

## Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel begins with the Pharisees plotting against Jesus. They ask Jesus if it is lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar. The Pharisees ask the question only because they hope to trap Jesus by his answer. However, Jesus is well aware that they only want to discredit him in the people's eyes. Jesus knew that regardless of how he answered the question, it would be wrong in the mind of the Pharisees. Thus he doesn't answer the question directly.

Jesus decides to take a different approach. He asks for the coin that typically was used for paying the census tax. Then he asks the Pharisees whose picture is on the coin. Naturally they reply that it is Caesar's picture. Then Jesus responds to their question. His statement is very concise: they should give to Caesar what belongs to him! But then Jesus added a few simple but powerful words: "repay to God what belongs to God!"



All that we have comes from our loving God!  
Today what can you give to God? What can I give to God? Perhaps we can simply give God some quality time and attention! It may be all that God longs for!

NOTE: The **Craft Group** will not be meeting in November

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (APF)**

This weekend we are having the Annual Collection for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. The **APF** assists each and every one of the Catholic Church's 1,069 mission dioceses to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning.

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm. that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

## NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united  
in love, with a common purpose  
and a common mind"  
Philippians 2:2

### **22nd OCTOBER 2017** **29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 21st October	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Kathleen Harrison RIP
Sunday 22nd October <b>WORLD MISSION SUNDAY</b>	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Private Intention
Monday 23rd October	9:30am 7:30pm	Mass - Hugh Duffy (Sick) <b>Scripture Group</b>
Tuesday 24th October	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion <b>Followed by COFFEE MORNING</b>
Wednesday 25th October	Noon	Mass - Private Intention
Thursday 26th October	9:30am	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 27th October		No Service
Saturday 28th October	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation John Payne Jnr RIP
Sunday 29th October	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Private Intention
Tuesday 31st October	6:00pm	<b>Service of Light</b> (particularly for children and OAPs)
Wednesday 1st November <b>All Saints</b>	11:00am 7:00pm	Mass Mass
Thursday 2nd November <b>All Souls</b>	9:30am Noon 7:00pm	Mass Mass Mass

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

### 200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mr R Ellis

### WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

### FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please add your name to the list in the porch and place your donation into the wall box.

### SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please keep bringing in your unwanted spectacle and cases. They are of great use out in Mission Countries

**NOVEMBER LIST** : Envelopes are available from the porch.

**FOOD BANK**: The number of people being helped continues to grow. It would be marvellous if each person brought in one item each week from now and during the run-up to Christmas.  
Items urgently needed are Bottles of Pasta Sauce, Tinned Fruits, Toiletries, Packets of Cereals, Cat and Dog food, etc. etc.  
Please do not bring in “fresh foods”.

Our next **COFFEE MORNING** is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.  
The last Coffee Morning raised £188. Thanks for your support.  
We would appreciate Raffle Prizes and items for the Bring and Buy.

### PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Phil Martin on 07720 807162

### Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish  
and grant us a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word  
and a new consecration to your service,  
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,  
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

### Gospel Reading Matthew 22 15-21



That's when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask,

“Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, “Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it.” They handed him a silver piece.

“This engraving - who does it look like?  
And whose name is on it?”

They said, “Caesar.”

“Then give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his.”

The Pharisees were speechless.  
They went off shaking their heads



“Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words”

St Francis of Assisi

### SAFEGUARDING (Protection of children and vulnerable adults.

Helen Thorpe is our Safeguarding Officer and she needs to know who has completed their CRB registration so that she can check it against the electronic records. She would also like to know who doesn't have an up to date CRB - some seem to have started but not completed. Please add your names to the list in the porch as appropriate.