

**Week 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July:**

**The Greatest Commandment: Love**

We focus this week upon love as the greatest of gifts and the response that human beings are invited to make to one another and to God.

*Life in all its fullness – John 10:1-10*

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

Say, "If you should love God, then follow me, so God will love you and forgive you your sins. And God is Forgiving and Merciful."

(al 'Imran Q 4:31)

Those who have loved are those that have found God.

(Guru Nanak)

**Reflection**

"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."

(Mark 12.30-31)

Merciful and compassionate God,  
you shower your goodness upon us:  
grant us to cherish your love in our hearts  
that we may practise kindness  
in the care we show to others,  
both friends and strangers,  
for your love's sake. Amen.

Love: 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	
Monday	"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. " --Mother Teresa
Tuesday	"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive. " --Dalai Lama
Wednesday	"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us. " --Helen Keller
Thursday	"Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, we will have discovered fire. " --Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
Friday	"Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place. " --Zora Neale Hurston