

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 22:15-21**

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**

**CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH**

Catholic Mission provides project support to critical church-run initiatives in remote diocese within Australia, Africa, Asia, Oceania and South America.

Donation envelopes are available from the foyer of the church.

A special collection will be held at the mass next Sunday.



The month of November has traditionally been dedicated to the prayers of the deceased.

Please collect the November envelope and write the names of your loved ones you wish to pray for. A daily mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

**BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

In today’s Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus’ response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar’s image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus’ response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?



# Parish Bulletin

**29th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A**

**21-22 Oct 2023**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

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**

**Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10**

**Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.**

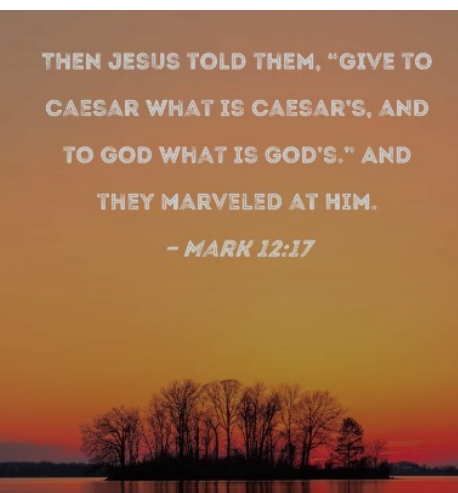
- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**
- The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R**
- Give 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 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

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.**



**SERVING GOD THROUGH CIVIL SOCIETY**

The kingdom of God is already present in our world. It is here that we practice the kingdom values of justice, honesty, love and compassion. It is here that we show our faith in action, work for love and persevere in hope. When we contribute to the well-being of civil society we are promoting the kingdom of God.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Psalm 16:6, 8**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.



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**Mass Times**

Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

**Confessions**

Saturday 6:00 pm

**Rosary**

Tues to Fri 8:45am

**Adoration of the Eucharist**

Friday before Mass 8:30am

**Novena to St. Joseph**

Wednesday after Mass

**St. Joseph's Primary School**

Principal - Adrian Grbin  
Ph: 8431 2834

**Knights of the Southern Cross**

Michael Boyle Ph: 8337 3270

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Chair – Alan Tyson

**Parish Finance Council**

Chair -Edward Konieczny

**Child Safe Contact Person**

Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

**Vinnies Assistance Hotline**

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—28-29 Oct 2023 30th Sunday Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Richard Dale Stephanie Roach
Children's Liturgy	Tania Loro Montin Angela Mealey
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	14-15 Oct 2023
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$513.00
Open Plate	\$282.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$795.00</b>

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$545.00

**Ladies Lunch**  
**Sunday 12 Nov 2023**  
**Time: 12:30pm**  
**Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Birkinshaw Ave**

*The Knights of the Southern Cross, Hectorville-Tranmere Branch, is inviting all ladies to join the Ladies Lunch. The Cost is \$25 each. The funds raised will go to the Vinnies. Please write your name on the sheet at the door by Sunday 5 Nov. Michael Boyle 8337 3270 Otto Moscon 0437 927 837*



**Please remember in your prayers**

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Death Anniversary:

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

**Sick:**  
*We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.*

**If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.**

**Pope Francis @pontifex**  
War does not resolve any problem. It only sows death and destruction, increases hate, multiplies vengeance. War erases the future. I exhort believers to take only one side in this conflict: the side of peace—not in word, but in prayer.



**ALL SAINTS DAY**  
**Wednesday, 1st November**  
9:15am Holy mass

**ALL SOULS DAY**  
**Thursday, 2nd November**  
9:15am Holy mass  
10:00am School mass

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  
The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having Sausage Sizzle after 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 22 Oct**

**\$2.50**

**Parish Announcements**

**PRO-LIFE MASS AND ROSARY FRIDAY OCT 27**  
St Francis of Assisi Parish, 59 Newton Rd, Newton  
7:00pm – Mass  
7:30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary  
9:30pm - Benediction

**WEEKEND RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY**  
A Retreat will be led by Fr Denis Travers CP on Fri evening and Saturday of November the 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The retreat theme is: Jesus the Healing Compassion of God The input and prayer times will explore Jesus as the revelation of God's deep desire to respond to our pain and bring us to wholeness at every level of our lives and our world. The Retreat begins on Friday evening and concludes Saturday afternoon. \$170 includes all meals and accommodation for the retreat. Please book on 8338 8700 or conference@themonastery.net.au All are welcome.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, CLERGY & RELIGIOUS**  
Wed November 15 at 5.45pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral  
All are welcome to attend a Mass in honour of all deceased Bishops, Clergy and Religious in our Archdiocese.  
For more information contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or via email events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

**LEFEVRE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
Personal Prayer – refreshing our experience.  
Presenter Fr Roderick O'Brien. Sunday October 29, 4-5pm. Lefevre Catholic Community meeting rooms, 253 Military Road, Semaphore. Each participant will receive a copy of Personal Prayer: Living in Love with God by John Trenchard CSsR (subject to availability). Enquiries to Fr Roderick P: 8449 6378.

**Pastoral Council AGM · 11am Sun 22 Oct 2023**

The Annual General Meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held at 11am on Sunday 22 Oct 2023 in the Parish Hall. We have several vacancies on the Pastoral Council. The Council only meets once every two months, for about 1.5 hours, so it doesn't involve a lot of work. It would be good to have some new members, with fresh ideas. Please consider nominating for the Council, perhaps with the support of others if you are a member of an ethnic faith community. Speak to me if you want any further details. We look forward to having a good attendance at the AGM. All are welcome.

Alan Tyson, Chair, Parish Pastoral Council, 0412 389 875

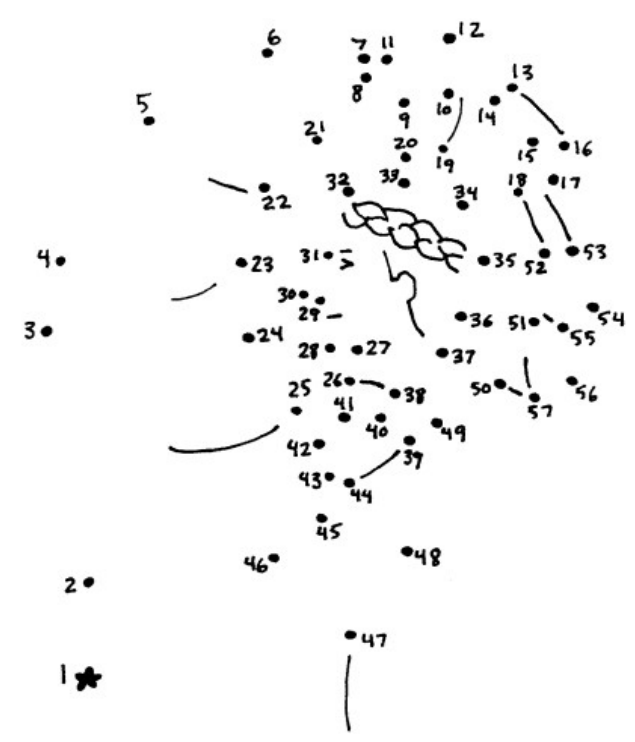
**UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

9 KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER  
10 CONTACT WITH PARENTS ACROSS COUNTRIES  
11 PROTECTION FROM KIDNAPPING  
12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS

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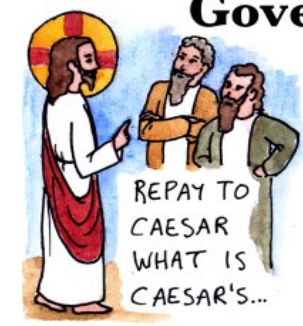
**The Kids' Bulletin**

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 22nd, 2023



*In today's Gospel reading, some men asked Jesus if it was right to pay tax. What did Jesus ask them to show Him? Connect the dots to find out!*

**Should we Obey the Government?**



The Pharisees in today's Gospel reading were trying to trick Jesus and make Him say something wrong. They asked Him whether they should pay taxes to the pagan emperor. If He said no then He would be speaking against the emperor, but if He said yes then it would seem like He was saying that it was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans.

But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's,) so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God.

We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws. Can you think of some laws that the government makes that are for our good?



Answers to math puzzle: words are in this order: 8:Lord, 5:song, 6:sing, 9:lands, 7:flory, 2:nations, 3:peoples, 4:deeds.