

FR ALO WRITES...

“Responsible Citizens”

Matthew 22:15-21

The attitude of the Pharisees of the gospel of today (Matt 22:15-21) reminds me of the time when I was in the Minor Seminary. My classmates and I were cheeky enough to trick one of our teachers whose classes were really boring. What we did was just to avoid attending his classes. Every time he came in the classroom we took our turn in praising him for the clothes he was wearing or his beautiful art works or his skills of playing volley ball. He got trapped with all the praises and kept talking about things that were not related to his class subject or just allowed us to play sport out in the soccer field which we were really dying for.

The Pharisees would like to trap Jesus as well. Jesus was firm enough to answer their questions and not be trapped with all the praises or the questions which would give them reason to criticize him. It was clear that they posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he was loyal to them and to their understanding of religion. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested. Jesus emphasized the importance of being good citizens of God’s Kingdom and of the civil state.

I have heard stories of people who try to avoid paying taxes to the government. For them the government has a lot of money and there are many people paying tax, so if one person doesn’t pay tax, it doesn’t have any effect. This person forgets that if everyone thinks like him, the country would then be in danger of bankruptcy. For children of God it isn’t a case of either or, it’s a case of both! Children of God see the blessings and responsibilities of being citizens of both church and state. We see how we are indebted to the government God has established to do us good. We might not always agree with those in authority over us, but as the Fourth Commandment reminds us, we have the responsibility to honor, serve, and obey them and give them love and respect and this includes paying taxes, giving to Caesar what is Caesar’s. We also belong to the Kingdom of God and have responsibility for building it. Our communion in liturgy as well as in daily living and being part of the mission of the church for building a good world is the way of “paying taxes to God”. The kingdom of God physically can be reflected in the life of the church. We may not agree with everything taught by the church, but we do not deny also the fact that through the church many people have been blessed and saved by God in a very simple way.

Have you lived your identity as a citizen of both God’s Kingdom and the state? In which way have you expressed you responsibility to both?



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 18 OCT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 19 OCT

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
11:00am French Mass
3:30pm Indonesian Mass
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 20 OCT

9:00am Mass
9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 22 OCT

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 24 OCT

9:00am OLR Whole School Mass

SATURDAY 25 OCT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 26 OCT

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
3:30pm Indonesian Mass
6:00pm Mass

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! Let us know how we can support you in your faith journey. Please introduce yourself to the parish priest and/or one of the hospitality team at morning tea.



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 Maria Caetano (Mon-Fri 9am-1pm)

MASS TIMES
 Sat - 6pm (Vigil)
 Sun - 9:30am (Family), 6pm
 Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am
 Indonesian Mass Sun - 3:30pm
 French Mass Third Sun - 11am

RECONCILIATION
 Mon 9:30am or by appointment

HOLY HOUR + RECONCILIATION
 Thursday before 1st Friday - 7:00pm

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY
 Fr Aloysius Tamnge msc – 0426 042 624

BAPTISMS
 First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS
 By Appointment

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 Contact parish office

OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
 Marie Nilon – 9663 3346

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
 To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
 O God; Turn your ear to me; hear my words.
 Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the
 shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING
 Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING
 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who
 fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to
 rescue their souls from death, to keep them
 alive in famine.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Lucienne Radzynski, Miriam McKoy,
 Fr Roger Duggan msc, Neville Dunn,
 Mr MacKenzie, Fr Chris Murphy msc,
 Tom Regan, Pam (Rose's friend),
 Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill),
 Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi,
 Fr Peter Robinson msc, Lucia Simeone,
 Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto,
 Frank Zakrzewski, Llewellyn Samuel,
 Antonio Laquian, Joe Di Blasio,
 Rina Vecchief, Betty Mansfield,
 Anton's mum, Nella Custorella,
 Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper,
 Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George,
 Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon,
 Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES
 Mifsud & Caruana Families, Frank Pockaj

ROSTERS

OCT 18/19	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	George Bedirian
Readers	Cathy Shiner Thelma Slunsky	Stephen Chiew Bernard Pacia	Ben Keneally Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	John Dorahy Alice Mouco	Margaret Rigotti Roy Rigotti Nani Widarto Henny Ramali Barbara Hitchcock Trish Veness	Kristina Keneally Marieann Duncan
KidsChurch	9:30am - Charisse Low, Jackie Ma 6:00pm - Erin Beavis, Harriet Beavis		
Counting	Johannes Tantohardjono, Bob Brenac, Giovanna Ziccardi		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Trish Veness		
OCT 25/26	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Gus Alimhamzah	John Allen	Fred Luca
Readers	Selvi Ung Sr Helen Hearne	Big Kids Church Big Kids Church	Virginia Black Nicholas Black
E. Ministers	John Ryan Alice Mouco	Sheila McAndrew Brigid Siely Amelia Iovanella Hartono Ong Thomas Chia Grace Pandiangan	Lyn King Trish Veness
KidsChurch	9:30am - Christine Mitchell & Christina Halim 6:00pm - Mark & Fiona O'Farrell		
Counting	James Lynch, John Sparke, Helen Liew		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia, Grace Pandiangan		

YOUTH

Big KidsChurch

Join the team and lead the 9:30am Mass every fourth Sunday. Ages 10-15.
Contact: Ana Corpuz – 0416 166 149.

KidsChurch**Sundays 9:30am & 6pm Mass**

Mass can be pretty difficult for young children to understand. It can also be challenging for their parents to focus and pray when little ones need their attention. KidsChurch runs from the beginning of Mass until the Offertory where children return to their parents in the Church for the Eucharistic prayer, giving parents some well-deserved time to pray and listen to God's Word. But it's not just a childcare service. It's a complete child focused catechesis on the Sunday readings, developed to engage your children and nurture their faith. And now, it's available at both the Sunday morning and evening Masses so that families who have sport in the morning can still have a valued time with our Lord.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

November Month of Holy Souls

The November Remembrance Book and Mass Offering envelopes are available in the church foyer. Parishioners are asked to write the names of their deceased family and friends in the Remembrance Book and Mass Offerings can be dropped off at the parish office, left on the collection plate or given to Fr Alo. The November Mass Book will be available in the church for the month of November.

**INSTALLATION OF THE MOST REVEREND ANTHONY FISHER OP**

As previously advised by The Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Peter A Comensoli, the Liturgical Reception and Mass of Installation for the Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP as the ninth Archbishop of Sydney will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on **Wednesday, 12 November 2014** at 7.30pm. Those attending would need to be seated by 7.00pm. All are welcome.

FAITH IN ACTION: SOCIAL JUSTICE EXPO

is your opportunity to engage with agencies and organisations working in justice and peace and explore ways you can get involved. On **3 & 4 November**, guest speakers will explore a justice topic from a Catholic perspective. The Expo on **5 November** will feature exhibitors, live entertainment, food and competitions at the Courtyard of the **University of Notre Dame, Broadway**. Holy Mass will follow the expo at 8.15pm at St Benedict's. More info & **Free Registration** at faithinactionsydney.com. This event is organised by the Justice and Peace Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney with Catholic Youth Services. To find out more contact **9307 8461** or qwayne.guevara@sydneycatholic.org.

PARISH CHAT.....

Holy Hour**First Thursday Vigil (7pm)**

This Hour of Grace and Mercy is a time to encounter the healing presence of Jesus and refresh your soul. Reconciliation is also available during Adoration.

**Formation & Training Workshop
for Eucharistic Ministers of
Holy Communion**

A workshop will be held in our Parish Church **after Mass on 26th October** for those who are interested in becoming a **EUCHARISTIC MINISTER of HOLY COMMUNION**. Please join us, as we can always use extra ministers.

To register please contact Nani Widarto on 0411 824 620 or contact the parish office.

Cana Communities

Volunteers and friends from Cana Communities will be with us next weekend seeking our help. Cana Communities provide family-type support for people from the streets. Cana Communities is one of the largest providers of crisis beds in the inner city. They will be holding an appeal at our Parish Masses next weekend. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Even if you don't donate, they would love to tell you about their community.

**Annual Celebration honouring
Our Lady of the Rosary**

Commemorated here in Australia at St Fiacre's Church, Leichhardt on **Sunday 26th October 2014 with sung Mass at 2pm** followed by Procession in the Church grounds concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and shared supper in the Parish Hall afterwards.

WE'RE CELEBRATING...

NOTICES

ARTES CHRISTI PRESENTS THE JEWELER'S SHOP

The first Feast Day of St John Paul II is 22 October and to celebrate don't miss *The Jeweler's Shop*, a profoundly beautiful play on human love & marriage written by St John Paul before he was elected pope. As specifically indicated by St John Paul II, the play will be staged in the unique style of the Polish underground theatre with no sets or props & performed in a recitative style (reading only).

SYDNEY: **Sat, 25 Oct at 7.30pm, Seymour Centre**

(Cleveland St Chippendale);

PARRAMATTA: **Sun, 26 Oct at 3pm, Riverside Theatre**

(Church St, Parramatta).

Tickets from \$20, bookings essential,

Ph. [\(02\)9351 7940](tel:0293517940) (Sydney) or

[\(02\)8839 3399](tel:0288393399) (Parramatta)

or WWW.THEWORD.ORG.AU.

Urgent Accommodation Needed

Tina (65) needs urgent accommodation. If you can help, please contact her friend Elizabeth on 0409 038 659.

JOKE CORNER

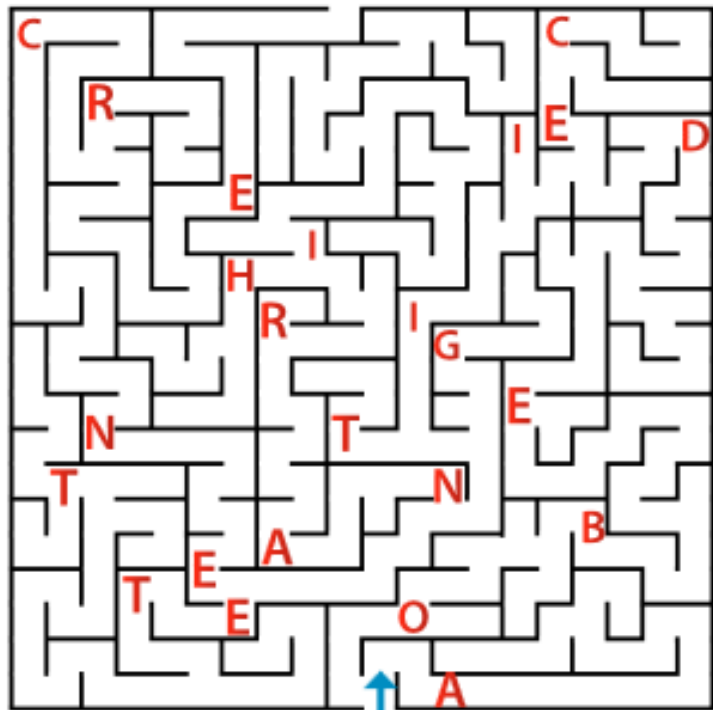
Red Lamp

A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?"



God's Path

One of the most important virtues is hidden in the maze. As you travel through, the letters will reveal a key virtue that Jesus spoke about in the Scripture today.



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