

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

18 October 2020



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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### Sunday Reflection by Fr John Thornhill sm



In these final weeks of the Church's year, our readings from Matthew's gospel point towards what lies ahead. Today's gospel and that of next Sunday tell of the growing confrontation with the nation's leaders that will lead to Jesus' death. And in our last three readings from Matthew's gospel Jesus warns his hearers that the end is approaching.

The exchange recorded in today's gospel is well known. Matthew's brief account tells us a great deal about the situation that was developing in the last days of Jesus' life. The Jewish people bitterly resented the Roman occupation of their country; now, those who have turned against Jesus exploit this explosive situation to discredit him. The dilemma that Jesus is placed in by the question put to him about the paying of the Roman tax is brought out in Matthew's account by the composition of the group putting the question – Pharisees and Herodians. The Pharisees represent Jews who have a real problem of conscience paying the tax. Strict Pharisees would have considered the inscription on the denarius handed to Jesus – which almost certainly read, 'Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, great high priest' – to be blasphemous. This influential group, dedicated to upholding the traditions of God's people, would have asked themselves whether they were compromising their principles by paying their tax with this coin. If Jesus

encouraged the paying of the tax, he would not only offend the Pharisees, but also antagonise the common people who so resented the Roman rule. The Herodians, followers of Herod – the puppet ruler in league with the Romans – had no scruples concerning the tax. If Jesus condemned the paying of the tax, he could be denounced for subversion.

The famous reply of Jesus, 'To Caesar what belongs to Caesar; and to God what belongs to God' is not a clever evasion, as we may be led to think. With this reply, he turns the question back on his interrogators – taking the discussion beyond the level of the partisanship they are trying to exploit, he tells them that they are faced by a decision of conscience. As is so often the case – think of our own times – involvement in the political life of the nation is not a straightforward matter. The Romans had originally occupied Palestine at the invitation of Jewish leaders, bringing a relative stability, that replaced a situation of continuing anarchy. The contemporaries of Jesus must ask themselves whether the presence of the Romans was the lesser of two evils. Today's first reading from the later Isaian writings is well chosen. Cyrus – who 'does not know' the God of Israel – is called by the prophet, God's 'anointed', as he fulfills God's designs, sending the Jewish exiles back from captivity after his defeat of the Babylonians. God is Lord of all, certainly, Jesus is telling his listeners; but Jewish conscience must judge whether the Roman presence is providential, preventing a worse situation. We should note that Jesus invites the people to make their own judgment of conscience; he does not make it for them. We would misunderstand the reply of Jesus if we thought it was meant to instruct us about the relationship that should exist between Church and State. His reply concerns, not the order of politics, but the order of moral responsibility – the individual's duty to participate in the life of the nation in a way that best promotes the common good of justice and peace. At a later date, when the Roman state became a demonic force intent on destroying the Church, defiance of the authorities was called for, and produced the martyrs who were the glory of the early Church.

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## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm  
Or anytime by appointment

### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass  
& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service  
Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass  
(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

### Sacrament of Baptism

#### Welcoming & Naming

First Sunday at 9.00am Mass

#### Baptism outside Mass

Second Saturday at 10.30am

#### No Baptism during Mass in Lent

Third Sunday during 9.00am Mass

#### Other Time

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	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	K Henderson	T McCarter
	Sun 7.30am	D Hegarty	M Lamplugh
	Sun 9.00am	J Collins	A Chandra
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Counters		Kas Luczak, G Shankar	Jenny Siva

PARISH CALENDAR		
Oct Sat 17	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (29th Sunday Year A) Church
Sun 18	7.30am	Sunday Mass (29th Sunday Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (29th Sunday Year A) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (29th Sunday Year A) Church
Mon 19	8.00am	Communion (Ordinary Time Week 29) Church
Tue 20	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time Week 29) - Church
Wed 21	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time Week 29) Church
Thu 22	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time Week 29) Church
Fri 23	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time Week 29) Church
Sat 24	8.00am	Mass (Ordinary Time Week 29) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church



The seniors gathering will not take place this month. Instead, we will get together for lunch on Melbourne Cup Day, 3rd November at 11.00am.

If you are coming please put your name down on the list in the foyer from this weekend.

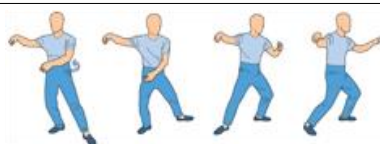
**Divine Mercy Hour**  
 Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament,  
 Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and  
 Benediction-every third Sunday of the  
 month at 3.00pm  
 Please join us this Sunday 18 October.



### Line Dancing Classes

Every Wednesday 10am - 12noon  
 \$5 per session  
 All proceeds go to the Parish

This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay  
 All are welcome; no age limits!



### Tai Chi Group

In Manning Parish Hall  
 Every Monday except holidays  
 Starts 7:30 pm and finishes at 8:30pm  
 The beginners class from 7 - 7:30 will be terminated from October.

All parishioners are most welcome.  
 For more information, please contact or text Stephen on 0403167838.

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*Reach out. Give life.*

This weekend our parish will hold the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal which this year reaches out to support children and their families affected by disability throughout the developing world where the COVID-19 pandemic only compounds their suffering.

You will be invited to partner our missionary Church as a monthly giving partner, or with a one-off donation with all gifts directed to support community and child-focused programmes. Visit [www.catholicmission.org.au/cambodia](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/cambodia) to watch a video on this essential work being carried out in Cambodia.

### A Retreat Experience Opening to the Spirit within

Nano Nagle Centre, 6 Reserve St, Claremont 6010. 08 9385 0684  
 October 23- 25, 2020 Friday evening 6.30-6.50 (with gathering cuppa and registration)– Sunday after lunch

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Facilitator: John Coleman [MA (Theol), B.Theol, B Psych, Dip T, Dip Spiritual Direction]

This will be a silent retreat, as we each explore more fully the gift of our inner spirit.

Sessions will include exploring 'Living in the Present Moment'; the ancient Christian/Catholic tradition of non-discursive meditation, the 16th century discursive meditation and a gift of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) becoming a part of daily life as we seek to deepen our 'inner spirit' awareness

## 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

*Philippians 2:15. 16*

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.'

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart



The Pharisees and the Herodians try to trip Jesus up, but he won't fall for their setup. They ask him to choose between the worldly and the holy, between the political and the religious. Jesus simply says that we need to give to each what is due to each.

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your faith says and what your country says? If something is legal, is it always moral? And if something is moral, is it always legal? What is an example of such a conflict?

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your civil community says and what your faith community says? If something is an acceptable practice in your school or in your circle of friends, does that mean it's always right to do? And is the right thing always acceptable in your social situation? What is an example of such a conflict? Some people try to live entirely in one arena, and they are totally against the other.

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all religion and talk of God and only clings to the physical, modern world? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all earthly things and clings only to the religious and spiritual? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who lives a good balance of both the spiritual and the earthly? What is that attitude like?

## Next Sunday Readings

**30th Sunday Year A - 25 October 2020**

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

# CHILDREN CORNER



**Give to God what belongs to God.**

**Jesus tells us that we belong to God.  
We can give ourselves to God by following  
Jesus' teachings and loving others as he did.  
Draw a picture of yourself doing something  
as Jesus would have done.**

