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1 Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6.
Psalm – Give the Lord glory and power
2 Reading: Th 1:1-5.
Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (18/102026)

(World Mission Sunday)

As Christians, we live in a paradoxical state of dual citizenship – residents of both Earth and Heaven. Just as the coin bore Caesar's image, we bear the image of God. In essence, we are God's own creation, and our ultimate loyalty belongs to Him.

This divine image carries profound implications. It reminds us that, while we are obligated to fulfill our civic duties, we are equally bound by our spiritual responsibilities. Our faith should inform our actions in the secular world, guiding us to navigate the complexities of civic life with integrity, compassion, and justice.

The command to 'render to God what is God's' underscores the importance of living our lives in harmony with God's will. It challenges us to align our actions, decisions, and priorities with our faith. Just as the coin belonged to Caesar because it bore his image, our lives belong to God because we bear His divine image.

This means that our interactions with others, our engagement in social justice, our ethical choices, and our contributions to society should all reflect the values of God's kingdom – values of love, mercy, compassion, and righteousness. We are called to be beacons of light, agents of positive change, and ambassadors of God's grace in the world.

Matthew 22:15-21 invites us to strike a harmonious balance between our earthly obligations and our spiritual commitments. It reminds us that while we are citizens of the world, our ultimate citizenship is in the Kingdom of God. Our faith should not be confined to the walls of a church but should permeate every aspect of our lives, transforming us into living testimonies of God's love and truth in the world.

In a world often characterised by conflicting allegiances and values, this passage offers clarity and guidance. It teaches us that true discipleship entails recognizing the rightful claims of both Caesar and God and living a life that honors both realms, striving to make our earthly actions resonate with our heavenly calling.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests.

The next Parish Baptism Preparation Course will be on Monday 26th of October at 6:30p.m Session 1. in the church. Please note that Session 2 will be on Monday 2nd of November at 6:30p.m.

These support agencies are available..... Samaritans 116123. Refuge 0802000247 Childline 08001111

Fr Andrei is available for the Sacrament of Confession in Italian and Romanian. Speak to Fr. Andrei to arrange an appointment.

Details and **application forms for First Holy Communion** and first Reconciliation are available in the church.

Please give 8 weeks' notice if you wish to arrange a **Mass intention** for a particular date and time.

Date for your Dairy: Parish Bazaar in the parish hall on Saturday 28th November 11am-5p.m.

This Sunday we welcome Fiona, Aurora and Dior Reka into the community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Blessing to the family.

Blessings to the Syro Malabar Community as they celebrate their festival of faith.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Syliva Lee. Her memorial Mass will be on Friday 23rd of October at 11.30 am.

The Syro Malabar Community are holding an all-night Vigil in the weekday chapel of Friday 23rd of October 7pm to 7am. All are welcome. Prayer will be both in English and Malayalam.

On Sunday 25th October we welcome Ariah Renee Angela Bindi and Amare Genesis Bindi into the community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Blessings to the family.

The clocks go back one hour on Saturday night 24th October.

November Holy Souls envelopes and list for names of the deceased loved ones are available this weekend. Please fill in the names of your deceased loved and place in the Holy Souls envelop together with your donation. A total of 48 Masses will be offered for the November Holy Souls.

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris), Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Rosie Ebreo, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Padraic Maloney , Damon, Bridie Curley, Rose Ogidi, Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston,Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chris Cullen, Mrs Best, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan, Anne Close, Robinson, Frieda, Melissa Isaac and Mum, Moreena Blackwood, Mick Curley (Christina), William Nkyi-Acheampong. Marie Rachelle Bell Bower, Ermin Elizabeth Bryce, Doreen Palmer, Peter Wiltshire, Vittorio Pollame, Jack Cummins, Luigi Fantoni,

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Mary Behen (Rest in Peace) (Kevin and Brendan)
Sun 18 October	**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
08:30 am	Joseph Nicolas Pillai (Rest in Peace) (Victor)
10:00 am	Joseph Murnane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	Thomas Balfe (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
Mon 19 October	**FERIA**
09:15 am	John William Turvey (Rest in Peace) (Paciencia)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Dr. Michael Weston)
Tue 20 October	**FERIA**
09:15am	William and Douglas Turvey (Rest in Peace) (Paciencia)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Weston Family)
Wed 21 October	**FERIA**
09:15am	Rebecca and Muriel Starr (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Intentions (Weston Family)
Thu 22 October	**FERIA**
09:15am	Florence Turvey (Rest in Peace) (Paciencia)
06:00pm	Sarah Maria's Intentions (Roy)
Fri 23 October	**FERIA**
09:15 am	Nestor Fedorak (Rest in Peace) (Olga)
06:00pm	John and Mary Stauton (Sr. Anne Marie)
Sat 24 October	**FERIA**
10:00 am	John (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
06:00pm	Angela Estephano's Intention (Ursula)
Sun 25 October	**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
08:30 am	Deceased Parishioner (Yamson)
10:00 am	Pedro Caitano Deniz (Rest in Peace) (Luciano)
12noon	Peggy Halpenny (Maureen)