

## AVOIDING A TRICKY QUESTION

The gospels are full of great stories; and this Sunday's extract is no exception. It all hinges on a "trick question". The Pharisees and Herodians attempt to tempt Jesus into committing a political *faux pas*.

The question they put to him – "is it lawful to pay the Census tax to Caesar or not?" – permits no "safe" answer. If Jesus answers "Yes, you should pay the tax," he could be condemned as a collaborator with the hated Roman occupation. If, however, he advocated that people avoid the tax, he could be denounced as anti-Roman.

Tax revolts against Rome were common. A large-scale one had taken place during Jesus' boyhood and had been crushed with typical Roman brutality.

Ironically, the Pharisees were not normally known for their cooperation with either the imperial authorities or their aristocratic collaborators. Yet they joined forces with the supporters of Herod against Jesus.

Jesus evades the question by posing his own riddle. He asks to see the coin that was used to pay the tax; most likely, the silver denarius of Tiberius. The denarius bears an idolatrous image of the Emperor Tiberius with the confronting inscription 'Tiberius Caesar, son of the Divine Augustus.'

The coin related to the pagan imperial cult in the East Empire and represented an affront to Jewish religious and political sensibilities. The ancient Jewish historian, Josephus proudly proclaimed that the Jewish citizens of Jerusalem preferred death to allowing Caesar's image to enter Jerusalem on standards (Antiquities of the Jews, 18.59). Yet Jesus finds some of Jerusalem's most respected citizens had the idolatrous images of Caesar.

Jesus asks, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" When his opponents reply, "Caesar's," Jesus tells them to "repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what belongs to God."

By asking his interlocutors to produce the coin, Jesus forces them to admit that they kept such idolatrous objects on their person. Jesus is not advocating what today we would call "the separation of Church and State." Rather, Jesus is suggesting that Caesar's regime was a blasphemous nonsense, which God would one day overthrow and replace with a new kingdom.

Jesus' words remind us of those of an earlier Jewish revolutionary, Mattathias, who told his sons "Pay back to the Gentiles what is due to them and keep the law's commands" (1 Mc 2:68). Neither Jesus nor Mattathias were talking about money, but about personal integrity and fidelity.

The lesson in here is that we shouldn't allow ourselves to be tricked into thinking that any political party or regime can bring about justice and peace. A truly just society is one aligned to God which we have yet to achieve. So, until the kingdom comes, we are called to engage in the social and political realms as critics and agents for change, champions of justice and seekers for peace.

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## 22nd October, 2023

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Green**

### Today's Readings

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 2:15-16

## 29th October, 2023

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Green**

### Next Sunday's Readings

Exodus 22:20-26

Thessalonians 1:5-10

Matthew 22:34-40

### St Munchin's Catholic Primary School



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# Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
<b>Weekday Mass</b>	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - (1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing ) Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm or by appointment
<b>Buckley Caring Centre</b>	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
<b>Juniper Aged Care</b>	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
<b>Rosary</b>	After weekday Masses
<b>Exposition</b>	Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00pm - 7.00pm
<b>Charismatic Prayer</b>	Thursday 7.15pm - 9.00pm.
<b>Baptism</b>	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
<b>Marriage</b>	By appointment - Minimum <b>SIX MONTHS</b> notice for preparation etc

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Parish Meetings
<b>Parish Pastoral Council AGM</b> Sunday 22nd October Church, 11am
<b>Vinnies</b> Wednesday 8th November Parish Centre, 7.30pm

## Praying For You

**Recently Deceased**  
Gary George, Neville Howard Hockley, Graeme McIntyre

**Death Anniversary**  
Benedict Augustine, Dulcie Beins, Darrell D'Monte, Annette Greenway

**Deceased**  
Ray Barnes, Clifford Dragon, Ainsley Kessler, Cedric Kessler, Clara Kessler, George Kessler, Eugenio Medrano Snr, Maria Medrano, William Neo, Stanley Newman, Lourdes Rodrigo, Tranquilino Rodrigo, Lourdes Soma Suvanaris

**Our Sick**  
Fran Vallis, Pat Simm, Gerry Peters, Ammini Jose, John Breag, Conrad Briggs, Joel Celine, Dennis Ford, Letecia Niembra, Wendy Kraft, Cecilia Lee, Dolly, Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira, Metilde Warui, Con Farano, Rene Priest, Mary Hazel Calupig, Margaret Evans, Erika Magness, Mavis Hall, Ian Ballantyne

Feast Days this Week		
Oct 23	Mon	St John of Capistrano, St Ethelflaeda
24	Tue	St Antony Mary Claret, St Magloire
26	Thu	St Chad
27	Fri	St Otteran
28	Sat	St Simon & St Jude (Apostles)

### Rosters for 21/22 October, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Carina Limgenco	Lynette Lieveaux	Martin Loh	Tracy van Ingen Miriam Villan	Kyle Marquis, Joshua Manda Clinton Matthews, Jacob Raymond
Sunday 7.30am	Eric & Wendie Almen	Jenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Geoff Mills	Sue Frawley Vincent Frawley	Callie Abogado, Jake Antu Tom Antu, Bionney Bangayan
Sunday 9.30am	Robert Slezak Francis Xavier	Yuriy Volikov	Florence Ayeni	Nigel Hayward	Francisco Aung Michael Ayeni	John Gilmore, Gabino Htoo Austin Jacob, James Jacob Liam James, Kripa Jojo
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Clint & Thu Barnes				Tellers next week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay		

### Rosters for 28/29 October, 2023

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Theresa Spicer	Clarence Pereira	Vilma Lyra	Volunteer	Sandra Wren Remi Biju	Carl Agus, Melanie Beacher Teron Bouzin, Athena Calupig
Sunday 7.30am	Jennifer Barnes Jackie Hall	Jeanette Pedulla	Sean Mullins	Aruna Ratnasekera	Russell Lally Rod McAtee	Diobett Bangayan, Rosemary Saw Aydriel Ratnasekera, Richardson Saw
Sunday 9.30am	Hanna Allen Jude Ayeni	Haizelmary Ani Jacob	Maureen Byrne	Dan Hewitt	Anne Brink Jim Brink	Olivia Justin, Aung Kintha Gellongya Kintha, Alisha Liyanage Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Julia Marano

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## Parish Annual General Meeting

Today after 9.30am Mass.

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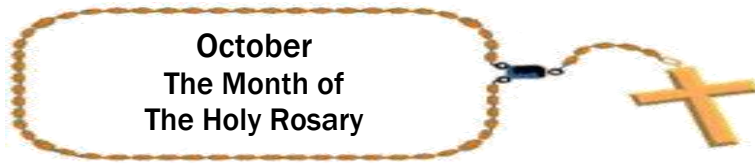
### First Penance



Many of our parish children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday 25th October at 6pm Mass.

Please keep Simon Aung, Lacey Beacher, Garrick Blason, Shaun Bryant, Myron Castillo, Aerick De Campo, Ivy Evans, Charles Famoso, Livia Fernandes, Emilie Ford, Thejus Jojo, Brianna Kim, Bae Kingston, Savannah Lin, Bryan Lwin, Caleb Mahama, Sophie Manser, John-Paul Mawere, Cooper Mengel, Brooklyn Minn, Albert Mirador, Cynthia Moo, Marina Morales, Roselle Robed Niksan, Sebatsen Nishangan Arulpalan, Ethan Nguyen, Alex Paesu, Chelsea Phillip, Azwan Saravanachelvan, Luke Surtees, Ethan Sacare, Aluel Sufara, Alice Torres, Matthew Van Steyn, Kiana Veloz Roldan, Joanna Win Kyaw and their families in our prayers as they prepare for this important sacrament.

### October The Month of The Holy Rosary



### Congratulations Angel Garavillas!

We would like to congratulate Angel Garavillas on being appointed Lumen Christie College Captain for 2024.

### Memorial Plaques Special Price

Limited time only. Plaques for our Memorial Wall are available at the special price of \$350 until 12th November. A wonderful way to honour family members and/or former parishioners who have formed the history of this parish. Application forms are available in the church foyer and the Parish Office.

### Columbarium Memorial Mass

Sunday, 12th November, 9.30am Mass will be dedicated to the memory of all those interred in our Columbarium or honoured on the Wall of Remembrance.

Families concerned are invited to attend this Mass and the Annual Blessing of the Columbarium which will follow. Please bring a framed photo or memento of your loved one to place on the Memory Table. Other parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one are also invited to share the Memory Table and the light refreshments that follow in the Parish Centre.

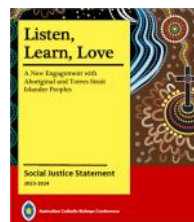
### Social Justice Statement 2023 - 2024

#### 'LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE'

A new engagement with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

*'At the heart of this year's Social Justice Statement is a call for all the People of God to embrace a new engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, an engagement which involves a commitment to listen to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sisters and brothers and to learn from them. This listening and learning and the actions which flow from them must be grounded in a spirit of love if there is to be a change for the better.'* (taken from Page 2 of the SJS)

Limited copies of the Social Justice Statement is now available in the church foyer.



### Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Phone 0432 398 973 or email [safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au)

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## Golden Age Club



The next Club Day will be in the Parish Centre Tuesday 24th October from 9.00am. BYO lunch. Bingo from 12.15pm. For all parishioners 50 years and over to enjoy card games, carpet bowls, fellowship. New members are always welcome.

Attendance Fee \$2.00. More information from Rose Heald 0418 948 245.

## Youth Night

There is an upcoming Youth Event on Friday 27th of October from 7pm to 9pm. Come along if you're in high school and bring your friends! Register in the Church foyer, via email at [gossnellsyouth@gmail.com](mailto:gossnellsyouth@gmail.com) or text Veronica on 0424 812 632. Fun, faith and food are served as always. God bless!

## New Rosters - Proclaimers of the Word - Out Now

Please collect your new roster from the foyer today. Commentators should arrive at least 15 minutes before their rostered Mass and let the Acolyte know that you are there. Readers are asked to prepare for their ministry by using 'Break Open The Word' a book for Readers, which is available in the Church foyer. Remember to organise your own swaps from the list provided if you cannot attend when rostered. Thank you to all those who are helping out with this ministry.

## New Rosters - Tellers

Please collect your copy from the church foyer today. Remember to make your own swaps from the list when necessary. Thank you to all those who serve their parish through this ministry.

## WA Young Salesian - Summer Camp 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Are you between 11½ -15yrs or starting Year 7 in 2024? Come and join us for this 5 day fun filled camp at Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup. From only \$270 (less than \$54 a day). Contact Fr Philip, visit the website or contact Graham Maher on 0418 979 600 for more information. Early Bird pricing closes Friday, 17th November. Register now at: [www.wayoungsalesians.com](http://www.wayoungsalesians.com)



## WACMRO Seeking Help

The West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) is seeking accommodation for a Ukrainian family (mother and young daughter). If you are able to assist or advise, please contact [wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au) or ring 0413 623 949. Many thanks, Deacon Greg Lowe.

## Mothers Prayers National Day of Prayer - October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

Mothers Prayers groups in Australia are called to a National Day of Prayer in October to give thanks and praise to God for the many gifts of answered prayers and blessings received through Mothers Prayers. This year the National Day of Prayer also marks the 20th anniversary of Mothers Prayers in Australia. For a copy of the Prayers of the Faithful or more information about Mothers Prayers, please email WAMP coordinator Su Goh at [perth@mothersprayers.org](mailto:perth@mothersprayers.org).

## Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. This induction provides an overview of the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and the importance of Safeguarding within the parish.



To register please visit:

<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction> or phone 9221 7762.

Available dates and times are on the bulletin board.

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