



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - 18th October 2020

Do We Mix Politics and Religion....

There is an old saying which goes, "Things never really change." In today's Gospel we discover that 2000 years ago people were discussing the same topics we discuss today, politics and religion. There are those who say one shouldn't mix politics with religion but Jesus seems to indicate otherwise. He admits they are separate issues but also makes it clear that God must be considered and, as He has said in other situations, God's laws are primary.

This discussion comes at a good time because in a few days we will be deciding for whom we will vote. Jesus is very clear in saying, "Repay to Caesar what it Caesar's and repay to God what is God's." And so, the question arises, "what is due God?".....Sacraments, Ten Commandments etc.

When Jesus outlined the commandments He gave us an exact description of what is God's. For example, He said, "Thou shalt not kill." God is the giver of life and it is not the province of a government to determine who dies and who lives. Some politicians running for office are saying that the modern Caesar, our federal government, has the right to make that decision. But Jesus, in his remarks in the Gospel says "give to God what belongs to God.....that's life." So, do we mix politics and our religion?

God bless,
Fr Prem

Parish Diary:

Monday 19th October

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 20th October

7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 21st October

7:30am HeartFIT
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 22nd October

NO MASS
6:00pm Sacramental
Candidates 1st
Reconciliation

Friday 23rd October

9:30am Mass

Saturday 24th October

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 25th October

8:00am Mass
8:30am Sacramental
Workshop
11:00am Baptism Celebration

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

First Reading: Isa 45:1, 4-6 – I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Psalm Response: If today you hear Gods voice, harden not your heart;
If today you hear Gods voice, harden not your heart.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:1-5 – We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars:

you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matt 22: 15-21– Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.



QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Time, health and relationships

These three things do not come

with price tags.

But when we lose them we realize the cost!

Next week's Readings

First: Exo 22:20-26

Second: 1 Thess 1:5-10

Gospel: Matt 22:34-40

Roster 24 th & 25 th October	6:15pm	Readers	8:00am	Music	6:15pm	8:00am
	(1st) Martin M (2nd) Emma M (POF) Emma M		(1st) Hilda A (2nd) Emilia G (POF) Emilia G		Gp 3	Gp 2
				Powerpoint	6:15pm Emma M	8:00am David C

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am (limited to 80 people)

Reconciliation: By appointment only

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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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.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Clara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Kevin Kranz, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Tessa Gorogo, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Winifred Linton, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Jan Hurst, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Sam Catavitello, Catharina Mollee, Gloria Thorley.

Anniversaries & Remembrances October: William Watson, Sarah Ahrens, Alberto De Monte, Vin Williams, Marian Dobunski, Fr John McGhee msc, Marjorie White, Sydney Rozario, John Chambers, Bob Garth, Candido Balito, Martin Curran, Paul Hayes, Pauline Boevink, Bill Allam, John Sheehan, Alice Groeger, Horrie Tranter, Joseph McNamee, Mary Leane, Pat Fitzpatrick, Leslie Marks, Galiano Tesser, Ronald Cowsell, Therese Bratic, Flo Mossop, Kay Cook, Helen Masade, Margaret Price, Jan Campbell, Kathleen Kearney, Maria Nguyen-Thi-Dieu, Keith Donelly, Salvatore Ragonesi, Kathy Walsh, David Hines, Lauren Smith, Dennis Manche, Ryan Hogan, John McDonald, Susanne Conroy, Dennis Manche, Forbes Peters, Myrtle Peters, John Humphries, Mark Thiedecke, Giuseppe Citeroni, Bozica Puljic, Michael Wellington.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

Mass Celebrations Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system please call the parish office to register.

Saturdays at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

Sundays at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

People who attend will need to adhere to the following guidelines:-

You must NOT have been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or have a fever or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath

When you arrive at Mass you must

- maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between people and refrain from handshaking and hugging
- clean your hands with the alcohol-based hand rub provided when you enter and leave the Church.
- Follow instructions given by the designated Marshal at the entrance to the Church
- Sit with at least 3 vacant chairs between non-family members (family groups may sit next to each other)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation adhering to the restrictions currently in place to keep our parishioners safe and keep our Church open.

10th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross Saturday 17 October On this anniversary we remember Mary MacKillop, our first Saint who was in every way a wonderful Australian and Catholic. May we seek 'fresh courage with hope' as we recall the words of St Pope John Paul II: 'learn from her to be a gift of love and compassion for one another, for all Australians and for the world. View, use or download the booklet for free: Prayer booklet (or visit the website <https://www.sosj.org.au/>)

Catholic Mission One of the constant messages that the team at Catholic Mission receive from missionaries around the world is 'thank you'. The people that we support, with the generosity of our donors, know how blessed they are by the Church here in Australia. When you contribute to the Catholic Mission appeal this weekend, you can be assured that you, your parish and others like it, will be remembered in prayer by those in places like Cambodia. Whether you give through a text message (**Text** the word *GIVE* to 0488 854 436, enter your parish name in the notes and follow the prompts), donate online (catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia) or give via the traditional appeal envelope, you are helping missionaries like Bishop Kike reach out and bring life to some of the most needy people in the world. On behalf of all of them, we, like Paul, give thanks.

Garden Working Bee - The gardens and grounds are in need of a tidy up. We need helpers on **SATURDAY 24th October from 7:30am to 9:00am**. Please bring along tools, hats and sunscreen. Water will be provided. If anyone has a trailer available to take rubbish to the dump that would be appreciated. Remember many hands make light work. **If you are not available on Saturday but would like to help out, you are welcome to come and weed and tidy the Garden of Reflection or Columbarium area at any time that suits you!!**

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

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: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 replied, '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.'