

Reflection ...

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite. In first century Palestine, Pharisees were the respected religious teachers of the law and Herodians represented secular Jewish power and wealth. They despised each other on both religious and political grounds. When faced with a perceived threat to their authority, however, they united in opposition. Jesus of Nazareth becomes the threat that unites them. His teaching and healing draw the crowds and threaten their authority. They come together and try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set him up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as “teacher”, they acknowledge his sincerity and admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. They witness to his lack of concern with status and hierarchical division.

The question of these traditional enemies is intended to put Jesus in a “no win” position: “Is it lawful to pay tribute to the emperor or not?” Jesus turns the question back upon them. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intent and asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. He thus makes the issue one of images, a sensitive issue for all Jews, rather than of tribute. The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, “Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest”.

Jesus’ response, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”, can be interpreted in several ways. Is Jesus simply exposing their hypocrisy as bearers of images? From a Jewish perspective, everything belongs to God, the earth and all its riches. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians are Jews, even if the sympathies of the latter lean towards the Roman occupiers. Is he telling them to pay the tax while still recognising God’s prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on what belongs to God? Is he critiquing the Roman occupation or legitimizing it? Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish. One thing is clear: Jesus’ words have nothing to do with the modern distinction between Church and secular state. There are good reasons for paying taxes in a secular state and for contributing financially to the life of the Church, something we may need to revisit in the light of pandemic and the closing of our places of worship. It is quite anachronistic, however, to invoke this text in support of paying state taxes or of supporting the Church financially. The story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth. That is the key criterion for any personal or global alliance.

Sr Veronica Lawson RSM



And Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were amazed at Him.



SATURDAY 17 OCT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 18 OCT

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 19 OCT

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 21 OCT

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 22 OCT

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 23 OCT

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 24 OCT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 25 OCT

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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(9:30am - 2:00pm Mon to Fri)

MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

ROSARY

First Saturday at 3.00pm Rosary Room

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Petrus Suroto msc - 0450 625 757

BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

Contact parish office

OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Marie Nilon - 9663 3346

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Jenny Fowler - 9662 4088

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334

John Hill - 9663 3222

Sr Pauline Richards - 0419 482 408

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RESPONSES

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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

You are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22: 15-21

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Grace Veronica, Salvatore Messina, Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Sr Mary D'Apice rscj, Amina Chahrouk, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, Xavier Stratton, Maria Zic, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, David Lai, John Roberts, Gavin Robertson, Chris (Cindy's husband), Manuel Mouco, Eva (Nicole's mum), Paul Galea, A.L., Plutarco Cadornigara, John & Olga Nasser, Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Malcolm MacDonald, Nella Custorella, Rose Kelter, Jill Rees, Mario De Roit, John Borg, Gwen Smith, Laura Leonard, Sebastiano Gentile, Margaret Stocker, Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin, Lucienne Radzynski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Mary Cunney, Giles Auty, John Rees, Lucia Narsete, Angelo Paino, Gil San Gabriel

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Papallo, Peppina Calanni, Albert Aris Gunawan, Walter Grusovin, Pasquale Iovanella, Frank Higgins, Paul David Corcoran, Sr Margaret Rita Ellis, Mary Breen, Simone Armstrong, Pierre Langy, Anthea & Roy Nicholas, Ana Niel, Phyl Dewar, Tony McDonald, Margaret Quinnell, Harry Dewar, May Campbell

ROSTER

17/18 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Gus Alimhamzah	John Allen
Readers	Shilla Azalea Br Paul Rogers	Ross Martin Ana Corpuz	Marissa Meyn Marieann Duncan
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness		
24/25 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	Brian Koh	Roel Castillo	John Allen
Readers	John Dorahy Sr Diana Hayes	Scott Murcutt Nani Widarto	Patricia Reyes Isabel Reyes
Comm to Sick	Cathy Castillo	Thomas Chia	



WHATSAPP MESSENGER

To connect to the OLR Parish Community WhatsApp Group, scan the QR code with your mobile phone.

Alternatively, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or you can txt

Jock Marmotta on 0412 116 133 with your name.

COLLECTIONS - 10/11 OCT

1st Coll	\$395
2nd Coll	\$275
Envelope Coll	\$720
Holy Father's Appeal	\$240
Raise the Roof	\$650
Parish Reno	\$350

HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration Monday
19 October, 6pm-7pm
(call in for a few minutes or
stay the whole hour)

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

The Parish Rosary will continue on Zoom on Saturday **7 Nov at 3pm**. If you would like to join in, please private message Sarina through the Parish WhatsApp Group or contact the Parish Office. All welcomed.



WORLD MISSION DAY

It's World Mission Month – the one time in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. [The Catholic Mission Facebook](#) page offers daily inspiration, stories and reflection for everyone all year round. Please like this page to ensure that you don't miss out on this wonderful channel and all it has to offer: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicmission/>. To see mission in action today, take a look at this wonderful reflection on

gentle leadership from the compassionate Jesuit Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez. Bishop 'Kike' is the driving force behind Catholic Mission's 2020 Cambodia Project appeal. His mission is simple: that everyone has the opportunity to live life to the full, to have hope, joy and happiness. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=247534566329493>.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RECOLLECTION DAYS

The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter will be hosting separate men's and women's recollection days over the upcoming two weekends. Firstly, a men's day on true devotion to St Joseph on Saturday the 24th, followed by a women's day on true devotion to Our Lady on the 31st. The programs run from 10.30am – 4pm, and include Mass, adoration, benediction, and opportunities for Confession. **Registrations:** www.maternalheartchurch.as.me/schedule.php | If you don't have internet access, please phone Ezechiel House on 9572 9694. RSVP essential due to restrictions & limited numbers. Suggested donation: \$25.

PALAVRA VIVA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



SILENT RETREAT

COME AND JOIN US IN THIS BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE WITH GOD!

Latin Mass, Rosary,
Adoration, Conferences,
Confession, Spiritual
Direction and the Way of
the Cross.

Date: 26 - 31 October 2020

\$550.00 per person

Accommodation + Meals + Fee

Emmanuel Centre

123 Abbott St. Newstead - TAS



SPEAKER: Fr Pius Noonan OSB
Prior of Notre Dame Priory,
Tasmania



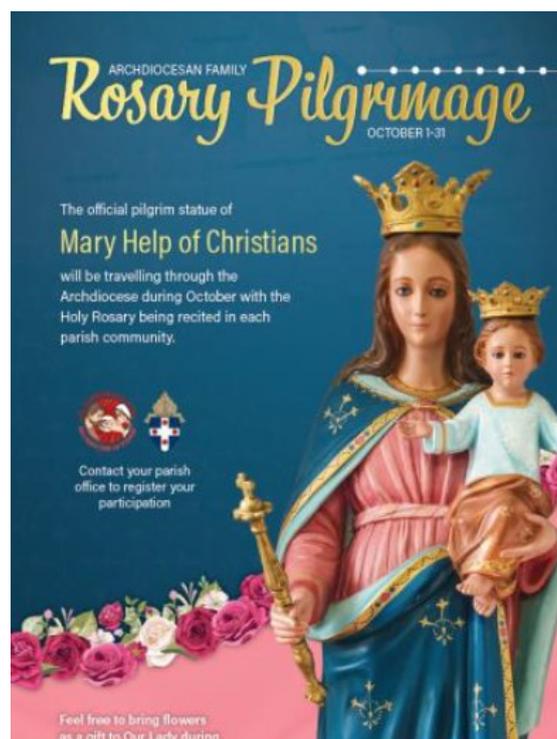
**EXCLUSIVELY
FOR WOMEN
5 DAYS**



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OCTOBER FAMILY ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

We have been impressed and inspired by the faith and devotion already shown by so many during the Rosary Pilgrimage. If you haven't attended one of the parish-based events yet, be sure to book yourself in to one of them ASAP! **Note: you must call the parishes where you might like to attend to register your attendance, and on attendance please comply with all Covid guidelines in place.**



CAN YOU PICTURE YOURSELF BEING A FOSTER CARER?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer.

To learn more about becoming a carer register for our next online information session on Wednesday, 28th October 2020: 6:30pm – 7.30pm

To book call

Family Spirit 13 18 19

connect@familyspirit.org

8am – 6pm Monday – Friday



JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE APPEAL FOR FOODBANK DONATIONS

The Jesuit Refugee Service mobile food bank is a huge and growing operation. Since 1 April, they have collectively fed more than 5,000 women, children, and men who have lost jobs, been excluded from Federal Government financial support and cannot return home. Their stocks of rice, pasta, oil, tuna, and long life milk are RUNNING LOW. In the absence of Federal Government support for people in need, we continue to need your help.

Please visit: <http://jrs.org.au/how-to-help-refugees-and-people-seeking-.../> and learn how you can support people who have no other means to buy these basics for their families.

This short video also shows what happens to food donations that are made: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=293160638622911>.

If you can donate items we have drop off spots as follows:

Paddington - VivCount

Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm | Ph: 9356 5100

Broadway - The Two Wolves Comm Cantina

Mon-Fri, 11am-2pm | Ph: 0426 366 544

Kings Cross - St Canices Parish Office

Mon & Wed 9am-11am

E-PETITION TO PROCLAIM MODERN SLAVERY ACT 2018

While the NSW Government has now committed itself to enacting legislation passed by parliament over two years ago, pressure is still on the government to ensure this happens before the end of 2020. You'll find a link to an e-petition calling on the government to act here: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/pages/epetitions-list.aspx>. The closing date for signing the e-Petition has been extended to 3 November 2020. Over 10,000 people have so far signed the petition and with the securing of 20,000 or more e-signatures, a debate on the subject of the e-Petition will be activated in the Legislative Assembly.

SEEKING WORK

Martin, a local parishioner and former refugee but now an Australian citizen is seeking house cleaning/gardening work. Martin is honest, punctual and reliable. If you are in need of Martin's services please contact John Hill on: 0411 315 533.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.