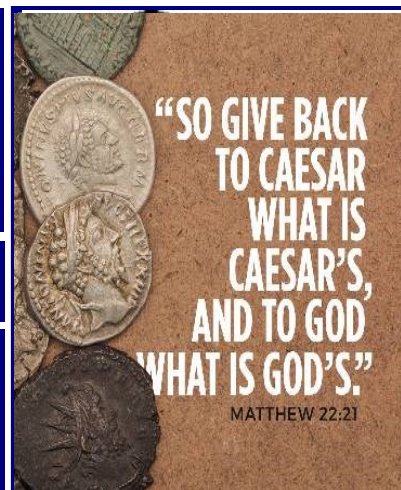


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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 22nd October 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 21st October	Vigil: 29th Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	John Crowle RIP
		10.30am	Fr Brian McMahon
Tuesday 24th October	feria	7.00pm	Dave McGovern RIP
Wednesday 25th October	feria	11.00am	Requiem Mass Thomas Cuff RIP
Thursday 26th October	feria	9.15am	Holy Land deceased RIP
Friday 27th October	feria	9.15am	Fr Dominic McKenna RIP followed by Holy Hour
Saturday 28th October	Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Lenin Furtado RIP

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

When booking a Mass Intention please leave plenty of time if you want a special date.

Liturgy of the Word: 22th October 2023

Entrance Antiphon: 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.

Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord glory and power.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Exodus 22: 20-26, Psalm 17, I Thessalonians 1: 5-10, Matthew 22: 34-40

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. This week the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to trap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

This is an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, the Jewish ruler who collaborated with the Romans. This 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 favoured 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. He then asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's name and 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. They are to give back to Caesar what belongs to him. But, Jesus reminds them, they are also obliged to give back to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees reveals the approach that Christians ought to adopt. We are in the world but our true home is in heaven. It is important to keep everything in proper perspective, avoiding attaching ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God.

Funeral arrangements for Fr Dominic McKenna RIP

Fr Dominic's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 26 October at 12noon at St Teresa's, 291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1TG. The celebrant will be the Cardinal and the homily will be given by Canon Shaun Lennard. Cremation will follow at 2.40pm at West Herts Crematorium, High Elms Lane, WD25 0JS.

Fr Dominic's mortal remains will be received into St Teresa's on Wednesday 25 October at 6pm, with Requiem Mass. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be the celebrant and Mgr Harry Turner will give the homily.

There is no car parking at the church but there is a Pay & Display car park opposite, at the Civic Offices, 246 Shenley Road, WD6 1TJ and next to the school on Brook Road, WD6 5HQ

May the soul of Fr Dominic, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Mary in Kenya who has given her whole life to bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. You can also donate online at missio.org.uk



Thomas Cuff RIP

The Requiem Mass for Tom Cuff RIP will be celebrated here on Wednesday 25th October at 11am. *There will be no 9.15am Mass on that day.*



Collection for St Joseph's School

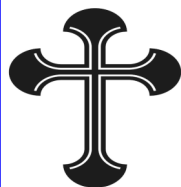
Last weekend the CWL collection raised £234.50. Thank you to all who contributed. The funds will be used for items needed for the new chapel at St Joseph's School.

Training Session for New altar Servers

The next training session for new altar servers will be on **Saturday 28th October at 4pm**, in the Church. Please sign the registration sheet at the back of Church to indicate your child's attendance.



REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR NEXT SUNDAY 29TH



November is the Month of the HOLY SOULS

Please complete the white forms with the names of any Deceased family members or friends whom you wish to be remembered at Masses during the month of November.

Enclose the form in the dedicated brown envelope *with a Mass offering*.

Then post in the wooden box at the back of Church.

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Christine Kempster, Richard Bailey and Kathleen Andrews.

Offertory for 15th October

Loose	£ 369.25
Envelopes	£ 149.15
Total	£ 518.40

Many thanks