

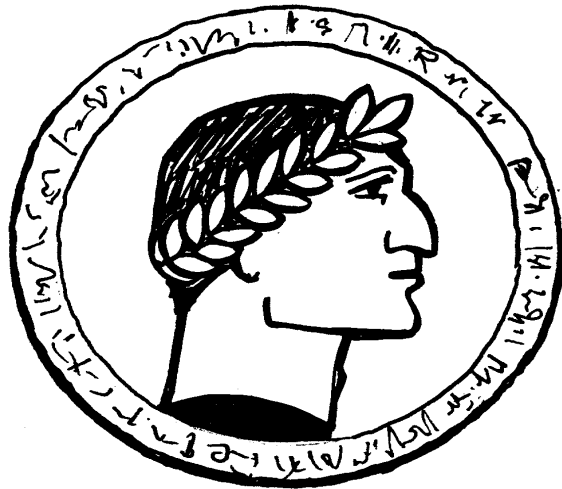
NEWSLETTER

Gospel Reflection

The Religious authorities are determined to undermine Jesus' authority and once again Jesus manages to undermine their authority instead.

Clearly, the authorities do not stand apart from the Roman occupation, since they readily seem to be able to produce a coin with Caesar's head on it. It is significant that Jesus is unable to produce a coin himself since he is homeless, dependent on the goodness, generosity and hospitality of others.

Jesus affirms the need to fulfil our civic duties, but even more so – as creatures who are bearers of God's image – we are called to go beyond the law showing love, mercy and justice to others and to all of creation. This love is made manifest not in a passive desire to avoid doing wrong, but in an active determination to work for the flourishing of all.



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

18th OCTOBER 2020 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 17th October		
Sunday 18th October World Mission Sunday Monday 19th October	10:00am	Mass
Tuesday 20th October	10:00am	Mass
Wednesday 21st October		
Thursday 22nd October	10:00am	Mass
Friday 23rd October		
Saturday 24th October		
Sunday 25th October	10:00am	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 – Mrs Lorraine Penketh

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

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