



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, strengthened by the Word of God, is united by our Sacramental Life into a Covenant to make Jesus the Christ known and loved in Central Australia.

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

18th - 19th October 2014

World Mission Sunday

GOD AND CAESAR

From 'Sunday Reflection' by Eugene Lobo, SJ



The Pharisees looked for an answer from Jesus on the issue of tax. They thought that if Jesus responds saying that the tax is lawful and should be paid would certainly upset the Jews. But if he responded saying it is not lawful and should not be paid, then he will be advocating breaking the law and would upset the Romans. Whatever be his answer, they were certain of their victory. Jesus, of course, was perfectly aware of the dangers in giving a straight answer. He accused them of gross hypocrisy in setting this trap.

They had no desire to know the answer because they had their own answers already. Their only intention was to lay a trap for Jesus and to catch with some verbal error.

Cleverly and deliberately Jesus begins to turn the tables. Jesus asks them to show him a coin. An observant Jew was not supposed to carry with him a Roman coin with Caesar's inscription on it. But here the Pharisees did not have any problem in producing one at the request of Jesus.

Jesus clearly makes them understand that the Roman coinage technically belonged to the emperor or the Government. He then gave them his famous answer, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

The answer left them to ponder as it does even today. The individual has to discern and see what is that which belongs to God and what is under the control of the state. The state has many obligations: public services, water supply, schooling, social welfare for the poor and the aged and the civil protection. Religion's duties are to connect people with God, the ultimate answer to our questions and the basis of our life's decisions.

We all are, in some way, the citizens of two kingdoms: citizens of the political territory where we belong and citizens in God's Kingdom. As Jesus says, they both require certain loyalties from us. In the context of the Gospel we need to realize that when we really love our country and its people, then we may have to stand in strong opposition to the authorities on certain issues. Of course, the authorities will try to present such people as traitors and a threat to the stability of the country. Today's Gospel makes it very clear that we have two responsibilities: to the government of our country and to God our creator. Where both are in harmony there cannot be any conflict. Wherever there is immoral or unjust behaviour against people's dignity and rights, then there has to be conflict. Such conflict is not always bad. It is because of creative conflict that our society makes progress. Provided we always act in a positive and creative way, "speaking the truth in love", then the earthly kingdoms that people build can, in time, become the Kingdom of God. As a famous dissident — and martyr, St Thomas More, said: "The King's good servant, but God's first."

Parish Mass Schedule:

Monday to Friday: 7 am & 5:30 pm
Saturday 11 am & (Sun Vigil) 6 pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Community

1st, 3rd, 4th (and 5th) Sundays of the month - 11am Aboriginal

Community Mass at South Terrace.

2nd Sunday of the month—11 am

Aboriginal Community Mass at Amoonguna, Southeast of Alice Springs, off the Ross Highway.

Sacraments:

Reconciliation:

Saturday 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Baptism: By appointment: one month's notice required.

Marriage:

By appointment only, 6 months' notice required.

Daily Readings: starting 20 October

Mon: Eph 2:1-10 Lk 12:13-21
Tues: Eph 2:12-22 Lk 12:35-38
Wed: Eph 3:2-12 Lk 12:39-48
Thu: Eph 3:14-21 Lk 12:49-53
Fri: Eph 4:1-6 Lk 12:54-59
Sat: Eph 4:7-16 Lk 13:1-9
Sun: Ex 22:20-26
 1 Thess 1:5-10 Mt 22:34-40

+ **Pray & read your Bible every day** +



Please pray for the elderly and those who are sick

Mary Dick, Maurie Johns, Duncan Lynch, Isabel Laverty, Janice Loria Lazo, Margaret McNaught, Rita Knchel, Graciano Mercado, Kevin Feed, Penelope Sleming, Hermon Turkey, Tilde Cabantog, Benedicto J Chupungco, Eileen Sanvictores, Manuel Sarangay, Alice Costa, Do Quyen, Paul Rindahl, Gwyneth Allwright, Kathleen Williams, Lafie Saanga, Dianne McGinn, Georgina Gilbert, Editha Baslot, Ann Vernon, Kevin Edwin, Paul Manard, Heather Cent, Jala Breanna, Singmia Fofung, Colleen Langcake, Cathy Golotta, Marissa Johnston, Allison Burgess, Rosemarie Schnell, Bill Sims, Antonio Mutia, Gill Dew, Mark McGinley, Patricia Wyatt, Lorraine Gore, Peter Strachan, Gary Brenton, Glen Clarke, Imblisa, May Lee Shah, Bill Costa, Maria Lourdes Sacramento.

May the Lord grant them healing.

Recent Death: William (Ted) Power,
May his soul rest in peace.

Death Anniversary: Giuseppe Antonelli (October 17) and Elisa Sarangay (October 19) .
May their souls rest in peace.

Devotional Practices:

Divine Office & Morning Prayer
 Monday to Friday 6:45am

Prayers of the Holy Rosary
 Monday to Friday 5pm

Saint Joseph Devotion
 First Wednesday of the month 9am
 Contact: Cathy Golotta 8952 1991

Malayalam (Indian) Fellowship
 Sunday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Adoration
 Adoration every second Saturday of the month at Missionaries of Charity Convent 12 Standley Crescent, from 3-4 pm

Synod on the Family

American spouses Alice and Jeff Heinzen from the Diocese of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, say they are “definitely being heard” at this Synod of Bishops. The couple, who work in marriage ministry for their diocese, are participating as auditors at the Synod.

We are pleased to see the sincerity of the Synod assembly to address the pastoral challenges of the family. For example, we did not expect the Holy Father to be with us every day of the first week. His presence in the assembly emphasizes the importance that the Vatican has placed on this topic. He is with us and, by extension, he is with the families under his care.

It is important to remember that all of the Synod assembly is on the same page - all of us are striving to ensure that marriage and family life follows God's plan. The Holy Father believes families need more support in today's culture. That is why he has asked for the extensive study of the issues. It is important to remember that this Synod is just one step in the full investigation and response. The process began one year ago when all dioceses were asked to submit a report on the state of marriage and family. This step (i.e. the Extraordinary Synod) is looking at a synopsis of these reports and opening the discussion on what can be done to make the plight of the family better. In October 2015, another group of Synod Fathers will come together to provide us with a report. We have confidence in the process that has been chosen. And we are grateful for the depth of faith and openness of the Synod Fathers to the animation of the Holy Spirit.

The Synod Fathers are actively listening to the auditors. Our lived experiences as married couples are of great interest to them. They are asking us questions and engaging us in dialogue. We are definitely being heard.

From: Zenit.org

Message from the Holy Father for World Mission Sunday 2014

Dear brothers and sisters, on this World Mission Day my thoughts turn to all the local Churches. Let us not be robbed of the joy of evangelisation! I invite you to immerse yourself in the joy of the Gospel and nurture a love that can light up your vocation and your mission. I urge each of you to recall, as if you were making an interior pilgrimage, that “first love” with which the Lord Jesus Christ warmed your heart, not for the sake of nostalgia but in order to persevere in joy. The Lord’s disciples persevere in joy when they sense his presence, do his will and share with others their faith, hope and evangelical charity.

Let us pray through the intercession of Mary, the model of humble and joyful evangelisation, that the Church may become a welcoming home, a mother for all peoples and the source of rebirth for our world.

Liturgical Note

The Mass consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God’s Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed. GIRM 28

WELCOME!

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or those newly arrived in the Parish. Welcome to all guests and tourists. We pray that you have a lovely stay!

Parish Diary

Sunday 19 October
 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 20 October

Tuesday 21 October
 • Prison Ministry 5:45 -7:30pm

Wednesday 22 October

Thursday 23 October

Friday 24 October

Saturday 25 October
 • OLSH Associates Meeting

Sunday 26 October
 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

The Report for the Year June 2013 – 2014 is presented on the announcements boards at the back of our church. I like to take the opportunity to thank our Parish Treasurer Kevin Hickmott for preparing the Report and for his long service to our Parish. Thank you to the Finance Committee, John Lillecrapp and Michel Steller, as well as John Healy and Mel Buenviaje who oversee and keep our finance records in order. Kevin and Fr. Jan are available to discuss any finance issues should anyone like to do so.

Upcoming Event

As in previous year on Saturday 1 November we have the parish memorial walk to the Telegraph Station. We will remember especially those who died within the last year and pray for them. We invite all parishioners to take part in this walk. More information next Sunday.

The whole Church is missionary, and the work of evangelization is a basic duty of the People of God. *Ad Gentes 35*

The Associates of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will be holding their October meeting on Saturday 25th October. Please bring Fr. Kwakman's book as we will be sharing on Session 5. All are welcome

Cleaning: 25 October **Group 2**
 Goury Nair, Babu Joseph, Sibi Thampi, Seena

Counters: 26 October
 Scott Lonard, Margaret-Ann McNaught

Last Week's Collections:
 1st Collection: \$1,434.30 (for the presbytery)
 2nd Collection: \$3,173.35 (for the parish)

Thank you for your generosity!

Groups please remember to keep the Bulletin team informed if you change your days/times etc.

Social Justice Awareness Group

Concluding Ten Steps towards being a Good Sport:

Step 8: Support sports people who show positive values. Many sports people have become community leaders supporting health and inclusiveness, campaigning against violence and discrimination, and working for equality and poverty relief. Support players at local, state and national levels who show positive values: send them a text or email, go and watch them, ask them to come and talk at your club or school.

Step 9: Challenge over-commercialisation, drugs and gambling. Often sport can become a commercial enterprise in itself and lose sight of the good it should be doing for society. Make your views known to individuals and clubs that exhibit this downside: unfair play, excessive gambling, drugs, or a win-at-all-costs attitude.

Step 10: Understand that not everyone loves sport. Not everyone may share your enthusiasm for your particular sport or team - or any sport at all. Some people have strong personal reasons for being alienated from sport. Respect their choices and be sensitive in expressing your own enthusiasm.

The **Social Justice Awareness Group** invites you to join in a discussion upon these 10 points and the 2014 Australian Bishops' Statement. This will be held at the John Paul II Room in the Parish House courtyard at 4pm on Sunday 26th October. Everyone is welcomed. Tea, coffee and nibbles will be available. Meeting will end in time for the 5:30pm Mass. **Kathleen Leahy. SJAG.**

Ecumenical Australian Church Women's service

Please join us to celebrate our upcoming Australian Church Women's World Community Day, "Building with Godly Wisdom". This is an ecumenical service, to be hosted by the Anglican Church Friday evening 31 October 2014 at 7pm. For further details please contact Rita Steller 89 520868 or refer to the notice in our Church.



Plans are underway for a Diocesan Pilgrimage to WYD 2016 in Krakow, Poland. It looks to be a three week experience from 13 July to 4 August, 2016. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage, you can email your interest to youth@darwin.catholic.org.au

Roster for weekend of 25 / 26 October 2014

	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers
Sat 6:00 pm	Greg Gilbert	Binu Katherine Sue Bain	Christine Grant Darryl Smith Mary Dick
Sun 7:30 am	Jenny Montefiore	Margaret McNaught Puspha Vida	John Lillecrapp Margaret Lilecapp Carmel Leonard
Sun 9:30 am	Bro Tony Caddy	Rodea Aplaon Mike Williams	Helena Casseeram Mark Bensted Carmela Guthart
Sun 5:30 pm	Mel Buenviaje	Cristina Buenviaje Franchesca Ives	Thomas J John Thampi Joseph Marieta Ives

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Entrance Antiphon: Ps 16:6.8

To you I call; for your 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

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance

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.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1.3-5.7-10 **R/** Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

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. 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.

The Word of the Lord

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: Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, hear our prayer

Communion Antiphon: Mark 10:45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.