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Newsletter of St Joseph's West Brunswick WELCOME

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PRAYING AT HOME

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time — A

St Joseph's Church

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9.30am-4.30pm

Mass streamed live each day
from St Patrick's Cathedral
at 1pm;

www.cam.org.au/cathedral
This information will be
updated to the Archdiocesan
website as it comes to hand:
<https://www.cam.org.au>

Mass for You at Home is
telecast on Channel Ten
each Sunday at 6am. It can
also be watched on the
internet: www.mfyah.com

La S. Messa in italiano
trasmessa da Padre Antonio
Fregolent
(Mt. Pritchard NSW)
ogni Domenica alle 9.00am
stazione radio Rete Italia
1539AM.

Dear Parishioners

A pastor was once asked how he divided the money he collected during his church services. *"That's easy," he answered, "I just throw the money I collected upward. That which goes upward belongs to God. That which goes downward belongs to me."*

This weekend, in the Gospel of Matthew, two groups come together to trap Jesus. They are the Pharisees, who strongly disagreed with paying taxes to a foreign government – the Romans, and the Herodians who supported taxes being paid to Herod, who worked for the Romans. They decided to flatter Jesus then ask the political question: *"We know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God ... Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"*

Jesus asked for a Roman coin. The coin had an image and an inscription *"Tiberius Caesar, august son of the divine Augustus, high priest."* Many Jews considered this blasphemous so would not use this Roman coin but it was the legal tender. Jesus answered: *"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."*

Each one of us bears God's image, so we belong to God. As the book of Genesis describes: *"God created man in his own image ... male and female he created them"* (Genesis 1:26-27). All belongs to God and so everything must be evaluated in the light of God's loving plan.

Pope Francis, in his recent Encyclical, *"Fratelli Tutti"*, encourages all the faithful to go beyond their borders and their race to embrace all as brothers and sisters, including those who have different religious beliefs, who are also made in God's image. Pope Francis uses these words *"fraternity and social friendship"*. He was inspired by St Francis of Assisi who over 800 years ago *"addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the gospel."*

That flavour of the gospel will shape our Christian identity as Pope Francis describes it in paragraph 277:

Yet we Christians are very much aware that if the music of the Gospel ceases to resonate in our very being, we will lose the joy born of compassion, the tender love born of trust, the capacity for reconciliation that has its source in our knowledge that we have been forgiven and sent forth. If the music of the Gospel ceases to sound in our homes, our public squares, our workplaces, our political and financial life, then we will no longer hear the strains that challenge us to defend the dignity of every man and woman. Others drink from other sources. For us the wellspring of human dignity and fraternity is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. From it, there arises, for Christian thought and for the action of the Church, the primacy given to relationship, to the encounter with the sacred mystery of the other, to universal communion with the entire human family, as a vocation of all.

As believers, we are convinced that, we are made in God's image and likeness. If we want to be a church that embraces all as brothers and sisters, to sustain hope, to be a sign of unity, to protect human rights, to build bridges, to show the seeds of reconciliation, we have to shape our Christian identity in the image of God. Let us pray and trust that our loving God will enable us to discern what truly belongs to Caesar and what truly belongs to God.

With God's blessings. Fr Greg and Fr Linh



FIRST READING: Is 45:1.4-6

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

Response: 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 Thes 1:1-5

A reading from the first 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 ACCLAMATION: Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mt 22:15-21

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 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.'

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Like St Paul, we give thanks always to God, unceasingly calling to mind the power and the promise of the Spirit.

We pray for Pope Francis and the bishops of the church. May the Spirit continue to lead the church in every country to be a strong witness to the unity of God's plan for the world. *Lord hear us.*

We pray for civic leaders at all levels. May they use wisely and justly the power entrusted to them and then be given the respect and support they deserve. *Lord hear us.*

On this World Mission Sunday, we pray for all in special ministry, both here and overseas. May they be strengthened and sustained in their selfless efforts to minister to those most in need, especially the people suffering as a result of the corona virus pandemic. *Lord hear us.*

We pray for our faith community. May we strive to be more Christ-like in faith and action, and help share your presence with those most in need. *Lord hear us.*

We pray for the sick of our parish especially Leanne Paolini and Tony Parisi and all those who have asked for our prayers. *Lord hear us.*

We pray for those who have died recently especially Lori McNamara and Lilia Pertion and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Maria Scilini, Lucia Rizza and Kevin Kelly. May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom. *Lord hear us.*

Gracious God, steadfast in your kindness to us, hear our prayers. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RIFLESSIONE

Una volta fu chiesto ad un pastore il criterio con cui divideva il denaro raccolto durante le sue funzioni religiose. "È facile", rispose, "lancio i soldi che ho raccolto in aria. Quelli che salgono verso l'alto appartengono a Dio. Quelli che cadono appartengono a me".

Questo fine settimana, nel Vangelo di Matteo, due gruppi si accordano per intrappolare Gesù: i Farisei, che erano fortemente in disaccordo con il pagamento delle tasse ad un governo straniero (i Romani) e gli Erodiani che sostenevano le tasse pagate a Erode, che lavorava per i Romani. Decisero di adulare Gesù per poi porgergli la domanda politica: "Sappiamo che sei un uomo onesto e insegna la via di Dio ... È lecito pagare le tasse a Cesare oppure no?". Gesù chiese una moneta romana. La moneta riportava un'immagine e l'iscrizione *Tiberio Cesare, Augusto figlio del divino Augusto, sommo sacerdote*. Molti ebrei consideravano questo blasfemo quindi non avrebbero voluto usare questa moneta romana, che però era la valuta legale. Gesù rispose: "*Date a Cesare ciò che appartiene a Cesare – e a Dio ciò che appartiene a Dio*".

Ognuno di noi porta in sé l'immagine di Dio, quindi apparteniamo a Dio. Come descrive il libro della Genesi: "*Dio creò l'uomo a sua immagine ... maschio e femmina li creò*" (Genesi 1: 26-27). Tutto appartiene a Dio e quindi tutto deve essere valutato alla luce del piano d'amore di Dio.

Papa Francesco, nella sua recente Enciclica *Fratelli Tutti*, incoraggia tutti i fedeli ad andare oltre i propri confini e la propria etnia per abbracciare tutti come fratelli e sorelle, compresi coloro che hanno credenze religiose diverse, che sono anch'essi fatti a immagine di Dio. Papa Francesco usa queste parole: *fraternità e amicizia sociale*. È stato ispirato da san Francesco d'Assisi che oltre 800 anni fa "*si è rivolto ai suoi fratelli e sorelle e ha proposto loro uno stile di vita segnato dal sapore del Vangelo*".

Quel sapore del Vangelo plasmerà la nostra identità cristiana come la descrive Papa Francesco nel paragrafo 277:

"Come cristiani non possiamo nascondere che «se la musica del Vangelo smette di vibrare nelle nostre viscere, avremo perso la gioia che scaturisce dalla compassione, la tenerezza che nasce dalla fiducia, la capacità della riconciliazione che trova la sua fonte nel saperci sempre perdonati-inviati. Se la musica del Vangelo smette di suonare nelle nostre case, nelle nostre piazze, nei luoghi di lavoro, nella politica e nell'economia, avremo spento la melodia che ci provocava a lottare per la dignità di ogni uomo e donna». Altri bevono ad altre fonti. Per noi, questa sorgente di dignità umana e di fraternità sta nel Vangelo di Gesù Cristo. Da esso «scaturisce per il pensiero cristiano e per l'azione della Chiesa il primato dato alla relazione, all'incontro con il mistero sacro dell'altro, alla comunione universale con l'umanità intera come vocazione di tutti».

Come credenti, siamo convinti che siamo fatti a immagine e somiglianza di Dio. Se vogliamo essere una chiesa che abbraccia tutti come fratelli e sorelle, per sostenere la speranza, per essere un segno di unità, per proteggere i diritti umani, per costruire ponti, per mostrare i semi della riconciliazione, dobbiamo plasmare la nostra identità cristiana sull'immagine di Dio. Preghiamo e confidiamo che il nostro Dio amorevole ci consentirà di discernere ciò che appartiene veramente a Cesare e ciò che appartiene veramente a Dio.



PARISH UPDATE

We welcomed our school children, families and staff back to 'real' school after a long period of online learning. It was wonderful to hear the laughter and to see children playing together again. A special welcome to our new principal of Our Lady's School, Ms. Maree McIntosh. St Fidelis School Education Board met during the week and discussed amongst other things the launch of new exciting building project.

In Brunswick/Brunswick East parish a sub-committee working on a new charter for the Parish Leadership Team have worked diligently on the task and will report to a meeting of the PLT this coming week.

In the Melbourne Archdiocese the Parish Priest has been the employer and the manager of Catholic schools for circa 180 years. This has been an extraordinary contribution by the priests. However, from the 1st January 2021, the Archbishop will form a new company to govern and administrate the schools. This will free the priests to be pastors and spiritual leaders in the schools freeing them from many responsibilities.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY TODAY

World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world.

Online fundraising opportunities can be found at <https://www.socktober.org.au/>

or visit

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/ArtMID/416/ArticleID/24677/Practical-provision-Catholic-Mission>



LINK FOR MASSES

The 10am Sunday Mass will be a virtual Mass and you can attend from your home using ZOOM by clicking on the link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/9935576687>

11am SUNDAY MASS AT ST FIDELIS

Mass at 11 am will continue to be streamed on the parish Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Fidelis-Parish-Moreland-183834618311776/>

Or on You tube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm7GEgt-p2odZexFuLSq92Q>

'ZOOM' MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

SATURDAY: 5pm (Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/93581632128?](https://zoom.us/j/93581632128?pwd=dEdCd0EwNW5BYINxL05BRkFtTjBGdz09)

[pwd=dEdCd0EwNW5BYINxL05BRkFtTjBGdz09](https://zoom.us/j/93581632128?pwd=dEdCd0EwNW5BYINxL05BRkFtTjBGdz09)

Meeting ID: 935 8163 2128 - Passcode: 322313

A PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

St Joseph our Patron Saint and Pilgrim Guide,
walk with us as a community of faith
at West Brunswick.

You are the Saint of Dreams, the one who welcomed
the gift of your Son, with Mary Our Mother.
Saint ever faithful, saint of integrity, show us the way
to walk in your steps with hearts full of trust,
openness and hospitality.

In our moments of fear, anxiety and worry lead us to
stillness as we ponder the gift you received
in the Eternal Word, Christ Jesus.

At this uncertain and anxious time for us,
and all our brothers and sisters of the world,
we ask you to intercede for us, together with
Mary Our Mother, that we will walk in the way of
peace, build communion with one another and
remain united through the gift of prayer.

Hold close to your Son, all those who are sick,
alone and afraid. Strengthen our doctors,
health and aged care workers, as they strive to bring
comfort and healing to those in their care.

Guide those entrusted with the wellbeing and
common good of our nation with wisdom, justice and
mindfulness of the most marginalized among us.

St Joseph, pray for us!

ZOOM MEDITATION

Zoom meditation session each Tuesday - 7.30pm,
using the Parish Zoom address:
Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/9935576687>

ROSARY : EVERY SATURDAY AT 9AM: VIA ZOOM <https://zoom.us/j/7750427546>

Meeting ID: 775 042 7546 One tap mobile
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MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS REFLECTION VIA ZOOM

Saturday 7 Nov 2020, 10am-1pm

Facilitated by Carol Dyer (B.A. (Psych) Transpersonal and
Experiential Psychotherapy Level 5 (Trainer),
Cert. Spiritual Direction). This event provides the opportunity to
broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening
to what God is inviting you to at this time.

There will be some input to enable participants to learn some
theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time
away from the Zoom screen for meditation and
mindfulness practise.

Cost \$25. Bookings and payment via Trybooking
at <https://www.trybooking.com/663916>.

For more information,
contact holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.

WEDNESDAY GOSPEL DISCUSSION

**Gospel discussion— Wednesday at
4.30pm with Trish Murray**

ZOOM LINK:

<https://zoom.us/j/9935576687>



LINE SAFETY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND CARERS

The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free
e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers'
which provides advice about online safety issues that children
and young people may experience. This resource provides "key
advice about online safety issues that can affect children and
young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and
carers to talk about these issues with children and young people
and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices
safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from
strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular
Sites and apps. Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy
or download and view the resource online:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>