

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *Isaiah 45:1.4-6*
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial *Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v. 7*
(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1.O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples
2.The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’ He will judge the peoples in fairness.

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love. From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action,

worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15. 16
Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 22:15-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God’s. The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

The Gospel of the Lord
R Praise to you lord Jesus Christ

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Whose Image and Likeness?

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. *They* are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, ‘Whose image is it and whose inscription?’ They said to him, ‘Caesar’s’. Then he said to them: ‘Render to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.’ The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, ‘Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.’ We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: ‘Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, *and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.*’ (Italics added) We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, ‘Child of God’, effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

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NEEDS OF LAY CATHOLICS TODAY

What do adult lay Catholics need today to help them live a committed Catholic life amid the circumstances of modern society? To find out and to help improve their services to our Archdiocese, the Canberra Circle of The Catenians, an international association of lay Catholics, is conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey.

Please help by completing this brief, anonymous, tick-box survey via this URL or QR code. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGMW>

Contact: Phil Murray, President, Canberra Catenians 0419 695 927 or phil13murray@gmail.com



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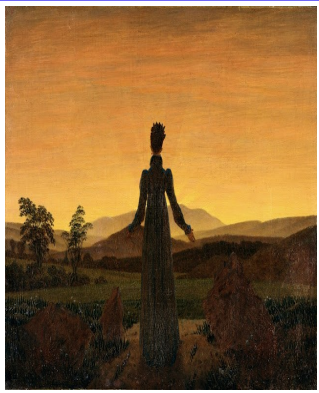


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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Upcoming Events

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and
1st Saturday of the month @ 9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass

Wrap With Love
WEDNESDAY 25TH
October 1pm CMR
All are welcome

Croatian Mass
Wednesday 1st November
@ 11am

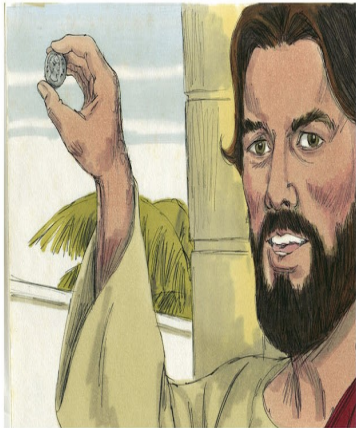
Craft Group Thursdays
10am

ADORATION TUESDAYS
@ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays
after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All are welcome

“...Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God belongs to God.”

Whilst Jesus didn’t actually answer the question posed by the Pharisees and the Herodians “Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” (Matthew 22:17) the response He gave was interesting, if not a tad oblique. He recognised the malice and hypocrisy behind the question and His answer was challenging, requiring some introspection and discernment.



Perhaps the ‘scenario’ could be described as being akin to, or similar to a “dual citizenship”. Our birth made us citizens of an earthly nation and our Baptism made us citizens of a heavenly kingdom. The readings remind us today, and even highlight that sometimes they overlap, but we need to live out both of these citizenships responsibly. The Gospel story is about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with God. We are challenged and reminded that we are to somehow create a balance between secular and spiritual/civil and religious. Such decisions require careful navigation and sometimes we become aware of the melding of dual citizenship.

Living as a disciple necessitates discerning the right actions in both secular and spiritual realms. We are asked to be GENUINE in both duties without being hypocritical - in other words respond to the call to lead an authentic life, understanding and acknowledging our responsibilities in the secular world but making sure our spiritual commitments are not compromised.

We are brought back to the word “image” and what it means and how apparent/obvious is the image? Perhaps our image of Caesar has been replaced by ideas of “possessions, prestige, religious and national bigotry”(Michael Fallon). God’s stamp on us is often hidden but can never be truly lost. A quote from an Ancient Christian Writer (unnamed) states “The image of God is not depicted on gold but is imaged in humanity i.e. human beings”.

The challenge for us could be many and varied such as
How do I prioritise/ balance my commitments?
How do I discern what I owe to worldly commitments and to my spiritual ones?
Is there room for growth?
How much importance do I give the image I reveal in my relationships?

The first two readings offer hope and comfort. Isaiah emphasises God’s omnipotence- He can work through any of us in any situation, reminding us of His presence and influence, but we need to accept Him.

The reading from Thessalonians gives us an example of genuine faith which actively engages with the world. We are reminded again of the role of the Spirit who emboldens us, assures us and again if we allow it, be the source of our conviction.

“Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God”.

Ken and Carolyn Evenden.



MASS THIS WEEK

Monday 23rd October

Sunday 29th October

Monday 23rd: No Mass
Tuesday 24th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm
Wednesday 25th: Mass 9am
Thursday 26th: Mass 9am
Friday 27th: Mass 9am
Saturday 28th: Mass 6pm
Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm
Sunday 29th: Mass 9am

Fr Dominic will celebrate Mass Saturday 21st October at 6pm and Sunday 22nd @ 9am. Fr Walter will celebrate Mass on Wednesday 25th October @ 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

21/22 OCTOBER
Cleaning
23-28 M deSmet/J Maher

6.00PM MASS
Welcomer B Oerder
Commentator P O'Kelly
Reader P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers
J Wain
Computer Screen ,
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer L Foran
Commentator M Lowe
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers
C Schor, D Herring
Computer Screen D May..

MORNING TEA:
M & S Beashel/L Foran

28/29 OCTOBER

Cleaning
30/10-3/11 B Coffey/M Paine

6.00PM MASS
Welcomer C Brownlie
Commentator M Bridges
Reader J Quigley
Eucharistic Ministers
L Rodwell
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer L Page
Commentator: B Basevi
Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic Ministers
M & C Lowe
Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:
J Barroman/G

FRIENDS OF MARANATHA SPRING SALE *Monday 23rd October*

A fundraiser to be held at Maranatha Lodge
10.30am—1pm

Sale of pre-loved clothes for that special occasion.

Morning Tea is provided and there will be a special raffle

You are invited to the **DIACONATE ORDINATION**
for **Mr MARK HA**
On FRIDAY 3RD November @5pm, St Christopher's Cathedral
FORREST ACT 2603
RSVP by October 25th:
marcokhoithang@gmail.com or 0455288442

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop

will be at the home of Nola & Bernie Beatty on
Tuesday Nov 14 from 10am – 11am.
All welcome. Enquiries: Nola 0410 629 416

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs.

'This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict.'
Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia

With your support, we will be able to help our partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or
phone 1800 024 413

A BLESSING to open the newly refurbished part of the school will be held **ON MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER @11.30AM @ St Bernard's School . All welcome**

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the parish
e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details
are as follows:

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Catholic Mission

Mission Sunday

Today is Mission Sunday when the Church commemorates the work of missionaries around the world.

Catholic Mission is holding its Annual Parish Appeal to help support its work.
This year there is a particular focus on the work of the Salesian Sisters who operate a health clinic and vocational school in Venilale in Timor-Leste.

Please join the people around Australia who contribute to Catholic Mission.

Envelopes are available for cash or credit card donations, or you can donate on-line. If you like you can take an envelope home and bring it back next week.

ZOOM ROSARY

You are invited to join us for an ongoing Rosary via Zoom.

TO JOIN:

Meeting No: 697 896 105g
Password: 8Py80J

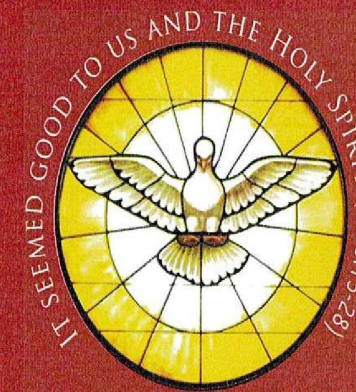
Every Wednesday & Friday @ 4pm
Every night @ 8.30pm

Remembering the Sick:

Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Laurence Foran, Julie Morgan, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Julie McDonald, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, Dan Quigley, Maree O'Brien, Rees De Winter, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Nita Gorzalka, Linda Russell



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in his
consolations.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

OCTOBER

For the Synod

**We pray for the Church,
that she may adopt
listening and dialogue as a
lifestyle at every level, and
allow herself to be guided
by the Holy Spirit towards
the peripheries of the world.**



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