

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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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18 OCTOBER 2020

OBEDIENCE TO GOD

Having entered Jerusalem as its messianic King, Jesus is drawn into a power struggle with representatives of various groups who, under the overall control of the Romans, currently wield power. To remove the threat he poses, they need to portray him to the Romans as dangerous and, at the same time, to lessen his authority with the people.

The tax question is a perfect stratagem to achieve these ends. If Jesus supports the payment of the unpopular poll tax, he will lose standing with the people; if he forbids payment, he risks being identified with groups rebellious towards Rome and so of appearing as a threat to peace and public order.

Jesus' majestic response not only frees him from the dilemma, it actually goes onto the offensive. By requiring *them* to produce a coin with Caesar's image on it he shows them up as already collaborating with the Romans. They carry around the offensive coinage. He does not.

Then his dual 'Render ...' instruction throws the dilemma back upon them. They had set the issue simply in terms of obligation to Rome; they had not brought God into the equation at all. Jesus takes possession of the religious and moral high ground by setting responsibility to the civil power (which he does not deny) within the broader and higher framework of obedience to God.

We can find here the beginnings of the later Christian sense of the separation of Church and State. We also have a recognition that believers have responsibilities in both realms that oblige in conscience before God.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Isa 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.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**



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.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 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.**



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church Inverell
 Saturday 6.00pm
 Sunday 9.00am

Monday, Tuesday and 1st Saturday 9.30am
 Wednesday and Thursday 12 noon
 1st Friday Mass and Benediction 12 noon
 First Wednesday Anointing Mass (suspended) 12 noon

McLean Village Each Friday except 1st Friday 11.00am
 (suspended)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday 8.15am - 9.15am
 Sunday 8.00am - 8.30am

Tingha St. Francis' Church Saturday 4.00pm
Ashford St Patrick's Church 1st & 3rd Sunday 11.00am

Bundarra St Mary of the Angels 2nd & 4th Sun 11.00am

Yetman St Joseph the Worker 5th Sunday 11.30am

Baptism (Saturday only) 11am;
Marriages and Funerals by Appointment
For emergencies please phone 0428-126703

 **PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

THE HOLY MONTH OF THE ROSARY

MON 19th Oct	Rosary Communion service	9.00am 9.30am
TUE 20th Oct	Rosary Mass	9.00am 9.30am
WED 21st Oct	Rosary Mass	11.30am 12 noon
THUR 22nd Oct	Rosary Mass	11.30am 12 noon
FRI 23rd Oct	School Mass	9.15am
SAT 24th Oct	No morning mass	

During Covid 19 restrictions, attendance at weekday Mass fulfils your Sunday obligations.

OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION
 We as a PARISH, try to live out our
VISION: To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.
MISSION: To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and blessings we have and to be instruments of the Gospel message.

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Increase in vocations from Sacred Heart Parish in Centenary year of Canonisation of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Souls in Purgatory, Richard Neilson, Patricia Durkin.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK
 Wayne Jones, Emma Donaldson, Wayne Lackey, Tony Starr, Mary Kramer, Leo Germany, Baby Isabel Akhil, Terry Hopgood, Joan Hiscox, Paul Saint, Kerrie O'Keefe, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nichols) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbiggin, Bob Kneipp. Brian Barker, Dorothy Ball, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Agnes Hannigan **and the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.**

We Pray for the Recently Deceased & for the Anniversaries of
 John Portass, Betty Joan Cook, Veronica Walker, Betty Meehan (mother of Di Noble), Dennis Caringal (Brother of Ronnie Redondo) Ron Hedley (brother of Sister Coral), Sister Jan Cetta RSJ, Elizabeth Khoury (niece of Eileen Hanna), Barbara Haefey, Kevin William James, Peter Koch (brother of Pat Bailey).
Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR OCTOBER
 Maree Chie & Mary Middleton

COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR OUR PARISH
Mass attendance and Weddings: One person per 4 square metre distance. The Sacred Heart Church can accommodate 100 worshippers at a time.
Funerals: up to 50 attendees without the 4 square metre rule, provided 'non-household' contacts can maintain 1.5 metre physical distance. Maximum 100. Please sit in the **Allocated Seats** to observe Social Distancing regulations.
Contact Sheets: placed at each opened entrance to the Church. Parishioners attending the Church are required to record their full names. Visitors are required to record their name and contact details. This is a health tracing requirement in case of a Corona Virus outbreak. The sheets will be removed after each Mass and kept confidential.
If you are unwell please stay at home.
If you require Home Communion contact the office.

**18TH OCTOBER 2020 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A
 HOLY MONTH OF THE ROSARY & CATHOLIC MISSIONS**

THE HOLY ROSARY AT ALL CHURCH SERVICES DURING OCTOBER
 Every day during the month of October, the Holy Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before each Mass. All are invited to join in.

HOME ROSARY
 Tingha Bernie & Colleen Graham
 11 Diamond Street
Wednesday 21st October at 4.30pm
 (Every Wednesday)

Inverell Fred & Jeanette Rennie
 48 A Bennett Street
Wednesday 28th October at 4.00pm



CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL
 This Sunday Mass is the Catholic Mission Appeal which focuses on the work of the Church in Cambodia in reaching out to those who have been affected by disability, and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life. Thank you for your support.

PRAYER TO GOD FOR HELP
 God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us your sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and bodies. Look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief. Deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil. We ask this through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, and Saint Joseph, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELL WISHES FOR A VALUED PARISHIONER
 We bid farewell to our valued parishioner Angela Putzolu and her husband and wish them well in their new home and Parish with all our blessings and prayers.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
 The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for dedicated parishioners to support the work of Father James and the Parish. Nominations will be called for on the weekends of 10th & 11th Oct, 17th & 18th Oct and 24th & 25th Oct. Nomination forms can be collected from the entry to the Church and submitted to the Parish Office or given directly to Father at Mass times. Elections will be held on the weekend of 31 Oct/1 Nov.

PARISH SECRETARY
 We welcome long time Parishioner June Turner as our new Parish Secretary and extend our appreciation to Marion Fitzgerald in that role during the last few months. God bless them.

Due to Covid19 we have suspended some of our Ministries and reduced numbers rostered in others. Thank you for understanding.

ROSTER	17th OCT—SAT 6PM	18th OCT—SUN 9AM	24th OCT—SAT 6PM	25th OCT—SUN 9AM
GREETERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTOR	SIMON SMITH	DIANE BRYANT	JO KELLY	RHONDA MCGREGOR
READERS	JO KELLY	MARY JANE GUEST	PAT MATHER	BOB MCGRATH
COMMENTATOR	PAT MATHER	MARGARET ROBINSON	NOELA TURNER	MARY-JANE GUEST
GIFTS	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
COMMUNION MINISTER	SR CORAL	JENNIFER M,ONIE	PAULINE CROFT	ROEL GASCON
ALTAR SERVERS	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
MUSIC MINISTRY	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
CANTOR				
COLLECTION	Collection baskets	are at each of the	entrances to the	Church. Thank you.
MORNING TEA	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
COUNTERS		G. FLEMING, & G. CHIE		G HENRY, T NEWBERRY