

29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A **22 OCTOBER 2023**

Reflection

In this passage, we witness a remarkable encounter between Jesus and the Pharisees. They, in an attempt to entangle Him in a divisive question, ask if it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. This question is not merely about currency; it represents a broader



dilemma of loyalty and allegiance. Jesus' response, "give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's," carries profound implications for our lives. At its core, this verse encourages us to find a balance between our earthly duties and our spiritual devotion. We live in a world where we must comply with societal norms, follow laws, and fulfill civic duties. In this sense, we are "giving to Caesar what is Caesar's. "However, the verse also highlights the greater truth that everything ultimately belongs to God. Our souls, our purpose, our very existence is divinely ordained. So, as we reflect on this passage, we're reminded that while we live in a material world, we must not lose sight of our spiritual calling. Whether it's in our professional lives, our relationships, or our contributions to society we should strive to honour God in all that we do. This passage also reminds us of the importance of discernment. Just as Jesus displayed wisdom in His response, we should approach the complexities of life with discernment, guided by our faith.

Dear Lord.

as we face the challenges and joys of each day, grant us the wisdom to discern your will and the courage to follow it. Help us to find the strength to fulfill our earthly responsibilities while never losing sight of our spiritual journey. May our actions be a reflection of your love, grace and purpose in our lives. Guide us to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to you what is yours, always with a heart full of gratitude and faith. Amen.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS - Wednesday, November 1st at 9:15am

ALL SOULS MASS - Thursday, November 2nd at 9:am and 7: 30pm

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:30 pm, for the families who lost their loved ones during the last 12 months.

MASS TIMES:

Week Days: Wed, Thu, Fri 9.15am Weekends: Sat 6pm, Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

RECONCILIATION Contact Fr Jerald or Fr Samuel at the Parish office

Tuesday—Friday 9am to 3.30pm **Telephone:** 9763 7302 Email: scoresby@cam.org.au Website: pol.org.au/scoresby

OUR PARISH OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS:

Parish Priest: **Rev Jerald Mariadas** jerald.mariadas@cam.org.au

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SERVICES

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PARISH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St Jude's Primary Mr Tim McMullen 8761 9600 Holy Trinity Primary Mr Adrian Scutt 9801 8296 St Mary's College for the Deaf Ms Amanda Purcell 9800 2733 Mater Christi College Ms Maria Haggett 9754 6611 St Joseph's College Ms Cathy Livingston 9758 2000



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.

Second Reading: 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.

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.'

Viv's Recare

Today, after Mass, Brain Crowley will address the St Jude's community about Viv's Re Care

A visit to the Blessed Sacrament

Do not fear, ask for much. I love generous hearts, which, forgetting themselves, wish well to others We usually are open from Tuesday-Friday, 9am-3.30pm

We ask for the peace and grace of Eternal Life for those whose memories are sacred to us at this time especially:

Edna Dwyer, Edna King, Francisco Fernandes, Jim Saundry, Martin White, Johanna Boek, Clement Hettiarachchi, Marlene Mottau, Bill Perazzo, Pedro Galang, Savia Aubreu, Zenaida Espino, Robert Mackay





Gratitude to Prema Pinto for her dedicated work on completing the new reading roster. The new roster has been emailed to all the readers, and printed copies can be found in the sacristy for your convenience.

St Jude's Parish—Liturgy Roster 30th Sunday Ordinary Time—Year A

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Oct 28/29	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am		
Celebrant	Fr Samuel Pearson	Fr Samuel Pearson	Fr Samuel Pearson		
Readers:	Max Connors	Sr Ljudmila Anzic	Louise Cooper		
	Ann Doyle	Sharlynn Arulanandam	Frank McCulloch		
Mass Projector	Diyen Hettiarachi	Megan Pinto	Audrey/Isabelle Raj		
Children's Liturgy	Inggrid & Melanie				
Altar Society	Cora Lijnders				
Church Cleaner	Filomena Uberti & Lucille Everetts				
Thank you to all those who "Serve the Lord with Joy" by participating in these rosters.					
Please view the COVID Safe Plan for St Jude's displayed on the entry doors of the church. or via the parish website pol.org.au./Scoresby					



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Thank you to those who volunteered last week for the Baptism Preparation. Your time is greatly appreciated. We need an additional 1 to 2 volunteers to join the team. Together, let's continue to strengthen our faith community.

To sign up please enter your contact details on the 'Baptism Preparation Volunteers' spreadsheet on the table in the foyer or contact **Fr Jerald** via email Jerald.mariadas@cam.org.au or call 0452567623



WELCOMING COMMITTEE

We are looking for people to Welcome parishioners to the church with a warm smile and distribute the bulletin. It's a great way to create a friendly and inviting atmosphere in the church. We need 4 people for each mass:

Saturday 6pm Mass Sunday 8.30am Mass and 10.30am Mass

To sign up enter your contact details on the "Welcome Committee" spreadsheet on the table in the foyer or contact Sr Ljudmila on 0410949056

ALTAR SERVER

We're looking for people to be Altar Servers! This is also a wonderful way for those who have had their first communion to get involved in St Jude's community. To sign up enter your contact details on the "Alter Server" spreadsheet on the table in the foyer or contact Fr Samuel via email Samuel.pearson@cam.org.au or Fr Jerald email jerald.mariadas@cam.org.au or call Ida on 97637302



FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Featuring:

FR DAVID LEMEWU MGL

St Joseph's Church, Chelsea, VIC Saturday 4th, November 7:15 PM

Join us for a night of entertainment, inspiration, joy, good food, and socializing.

For more info & booking https://www.trybooking.com/CMJVF cogtheatregroup@gmail.com



We are looking for parishioners or if you know of someone who may be interested who loves playing either the **piano** or the **drums** to come and join a friendly group of musicians to play at our weekend masses. We are hoping to organise a roster to play on monthly basis.

If you would like to share your gift of music, please contact: Xavier on 0448 766 705 or contact the Parish Office on 9763 7302 or email Scoresby@cam.org

Each year at St Joseph's College, we hold a memorial mass praying for our deceased loved ones. We warmly invite all members of the St Jude's community to please join us on this day. **Date:** Thursday 26th of October **Time:** 7pm-9pm **Location:** St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully, Chapel **RSVP:** Bronwnyn Dean, email: bdean@stiosephs.com.au



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