

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18.

To be holy, to be like God, is to love one's neighbour.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23.

We are temples of the Spirit and we belong to God.

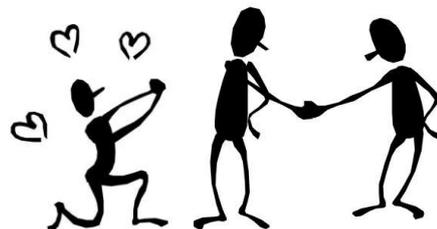
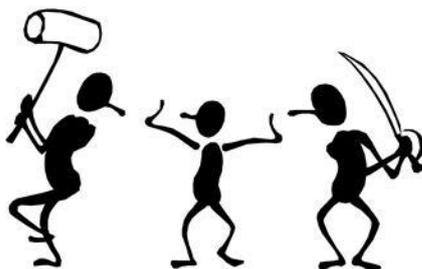
Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48.

A follower of Christ has to love all men and women without exception.



Points for Reflection

1. Some people talk as if the Old Testament is all about God's anger and vengeance. If they read it more, they would see how false this is. Today in the brief **Reading from Leviticus**, from what is called the Code of Holiness, we are told that God's people were to be like God - a holy people, therefore a loving people.
2. The New Testament makes our relationship with God more intimate. In **today's Gospel** Jesus tells his followers that, as children of the Father, we have to imitate his love, which does not limit itself to good people only. In the same way we must not limit our love to those who love and respect us. In our striving for holiness we have to make an effort which involves more than ordinary good nature and good fellowship.
3. This may make demands of us which lead to the foolishness of God mentioned by St Paul in today's **Second Reading**. This may seem madness to those who are not aware of what God demands, but this foolishness is preferred by God to worldly wisdom.



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