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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streaming Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday Cycle
Readings Year A

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Divine Office
Week 1

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THIS WEEK

Sun 18th Oct 6.15pm (Sat)	29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Peggy & Brendan Sheridan RIP Michael & Sylvester Sheridan RIP Timmy Lennihan RIP
8.30am	Crescent Fernandes RIP
9.45 am	Frank Hunt RIP
11.15am	People of the parish
5.30pm	
Mon 19th Oct 9.30am	feria John Calnan RIP
Tues 20th Oct 9.30am	feria Mary Grace Perera RIP
Weds 21st Oct 9.30am	feria Michael & Tom Haugh RIP
Thurs 22nd Oct 9.30am	S. John Paul II, Pope Violet Pomphrett RIP
Fri 23rd Oct 9.30am	feria Wally Sabatini RIP
Sat 24th Oct 9.30am	S. Anthony Mary Claret Eamon Turner RIP
Sun 25th Oct 6.15pm (Sat)	30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Keith Murray RIP
8.30am	Nor Duffy RIP
9.45 am	Wilfreda Joseph RIP
11.15am	Jim Dillow RIP
5.30pm	People of the parish

TODAY'S MASS



The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue. 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. 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. 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.

First Reading: *Isalah 45:1,4-6*

The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b*

Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22:15-21*

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Be not anxious about what you have, but about what you are."

Pope St. Gregory the Great

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Louise Mansell

RECENTLY MARRIED: Thomas Welch & Laura Shepherd

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Geoffery Herson, Angela Paine, Kellie Anne Rehill

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:
WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:**

- ◆ Our Parish and its renewal;
- ◆ For all who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation over the past two weekends;
- ◆ For all preparing for baptism;
- ◆ For our school, teachers, children and staff;
- ◆ All who have been made redundant and are looking for work;
- ◆ All who remain housebound or in quarantine; and maybe fearful;
- ◆ For all in government who have to make difficult decisions;
- ◆ For the terminally ill;
- ◆ For the sick and those who care for them;
- ◆ For the faithful departed.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR OCTOBER:

The Laity's Mission in the Church

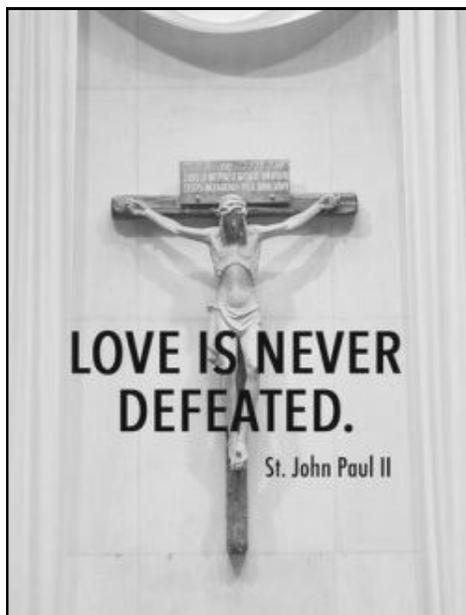
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

SANCTUARY LAMP

For Crescent Fernandes RIP

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week
For the Intentions of the Sheridan Family



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.

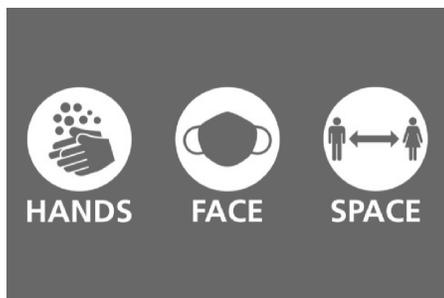
Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians 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. 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 honour that we owe to God?

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME BACK TO ANYONE WHO IS RETURNING TO MASS AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER THESE PAST MONTHS. YOU'LL NOTICE THINGS ARE A BIT DIFFERENT (BUT NOT TOO DIFFERENT!). TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE STEWARDS AT THE DOOR AND TO SIT WHERE DIRECTED. PLEASE ALSO WEAR FACE COVERINGS.

We are now keeping our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sat 6.15 (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm.

The church will open on:

Saturday Open at 5.45pm close at 6.45pm
Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am
 Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am
 Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am
 Open at 5.00pm close at 6.00pm

Weekdays:

Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am
 After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. **Could you help?** Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

CONFESSIONS on Saturdays from 5.45pm-6.15pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

FUNERAL MASS of Geoffery Herson on Wednesday 28th October at 11.00am, followed by burial at Carpenders Park.. May he rest in peace.

FUNERAL of Kellie-Anne Rehill on Thursday on Thursday 29th October at Mortlake crematorium. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Angela Paine on Wednesday 3rd November at 11.00am followed by cremation at Hendon Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

NHS COVID-19 APP/QR CODE. Since churches have been allowed to open for public Masses in July, Test and Trace has been used to help stop the spread of coronavirus. Those who enter the church have been asked for their names and contact details or contact card number as they enter the church. From this weekend, we will introduce another way to register your visit, using the NHS

COVID-19 app available on App Store for iOS devices and Google Play for Android devices. Once the app is installed on your device, you can scan the QR code you will see displayed as you enter the church using the app. Your visit to the church will be recorded and you will get alerted if you've visited a venue where you may have come into contact with coronavirus. Anyone aged 16 or over who lives in England or Wales can use the NHS COVID-19 app. For more information please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhscovid-19/>

SAYING GOODBYE TO Fr JOHN: His last Sunday with us will be Sunday 25th October. Unfortunately there's no real opportunity for a party etc. It's a difficult time, but he'll be around at all Masses just to wave cheerio! We'll have a collection to thank him after he's gone.

FR JULIO will be with us for his first Sunday on 1st November, All Saints Day.

BLESSING OF GRAVES sadly this will not take place this year. Families are encouraged to go however, to pray in groups but not more than six!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Thank you to everyone for helping to ensure our first COVID-secure Children Only session was a great success last week. Once again this week the **one Parent/Carer picking up & dropping off from the specified entry/exit point** is reminded to please **arrive on-time (7pm)**, to **wear a face-covering**, to take care to **socially distance** from other Parents/Carers/Children/Catechists and to remember the **temperature check** that will be taking place in the presence of the Parent/Carer as each child arrives. If your child, or any family member, is showing any symptoms of Coronavirus please do not bring them to the session but email Peter, at peterkingsley@rcdow.org.uk, who will be happy to help you and your child complete the session at home.

CONFIRMATION - Please keep us in your prayers as we provisionally plan an adjusted COVID-secure Confirmation Programme in 2021. Presuming government restrictions do not become and any more severe before Christmas we intend to provide details regarding registration by early December. If you would consider supporting the Programme as a Catechist/Helper next year please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Peter, or one of the Clergy for further details. Especially during these challenging times, any additional help would be v. much appreciated.

SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE for entry to schools. For Secondary & Primary School entrance for Catholics. Due to the current restrictions we re asking everyone to pick up two forms from the church (Certificate of Catholic Practice and a questionnaire). These need to be delivered to the presbytery together with a SAE (Stamped addressed Envelope). We will NOT give out forms at the door nor will we sign forms at the door. Please do follow the instructions in this regard so as not to be disappointed. **PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU DO NOT INCLUDE AN S.A.E. (Stamped Addressed Envelope) WE CANNOT SEND YOUR CERTIFICATES BACK TO YOU. IN ADDITION TRY TO**

PUT STAMPS ON YOUR ENVELOPES THAT ARE THE RIGHT AMOUNT, ON THE RIGHT SIDE AND THE RIGHT WAY UP!

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

NOVEMBER is the month when we always pray for our departed loved ones. The traditional Envelopes and lists are available as you enter church. Please return them through the presbytery letterbox. Thanks!

YOUNG PARISHIONER REQUIRES WORK: Call Ajay Esteves on 0704 899630 if you are able to help him.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS 1991-2006

Born 3rd May 1991
 Died 12th October 2006
 Buried in Assisi
 Declared Venerable
 5th July 2018
 Beatified last Saturday



When the tomb of Calos Acutis' body was opened in Assisi, his body was found to be in tacked uncorrupted - a sign of saintliness. His body in the tomb is dressed in tracksuit and trainers.

Carlo Acutis was born in London, but moved to Italy soon after. As a practising Catholic he became known for documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world. Using his computer programming skills, he recorded them onto a website he created to spread devotion of the Eucharist to others. Carlo did this in the months before his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

Antonia Salzano, his mother, said she was overjoyed that Carlo's tomb had finally been opened. "We hope that through the exposition of Carlo's body, the faithful will be able to raise with more fervour and faith their prayers to God who, through Carlo, invites us all to have more faith, hope and love for him and for our brothers and sisters just as Carlo did in his earthly life."

Pope Francis said Carlo Acutis was a role model for young people today who are often tempted by the traps of "self-absorption, isolation and empty pleasure."

A childhood friend of Carlos who first met him when they were both around the age of 5 remembered playing video games with him, "Having a friend who is about to become a saint is a very strange emotion... I knew he was different from others, but now I realize just how special he was... I watched him while he was programming websites. ... He was truly an incredible talent."

As Carlo once said:

"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."

We pray that Blessed Carlo will be an inspiration to the children and young people of our parish. May Blessed Carlo Acutis pray for us.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 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.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Isalah 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: *Ps 95:1,3-5,7-10*

R/. Give the Lord glory and power.

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 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.

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.

Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 17:17*

Allelula, allelula!

*Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.*

Allelula!

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.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 32: 18-19*

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.