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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

**17TH & 18TH OCTOBER,
2020**

WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

WEEKEND MASSES

You are now invited to attend Mass every week at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell you are advised not to attend Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM

You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.

Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.

RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT

Please contact Fr Chris on his mobile 0415 505 594 to make an appointment.

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS
PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

100



**PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER
LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.**

As per government regulations, please observe the 4 square metre rule.

Please note that hand sanitiser is available at the Church entrances for use upon entering and exiting the Church.



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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

Sacrament of Confirmation

Welcome back!

It has certainly been a very 'different' time for us all!

The Confirmation Program for all children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist in 2019 will commence soon in our parish. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, and to keep within the strict Government guidelines, we have had to make some changes to the program.

THERE WILL NOT BE A PARENT INFORMATION MEETING.

Instead, you are required to

pick up your child's enrolment pack on Wednesday 4th November between 6.30-7.30pm from the church.

Please note that all the information needed will be included in the pack.

**Thank You dear parishioners for your ongoing financial support to the parish.
Your generosity is helping with the ongoing running expenses of our parish.**

Planned Giving...

Could you please contact the Parish Office if you are:

- ♦ contributing to the Planned Giving Programme via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ♦ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme.

Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

Parish Office Hours

If you need to visit the office please call first to ensure that someone is there. Please leave a message if we don't answer and we'll get back to you. You are also welcome to email. In the case of an emergency please contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

November Book of Remembrance...



You are welcome to give names of those to be remembered during Masses in the November Book of Remembrance.

November Offering envelopes are available at the entrance and exit of the church. Please print the names of people clearly on the envelope and then either place the envelope in the collection baskets at the entrance and exit or drop it into the Parish Office. The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week and displayed.

Please understand that with the number of loved ones especially remembered in November, we will focus any public mention of names at Masses on current losses and where there is an anniversary of loss.

Please note that the names will not be carried over from last year. Only names that are passed on to us this year will be included.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Anniversaries:

Richard Savill (22/09/97), Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey, Margaret & James Vella,

Recently Deceased:

Jeanette Rogers (04/10), Renato Rosales Snr, Paul Xiberras

And for those who are sick:

Leonard Ash, Pauline Rugg, Mary Pilley, Joan Schneider

If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.



PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE WHO ARE STREAMING MASS

PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured
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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/

Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment, receive you sacramentally,
please come spiritually into my heart.*



The Living Word

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th October, 2020

First Reading

Is 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

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. **(R.)**

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. **(R.)**

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. **(R.)**

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.)**



Second Reading

1 Thes 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:15. 16

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

Gospel

Mt 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.'



Different View – A simple question?

This gospel passage is sometimes interpreted as Jesus' endorsement of the Christian responsibility to state authorities. It has been interpreted as affirming the obligation to pay taxes and participate in the processes of government. In fact, Jesus neatly avoided the direct question put to him and never gave a response to the question of paying taxes. Rather, he made the question a much broader one and reminded people that their first obligation was to God, not the state. It is an excellent example of the need for critical interpretation of scripture. A simple, literal reading of this text leads us to drawing simple, literal conclusions about whether or not we should be paying taxes.

Scriptural context – Jesus & the Pharisees

The gospel of Matthew tends to treat the Pharisees rather harshly. In fact they had more in common with Jesus' style of teaching than other religious groups of the time and some have suggested that Jesus may even have been quite closely associated with the Pharisees. The role of the Pharisees was to interpret the Torah – the Law – for everyday people. They were teachers and preachers who often had a group of disciples who were their followers. The community in which the gospel of Matthew was written regarded the Pharisees harshly because they saw Jesus – not the Pharisees – as the rightful interpreter of the Law.

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

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.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October



The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Why did the Pharisees send their disciples to ask Jesus about paying taxes?
- * In what ways were the Pharisees' men 'hypocrites' as Jesus called them?
- * What can we interpret from Jesus' words, 'give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God'?
- * In today's world, how can we give to God what belongs to God?

Questions for Adults

- * The Pharisees deliberately set out to trap Jesus. Why did they fear him?
- * How can we apply today Jesus' words, 'give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God'?
- * What are some of the 'obligations' of society that 'get in the way' of giving to God what belongs to God?
- * In what ways can you better give to God what belongs to God?

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * In today's Gospel who are the people who planned to trick Jesus?
- * What did the Pharisees say to Jesus?
- * What did Jesus say to them?
- * Jesus says that we can serve God and serve our country at the same time.
- * We can be good Australians and New Zealanders by respecting others. How do we show respect for all people?
- * How can we serve God by being a good Australian or New Zealander?

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Give to God what belongs to God

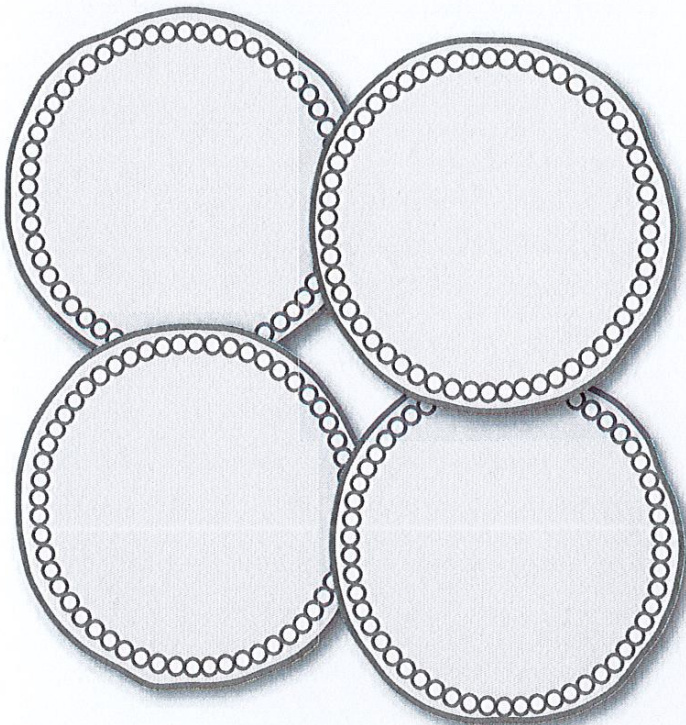


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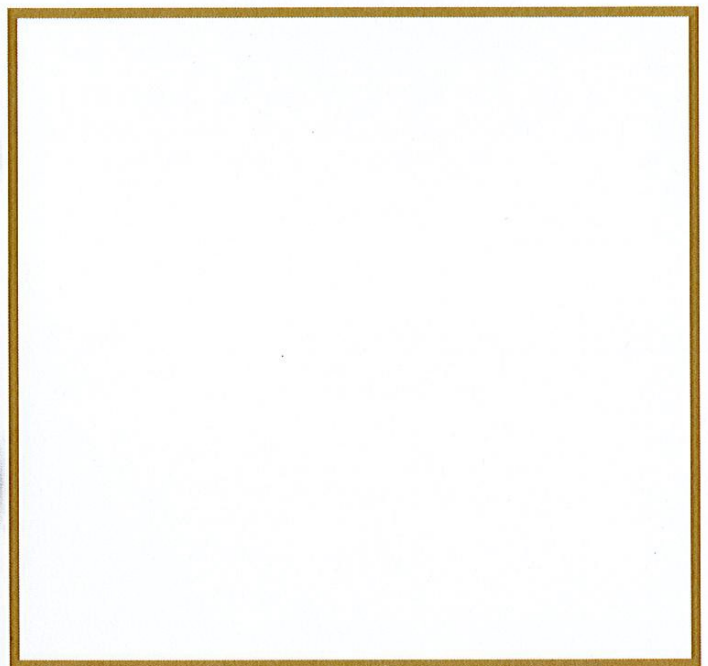
Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar...

Jesus believed that people should obey the law and pay their taxes to the Romans. What are some laws or rules that we must obey?

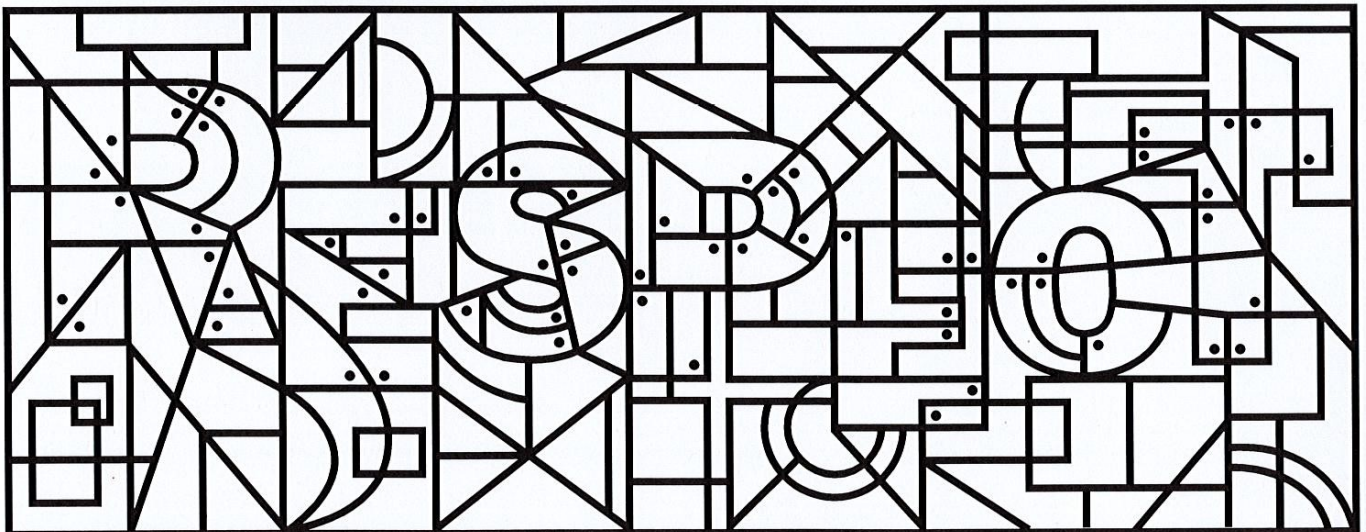


Give to God what belongs to God.

Jesus tells us that we belong to God. We can give ourselves to God by following Jesus' teachings and loving others as he did. Draw a picture of yourself doing something as Jesus would have done.



Colour in the shapes that contain dots to reveal something that Jesus wants us to show others.



Parramatta Diocesan News

HSC Livestream Event

Sunday 18th October

Year 12's, their families and supporters across the Diocese are invited to share in a 30 minute LIFTED experience on Sunday 18th October at 8pm with Bishop Vincent. It will include a blessing, music and numerous messages of support from Year 6 students, parish priests and Catholic Youth Parramatta. Tune in at <https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra>

Catholic Youth Parramatta

Engaging Young People in New Ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

Office for Worship RCIA Introduction and Overview Workshop: 26 October

The Office for Worship will be running a workshop: "RCIA: An Introduction and Overview of the RCIA Process" for RCIA coordinators & teams on the evening of Monday 26 October at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP by 22 October, or if you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org. Please note, there will be limited spacing due to social distancing.

Office for Worship Resources available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative - *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

Mary MacKillop Canonisation Anniversary

On Saturday 17 October, Australia celebrates the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no formal celebrations at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney for the anniversary, however, the Sisters of St Joseph invite you to celebrate this occasion by engaging with the resources available on www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/.

Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone who has questions regarding marriage annulments. Please direct all enquires to the Tribunal office on 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org. The office is open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm.

Social Justice COVID-19

Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

CatholicCare is still open and operational

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains services remain open and operational during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Individual offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing/telehealth and online. Some programs are continuing to run groups via video conference. To make a referral, call (02) 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email - enquiries@ccss.org.au or visit ccss.org.au.

Natural Fertility Services is still open

Following COVID-19 restrictions, Natural Fertility Services has reintroduced face-to-face instruction. We will, however, continue with Zoom meetings as this has enabled more couples access to information. We have educators available to teach any of the three methods of Natural Family Planning. If you would like more information, or to book an appointment, please contact Catherine via email catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or call 0400 427 605.

Rachel's Vineyard Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held 4th to 6th December 2020. Rachel's Vineyard has created a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you. To enquire, call their confidential number 0400 092 555 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.au


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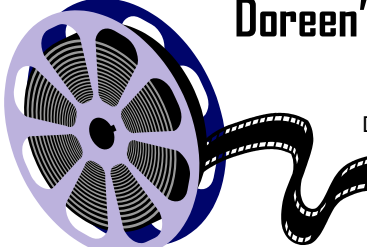
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