

Dear Friends,

Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ summed up the Ten Commandments given by God through Moses to the Hebrews in purposes of God two simple and clear statements. The first is to love God with all our being; and the second is to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. It is therefore our solemn duty as Christians, not only to love and worship God, but also to love and serve our fellowmen, referred to as our 'neighbours.' This means that we must all be very aware of what is happening around us, and exercise our Christian witness.

Listening to the news or reading about it, when possible, is essential for Christians. Our Lord Christ Jesus is the only Saviour of mankind and of the world, and is therefore concerned with every aspect of living and life, indeed of the whole creation, because it is through Him 'all things were made', as we profess every Sunday in the Nicene Creed.

There is no other God than the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity. All other concepts of God, however lofty or grand, though sincerely and devoutly believed, are, in the end the concept of man's imagination, based on glimpses of his origin. No creature can completely understand its Creator, if it could, it would, in reality, be the creator. Mankind, whom we know, through revelation, was made in the image of God our Creator, is a rational being and a seeker after truth with the deep desire to know God and all His works. Whatever good there is in mankind comes from God through His Holy Spirit in His gift of Humanity. We can only know of God what He has revealed to us. Jesus Christ is God's human face, the eternal word made flesh in order to speak in human language, so that we may begin to understand and respond, to Truth and the purposes of God in His Being and loving creation.

We are fast becoming a nation of greed, envy, revenge and irreligion, the end of which will be disaster, unless we awake out of our sleep of apathy, and indiscriminate tolerance.

Last month I gave an incorrect address for the website of Christian Concern For Our Nation, founded by barrister Andrea Minichiello Williams. The correct address is: <http://www.ccfon.org>. Please look it up if you are on the Internet.

Your Priest & Friend,

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"It profits us nothing to be peaceful toward all men if we be at war with God; it is no good to us if all men approve and the Lord be offended; neither is there any danger though all men shun and hate us, if with God we find acceptance and love." *St. John Chrysostom (c. 347-407) Patriarch of Constantinople.*