



*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 Marriage and Liturgy II

Since 1960's the renewed format of the rite of Marriage understandably follows the standard pattern or framework employed for all the restored sacramental liturgies. It includes an entrance or gathering rite, a liturgy of the word, a rite of marriage, a liturgy of the eucharist or a prayer-blessing section, and a conclusion or dismissal rite. The ritual provides a "Rite for Celebrating Marriage During Mass," a "Rite for Outside Mass," a "Rite for Celebrating Marriage Between a Catholic and unbaptized persons," and "Texts for Use in the Marriage Rite and in the Wedding Mass." (*New Dictionary of Sacrament Worship* pp796ff)

The Lectionary has many scripture readings for the couple and celebrant to choose from. The Missal, also, has many options for prayers and blessings and "Soft" options for processions, seating and standing during the Rite.

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Looking at the Readings

The first reading of this Sunday is a surprise to be included in our Liturgy of the Word and somewhat incongruous in Old Testament / Hebrew scriptures. Cyrus, the king of Persia is a pagan ruler, but the Lord God has called him by name to subdue nations and anointed him as the Saviour of God's people! He was king of Persia from 550 to 530 BC and practiced a conciliatory policy, showed great tolerance to other cultures, through carefully planned economic programs lifted burdens from people and ended the Babylonian deportation of the Israelites. Cyrus returned all the stolen treasures from the temple, restored their land and decreed the rebuilding of their cities and the Temple. A pagan king was chosen to do God's work on earth.

This reading sharply contrasts with the Gospel where another pagan king, claiming both godlike status and divine right subdued the Israelites and demanded taxes from them. Caesar, the Roman emperor and foreign occupier, however, did establish the Pax Romana, therefore the heavy tax to finance his army and rule. The Pharisees asked Jesus about the tax: "to pay: yes or no" Yes, would be blasphemy, acknowledging divine claim. No, would be seditious and possibly inciting rebellion. A trap!

Both readings caught the imagination and religious sentiment of the hearers to remember and later record and for us to always consider: Where do our loyalties lie? What is valuable to us? What does God ask us to do? The answers are not given in the texts; we must work it out for ourselves.

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts King Cyrus ruling the kings of other nations (Isaiah 45:4). *Steve Erspamer © 1992 Archdiocese of Chicago*

Quotes of the Day

When there is an income tax, the just man will pay more and the unjust less on the same amount of income. *The Republic Book1, Plato*
A tax is a fine for doing well, a fine is a tax for doing wrong.

Mark Twain

Prayer on Taxes

For the Tax Collector: "Be merciful to me, a sinner." (*Luke 18:13*)

For the Tax Payee: "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, ... we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress," (*Prayer after the Our Father*)

On the Lighter Side

Sherlock Holmes got audited by the tax office because he had way too many deductions.

Spiderman pays no tax because all his income is net.

Golf is just like taxes: you drive hard to get to the green and end up in a hole. .



 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Maria Worm
	Our sick and their carers	Pope Leo, Nathan Dodd, Catherine O'Toole, Kim Mann, Russell Parsons, Sue McDonald, Mary Vraca, Antoinette Mancini, Margaret Bannan

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 25th October 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Marie Nihill
 Reader: Ross Kelly
 Gospel Procession: Sheila Gregg
 Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
 Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Worm
 Screen Operator: Mary Gale
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Saturday 31st October 6:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
 Reader: Denice Bourke
 Gospel Procession: Anne Hutchison
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
 Eucharistic Minister: Not required
 Screen Operator: Deb Turvey
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 1st November 10:30am

Commentator: Elisabeth Edwards
 Reader: Domelina Phelan
 Gospel Procession: Cecilia Bannan
 Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
 Eucharistic Minister: Leo McGrath
 Screen Operator: Mary Gale
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)
 Please note there will be no Saturday Masses during October while Fr Uday is away.

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass



PARISH NOTICES

Meeting in the Spirit Group: all welcome on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th October at 6:00pm in St Mary's Hall.

Wills & Bequeaths: There is an information sheet on the table in the Narthex regarding Wills and Bequeaths. Please consider your Parish when you are considering your Will.

Names on Prayer List: Please email or contact the office to add names on the prayer list.

Baptism Preparation Meeting: The final meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 2nd December at 7:00pm. Please contact the parish Office if you would like to attend.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 21st October

Weekday Liturgies

Wednesday 21st October 9:15am
 Friday 23rd October 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 25th October 10:30am (Fr Michael Morley)

Weekday Liturgies

Wednesday 28th October 9:15am
 Friday 30th October 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 31st October 6:00pm
 Sunday 1st November 10:30am (Fr Uday Marneni)

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am

Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church

Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)

Shared lunch: 4th Sunday of the month in St Mary's Hall

Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Friday of month at 5:30pm

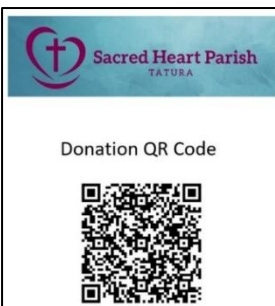
Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm
 in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.



The next one will be on **Wednesday 4th November.**

Plate Collection and Envelopes



The collection for last week was \$547.88

Priests Retirement Collection  THANK YOU!
 Sunday: \$600.00

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the parish.

May God bless you always.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of the month at 5:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church. All welcome. The next Eucharistic Adoration will be Friday 6th November.



Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Matthew 22:21

Fr Uday away: Please note that Father Uday will away until 28th October. No Saturday night Masses while he is away. This week we welcome Fr Michael Grace back to Sacred Heart Parish Tatura.

Shared Parish Lunch next Sunday

Rosters for November and December are available in the narthex.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

We are still accepting envelopes and donations towards the Priests Retirement Fund. Please present all envelopes by October 25th.

Thank you.



Deanery Forum – Round 3

10am – 3pm

You are invited to join Bishop René for Deanery Forum 3 as it explores the work of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council through the lens of draft Diocesan Provisional Statutes for each. This is especially important for Priests, and PPC/PFC members. Parish staff, ministry coordinators and engaged parishioners will also find this focus very relevant.

After you register using details, you will receive the Forum papers via email.

20 October - Goulburn Valley Deanery - MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution), Kialla.

Register at Trybooking via the following Link or QR Code:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNH>



NOVEMBER – MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

November is the month of the Holy Souls. This year All Souls Day falls on Monday 2nd November. Mass offerings envelopes for our deceased are available at both doors. How do we help the “holy souls”? The Catechism of the Catholic Church recommends prayer for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice and also encourages “almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead” (CCC #1032). Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them. God can foresee and apply the merits of our prayers, penances and works of charity, done even years after their death, for our departed dear ones, in favour of our deceased dear ones, at the moment of their deaths.

The annual **Cemetery Mass** will be on Saturday 7th November at 9:00am at the Tatura Cemetery. Please bring your own chair for the Mass.



This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

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100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches that God's power reaches everywhere. He can work through anyone, even people who do not know Him. In the first reading, God uses Cyrus, a foreign king, to help Israel. This shows that God's plans move through all nations and rulers. Nothing is beyond His reach.

God works through all people and nations. Faith, love, and hope shape how we live. Our hearts belong to God.

Lord, help me to live my faith with honesty and love. Give me the wisdom to balance my responsibilities in the world with my duty to You. Teach me to trust in Your plan and follow Your ways. May my actions reflect my belief in You. I give myself to You with a sincere heart.
Amen.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child safety officer Debbie Turvey on 0407 804 317.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!" — Pope John Paul II More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org

Caritas Australia Nepal Flood Appeal

Caritas Australia have opened an appeal to support their on ground network in Nepal to deliver humanitarian aid. If you would like to donate to this appeal, please follow the following link: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/>

Join us in celebrating
the wonderful history of
**ST MARY'S SCHOOL
INGLEWOOD**

Save the date
Sunday 22 November 2026
Mass 10.30am - 11.30am
School tours and lunch - 11.30am - 2.00pm
(Lunch, coffee, tea and soft drink provided)

For catering purposes
please RSVP via QR code

Catholic Theological College

aims to support your parish by providing formation for staff and volunteers with introductory and further studies in theology, ministry and spirituality.

We invite interested members of your parish to our **online information session** on Monday 26 October at 7pm (AEDT).

In this session, participants meet our course advisors and learn about study options at CTC, including the wide range of courses and units that can be undertaken **online** and/or **face-to-face**.

Interested participants may register via [Google Forms](#). **Registration is essential.**

**Please click on the link below to read
Bishop Rene's Message for World
Mission Sunday'**

<https://sacredheartparishtatura.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Bishop-Renes-message-ahead-of-World-Mission-Month.pdf>

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! / Shine on the world like bright stars; / you are offering it the word of life. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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Breaking Open the Word

WHO IS OUR GOD?

Homilists today may be tempted to use this Gospel as an encouragement to honour taxation: every citizen contributes to the common good, and perhaps parishioners might even be urged to contribute a little more to the parish coffers. After all, Jesus does say, 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar!' While we certainly have a responsibility to support those social structures that advance the common good, and to assist those who struggle, something more troubling is at work in this Gospel.

The setting is the Temple Mount, where Matthew presents Jesus undergoing a theological trial before religious leaders and guardians of orthodoxy. It is a scene repeated in every generation of Jesus' followers: the attempt by theological rigorists to indict those whom they regard as out of step with orthodox teaching. Jesus refuses the premise of their question. Instead, he asks them to produce the coin used to pay the tax and to identify the figure and inscription upon it. 'Caesar's,' they reply.

Here lies the real issue. These religious leaders publicly champion the Torah's fundamental confession that there is only one God. Yet, in Israel's most sacred place, the Temple, they carry an image of the god-king Caesar. Their actions contradict the faith they claim to defend. Thus, today's Gospel is not primarily about the lawfulness of taxation. It is about fidelity to the Divine One. Beneath the question of what belongs to Caesar lies the more searching question: Who is our God, the One to whom our ultimate love, allegiance and obedience belong?

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

18 OCTOBER 2026

FIRST READING

Isa 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

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. v. 7**R. Give the Lord glory and honour.**

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 Thess 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

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 from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.**