed and eventually felt that I should tackle the 10 commandments. Oh how naive I was! We began the session and it took me six consecutive weeks of leading to cover a 'Simple and well known' subject. In the end Father Roy Greenwood said to me why don't you go away and read the four Gospels this week and see what touches your heart. Never have I speed read with such gusto and lo and behold this particular reading did indeed touch my heart. Wow Jesus' words here are so powerful, so strong and so true.

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Yes, yes absolutely.....I love God.

But love your neighbour as yourself.....I could cope with the love my neighbour, that was anyone I met.....But and what a big but it was.....to love myself? I had always been told that to love myself was selfish and even now I have to take a pause and pray. But God has made each and every one of us in His own image and basically if we don't love ourselves (not a selfish love but a Godly love) then how can we love other people?..... So pause for thought today and give thanks for the wonderful person - yourself - which God created and look for your gifts and give thanks to God. We do indeed need to love ourselves in order to follow the instructions of Jesus and

And 'Love your neighbour as yourself'

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ
AMEN

Blessings

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