

Our Lady Help of Christians

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — **18TH OCTOBER 2026**

PARISH TEAM

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Morning Prayer:
Tue - Fri: 10:00 am

Exposition:
Fri: 10:45am - 11:15 am

Masses Times:
Tue - Fri: 10:15 am

Masses during the week are celebrated in the daily Chapel

Saturday: 6:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am (Sung Mass)
11:00 am (Family Mass with Children's Liturgy)

Church opening hours:

Tuesdays to Fridays
9:30 am to 4.00 pm

LAST WEEK COLLECTION
£ 629.5

STANDING ORDERS SEPTEMBER
£ 4,471.93

CONTACTLESS INCOME SEPTEMBER
£ 0

Thank you!

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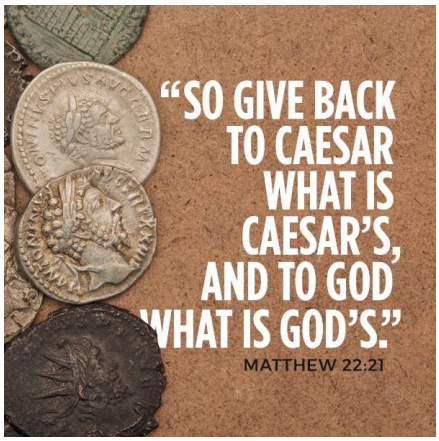
Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's (Mt 22:15-21)



Meditation: What do we owe God and our neighbour? Scripture tells us to give to everyone whatever is their due and to "owe no one anything, except to love one another" (Rm 13:6-8). The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue. The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he was loyal to them and to their understanding of religion. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested.

Coins inscribe the owner's name and authority on them

Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

We have been "stamped" with God's image and likeness

This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness - "God created man in his own image ...male and female he created them" (Gn 1:26-27). We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (see 1 Co 6:19-20). Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God (Rm 12:1). Do you acknowledge that your life and everything you possess belongs to God and not to yourself? And do you give to God what rightfully belongs to him?

Fr Allan

PARISH ACTIVITIES

TEAS AFTER MASSES

TEAS after masses in the Don Bosco Hall:

After 9am Mass every Sunday.

After 11am Mass once a fortnight

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This takes place during the Liturgy of the Word at the 11am Mass.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION SESSIONS

Every Thursday at 4pm in the Day Chapel (Session lasts about 30 minutes).

OVER 60's BINGO CLUB

The over 60's Bingo Club, run by SanKTus, takes place on Tuesdays morning at 10 am. All parishioners and friends in our local community are most welcome to join us and there is the chance of winning a cash prize!

The programme is as follows:

Refreshments – 10.40am,

Bingo 11.00 – 12.00 pm,

Two Course Meal -12noon –1pm.

There is a charge of £5 to cover all activities.

FREE HOT LUNCH SERVICE

SanKTus also offers a free hot lunch service to all-comers on Sunday afternoon at 2pm and a sandwich service on Wednesdays. Prospective volunteers to help with any part of this activity are invited to get in touch with Richard Mallon at sanktus.welfare@gmail.com

REPOSITORY

The repository is open on Sundays from 10:30-12:00

ALTAR SERVERS

A reminder of our invitation to all those who made their Holy Communion this year who would like to join our excellent group of Alter Servers at the 6pm Mass on Saturday or the 09 am Mass on Sunday or at the Family Mass at 11 am on Sunday. Please see Fr Allan, Akua, Tom or Jackie for more information.

OLHC GOSPEL CHOIR

After a successful performance at the Castlehaven celebrations, we are making plans for performances at Christmas.

Please feel free to join us in every Tuesday at **6.45 pm**, in the hall on Falkland Road.

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Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention
Sat 17th	6:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sun 18th	9:00 am	John Francis Kelly (RIP)
	11:00 am	Maria Fernandes (RIP)
Tue 20th	10:00 am	Lorito Danuya (RIP)
Wed 21st	10:00 am	Slawick (PI)
Thu 22nd	10:00 am	School Mass (Yr 1-2)
Fri 23rd	10:00 am	
Sat 24th	6:00 pm	Joe Kissne (RIP)

CATECHISM CLASSES 2027

First Holy Communion

Child is on year 3 or above. The enrolment for First Holy Communion is open, the application forms are available from the priest after all Sunday Masses on each weekend in October, starting next weekend. Deadline to return forms: Sunday 1st November.

RCIA 2027

Adult over 18 years old seeking to be baptised or you are missing a sacrament such as, communion or confirmation the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you. Please get the application form from the priest at the end of weekend Masses, starting next weekend. Deadline to return forms: Sunday 1st November.

Bright Women, Bold Futures

La Sainte Union CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are delighted to invite prospective students and their families to our upcoming Open Events.

Come and explore our outstanding facilities, dedicated careers centre and learn about our inspiring work in STEM and the Performing Arts. Meet our passionate staff, speak to current students, and discover how we support every girl to achieve her bold future.

Open Mornings: Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October (book on website)

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

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