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Twenty– Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) - 22ND OCTOBER 2023

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

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.

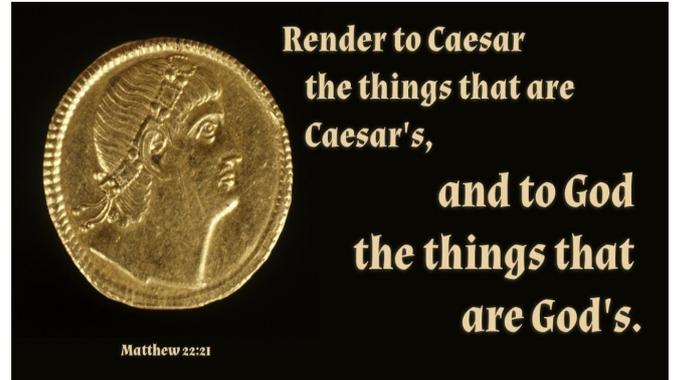
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(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 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

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.'

A VOCATION VIEW

We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's and then live as though everything depends on God.

We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Dear Parish family,

Sometimes life is easier to approach in a black and white kind of way – a point of view is good, or it is bad; an action is either right or it is wrong.

Often in Jesus' ministry he reminds us that life isn't always that simple, the human community is a complex one with various loyalties and obligations due a range of factors, such as citizenship, employment, or our relationships.

Despite the attempt of the pharisees to put Jesus into a box in terms of his loyalties – God or the Roman empire – Jesus' answer highlights the point that we have various loyalties, and when put together in a balanced way, needn't be in conflict with each other: *'give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'*

In fact, they support one another. To do our duty as citizens of a community; to pay our taxes, obey the road rules, respecting the rights of others etc, goes hand in hand with our duty as baptised Christians: to love God, and love our neighbour.

Let's give thanks to God that we live in a place where we can enjoy the benefits of being citizens of a community, exercising our rights and responsibilities to those around us, and that we are free to practice our religion. At the same time, we pray for those throughout the world for whom such rights are unjustly hindered, that they may be sustained in their faith, their hope for a better society, and the love they share with one another.

Have a blessed week!

Fr Ben Brooks



This week **Catholic Mission** will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far. Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor.

Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. Freecall: 1800 257 296

Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

Please take an envelope available this weekend and return it with your donation over the next two weeks



CATHOLIC PARISH OF LAUNCESTON — MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, 2nd November 2023 at 7.30pm in St Finn Barr's Church, 247 Invermay Road

An invitation is extended to everyone who has lost a loved one, especially during the last year to come along to our annual Mass of Remembrance. Relatives and friends are also invited to attend. You may wish to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and there will be an opportunity to place this at the altar during the Mass if you wish. You are also invited to stay for refreshments after Mass.

All are welcome to join in this very special celebration of our faith.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office on 6331 4377.

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Kitty Russell, Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Deacon Vinco Muriyaden, Fr Terry Yard, Kim Izard, Irene La Palombara, Tina La Palombara, Alana Oehm, Kathy Aldred, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Teresa McMahon, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Greg House, Clarice Donnelly, Pamela Porteous, MaryKath Hughes and Gianni Gaetani who have died recently, Camillo Claudio, Roger Morrison, Lawrence McGee, Colleen Turmine, Georgine Davies, Desmond Illingworth, Jennifer Hamence, David Young, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the Holy souls in Purgatory.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: As the COVID virus continues to affect our lives, we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE will meet on **Tuesday, 24th October at 1pm** in the Pastoral Centre. Please bring a food donation. Newcomers welcome. Phone Victoria 0408398785 for enquiries .

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY is being held each Monday night in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

MORNING MEDITATION at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am.** Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: ph: 6334 1082

LECTIO DIVINA Every Friday morning 10.30 am for 1 hour, at the Pastoral Centre, Lectio Divina - Contemplating and praying the scriptures for the upcoming weekend Mass readings. A time to slow down, to listen with the ears of your heart. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm.

Save the Date—Parish BBQ at Riverbend Park, 12 noon on Sunday 3rd December

NOVEMBER MASSES

Names of deceased relatives and friends will be included in the November Book of Remembrance. Envelopes are available in the Church foyers and may be returned on the collection baskets or to the Parish Office.

LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Enquires: please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578



YOUTH GROUP for young people from grades 5 to 12 - Music, Sport, Adventures, Social Work, Faith meets on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6.00pm - 7.30pm** St Ailbe's Hall.

Next meeting: Thursday 28th October

Young Adults Group: 2nd and 4th Sundays

Next meeting: Sunday 24th September

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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| Saturday | 6.00pm Vigil | Sacred Heart, Newstead |
| Sunday | 7.30am | Carmel |
| 9.00am | St Finn Barr's | Invermay |
| 9.00am | St Patrick's Chapel | Prospect |
| 10.30am | Apostles | |
| 6.30pm | Apostles | |

WEEKDAY MASSES 23rd = 28th October

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

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| Tuesday: | 12noon | Newstead |
| Wednesday: | 5.30pm | Apostles |
| Thursday: | 12noon | Invermay |
| Friday: | 12noon | Apostles |
| Saturday: | 7.30am | Carmel |

RECONCILIATION

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| Saturday: | 9.30am -10.30am | Apostles |
| | 5.15pm -5.45pm | Newstead |

PREPARE



Advent Reflection Day

Saturday 9th December
9.30am for a 10.00am start (until 3.00pm)

St Patrick's College Chapel, 282 Westbury Rd, Prospect
BYO Lunch. Morning Tea provided.

Facilitated by Maureen O'Halloran and Belinda Chapman



Catholic Parish of Launceston

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Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish
BSB: 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.
Reference: "your surname"

MASS LIVE-STREAMED Each and every Sunday at 9am

*On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston
if you don't have a Facebook account go to:*

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.



PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN..



Catholic women, single or married, ages 18+, are invited to a weekend of prayer, talks, silence, and fellowship, hosted by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia.

Encountering Christ Retreat

Behold I make all things new! (Rev. 21:5)

3 - 5 November 2023

Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre
Newstead

REGISTRATION

emmanuelcentre@aohtas.org.au

or call (03) 6334 1082



@dominicansistersaustralia - nashvilledominican.org

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

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| Monday 23rd: | Luke 12:13-21 |
| Tuesday 24th: | Luke 12:35-38 |
| Wednesday 25th: | Luke 12:39-48 |
| Thursday 26th: | Luke 12:49-53 |
| Friday 27th: | Luke 12:54-59 |
| Saturday 28th: | Luke 6:12-19 |

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26
 Psalm 12:2-4,47,51
 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
 Matthew 22:34-40



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

SACRED HEART COLLEGE LAUNCESTON

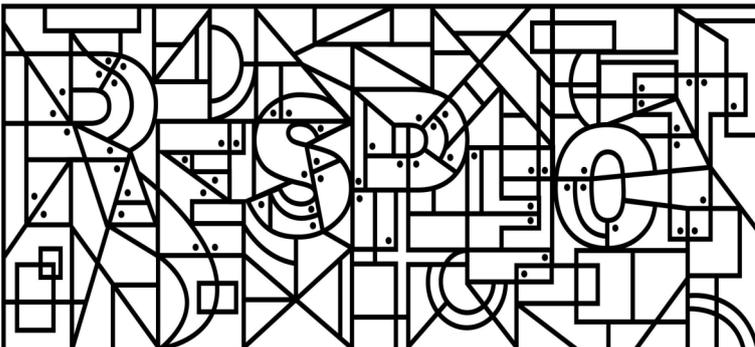
50 Year Reunion for those in Grade 10, 1973

Saturday 11th November, 12noon
Steve's Grill, Launceston
Further details please contact:
Lynda Peters 0409 002 101

WEEKEND RETREAT ON CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY AN INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL PRAYER

The Way of Perfection: St Teresa of Avila, Mystic and the First Woman Doctor of the Church will be the topic presented to us by Fr Paul Maunder, Carmelite Friar based in Sydney. **Emmanuel Centre, Friday 24th November – Sunday 26th November.** Cost of Weekend is \$300 include all meals and accommodation. Call Sandra on 6331 4991 for more information and bookings.

Color in the shapes that contain dots to reveal something that Jesus wants us to show others.

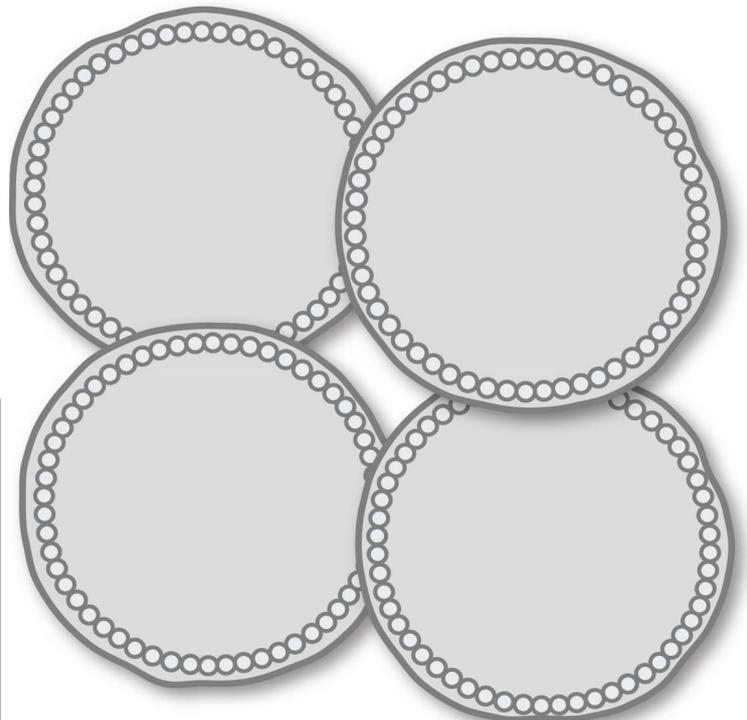


Children's Corner



Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar...

Jesus believed that people should obey the law and pay their taxes to the Romans. What are some laws or rules that we must obey?



The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

Enquiries: Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email: launceston@aohtas.org.au
Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church