

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 October 2020



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 45:1,4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21



Readings for
next Sunday:

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40



Liturgical Jottings

Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples

Today for World Mission Day the 2020 Australian Ordo p 112 gives a Pastoral Note: "If there is a special celebration for Mission Sunday, the Mass for the Spread of the Gospel may be used, even on a Sunday in Ordinary Time. Normally Masses for special needs and votive masses are not used on Sundays."

Mass for the Spread of the Gospel, however, is not found in the New Missal. It was contained in the earlier Roman Missal (1969, 1974, Masses for various needs and occasions #14). In the new Missal (2011) we find the Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples (#18, page 1342) with a similar rubric for use for today. Preface I of Ordinary Time is suggested for this Sunday.

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Looking at the Readings

The Pharisees disliked the Romans and their occupation of the land. The Herodians sided with the Romans to keep their hold onto the throne, albeit, a mere token throne. So these enemies joined forces to try to trap Jesus. Their question on paying the Census Tax to the Romans was framed in a way that "Yes" would show support to the invaders and "No" would amount to rebellion against law and order. Jesus response was not YES or No, not a compromise and did not resolve the current political dichotomy between Israel and Rome. His response has often been quoted and misquoted in respect to church and state relations. We may interpret our Lord's responses as opportunities for us to use our resources to make right judgements. This is his very response when was asked to arbitrate an inheritance claim. He is not our arbitrator. (Luke 12:13-14).

Nonetheless the first reading gives us a foothold in understanding this gospel event and the relationship between secular leaders and their affairs and God's ways and concern for his people. We do have responsibilities often simultaneously with God and society. We do acknowledge the God of all creation and source of all power and authority. We do affirm that we are all created in the image of God.

Quote of the Day

Caesar's image was stamped upon the money; he puts it in his treasures; he will not have it refused him. Christ's coin is humanity. That's where Christ's image is, and Christ's Name, Christ's gifts, Christ's rules of duty. *From St Augustine's Sermon 90.*

Prayer for the Week

Through his Paschal Mystery, Christ our Lord accomplished the marvellous deed, by which he has freed us from the yoke of sin and death, summoning us to the glory of being now called a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession, to proclaim everywhere your mighty works, for you have called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light. And so, with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominions, and with all the hosts and powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory: *Preface I of Ordinary Sunday was created for the revised Missal (1969) from ancient sources and sacred scripture, Exodus 19:65, 1 Peter 2:9, Apocalypse 1:5,6; 9:9,10. and is recommended for use of Mass for the Evangelisation of Peoples.*

On the Lighter Side

A man refused to pay taxes. In court he pleaded: "You say I'll go to prison, I say 'No', prisons cost taxpayers lots of money. You keep what it would have cost to incarcerate me and we'll call it quits - I save a little money and you save lots!"



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
	Our sick and their carers	Jim Noonan, Teresa Muto

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Heading: Discerning the way to the Plenary Council

During the next few weeks we are invited as a diocese to reflect upon how, as people of faith, we can discern together how we are 'being called to be a Christ centred Church.' When we discern we think deeply and prayerfully in order to hear God's voice.

Cathy Jenkins has recorded a video on Discerning the way to the Plenary Council that you are invited to watch as we enter this next phase in the journey. This video is available through our newly created YouTube Channel and Facebook Page.

For more information see: sandhurst.catholic.org.au/plenary-council or follow Plenary Council Sandhurst on Facebook.

WHAT CAN WE DO - TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME?

Join 'Zoom' THURSDAY 22nd October 7.30-8.30 pm to respond to Pope Francis' call and share ideas for action and resources to 'Care for Our Common Home' for parish, local community and home.

To receive zoom gathering link for Thursday 22nd October email:

adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au OR caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

For the Joy of the Lord is your
STRENGTH
NEHEMIAH 8:10

You will hear about Chen's story - how his landmine accident has affected not only his life, but that of his family; and how the **Arup** Centre, led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvarado, is providing many children and families affected by disability with the support they need to lead fulfilling lives.

Today you have the opportunity to support the **Arup** Centre as it continues this essential work. You may choose to become a monthly partner, in which your gifts will fund community and child-focused programs run by the Church in Cambodia. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in Cambodia and around the world.



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