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St Edward the Confessor Parish

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Readings: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thess. 1: 1-5; Matthew 22: 15-21

Next Week: Exodus 22: 20-26; 1 Thess. 1: 5-10; Matthew 22: 34-40

21st—22nd October 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A/1 Give to God what belongs to God

Today's readings concentrate on God as ruler over all the world. The **First Reading** teaches us about the relationship between God and Cyrus, one of the most powerful earthly rulers. Even though Cyrus did not know God, God works through him, giving Cyrus all that he needs to help accomplish God's plans.

The **Psalmist** calls us to speak of the Lord's greatness and glory throughout the world, and to pay him worship and honour. In the **Second Reading**, St Paul gives thanks to God and prays for the Christian community in Thessalonica. Chosen and loved by God, the community – aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by its faith and hope in God – continues in its work.

The **Gospel** message is that we belong completely to God and are therefore called to offer God our entire selves. Jesus is aware that the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to trip him up when they ask if Jewish people should pay taxes to the Romans. Although he confirms that this is reasonable, at the same time he also affirms that *our first duty is to serve God*, and to give God what is due.

This week, maybe we can pray for the rulers and leaders of our world, particularly during these difficult times. We ask that God will work through them towards justice and peace. We pray too that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us in how we can serve God best.

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 15–21 REFLECTION

As I prepare for prayer, I become aware of my breathing. As I breathe in, I take in God's love; as I breathe out, I surrender any concerns to God. When ready, I read the Gospel slowly, carefully, letting the words soak in. Perhaps I ponder the phrase 'give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God'. I think of all that God has given me. How am I offering my time and my entire self to God?

Does my faith always impact the way I live my everyday life? Into what areas of my life might I need to allow God to come? Perhaps I want to tell Jesus of any worries, fears or pressures . . . anything that might be holding me back. He is listening . . . he already knows and understands. I can tell him my deepest longings too, just as I would a dear friend.

As I read the passage again, I may find it helpful to imagine myself in the scene: perhaps as a Herodian . . . or a disciple of the Pharisees or of Jesus . . . or just as myself. What do I see and hear? What do I notice about Jesus . . . how he holds the coin . . . the tone of his voice . . . the expression on his face?

Do his eyes catch mine? How do I feel about that? Perhaps he says something to me. How do I want to respond? I ask Jesus to give me the grace I need at this time, so that I can follow him more closely. Giving thanks and praise to God, I end slowly '*Glory be*...'

Courtesy of St Bueno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, UK



WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently,

James Eichperger Chris O'Leary and those whose anniversaries are in

this month:

Raymond & Desolie Blacker (Ray Blacker's parents) Peter Copson Joseph Jay Hallorina John Miller Donny McDonald

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The family of James Eichperger would like to thank all the parishioners for their ongoing prayers.

Names of sick, recently deceased or Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions are available at the entrance of the church. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY

For all our Sick parishioners and family members: Armando Bettiol Erika Mehler Ioane (John) Tolu Margaret Wilson Carlos Guevarra Iakopo Tolu Narelle McCarthy Cheryl Blanco Helen Gainey Emerald Pereira Samavah Habid Cameron Blacker Maria Lourdes Villa Chris Hunt Peter Howard Francesco Buenavista (Annabelle's Havelock's brother) Dan McNamara Angel Mactal Sheree Winchester Ian Littlewood Pauline Allen Jana Bukovska

Jan Russell (John Winter's sister)

May you be wrapped up in God's love, Found deep in His everlasting wings, Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ Breathe across your being now.' w.lords-prayer-words.com

SPECIAL INTENTION MASS Thanksgiving to God

Jim Neve & Lily Chase-Currier



BAPTISM We welcome into our Christian Community.

Abigail Rose Roxburgh Clara Maeve Payne

For information regarding Baptism please contact the office on 3299 2000. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

PARISH UPDATE 2023

October 21-22 @ All Masses—Catholic Missions

November 01 @ 9:00am Mass—All Saints Day

November 02 (a) 9:00am Mass—All Souls Day—Columbarium Service November 28 (a) 6:00pm Mass—Rite of Passage (School Graduation) December 01 @ 11:00am Mass—End of School Year December 03 (a) All Masses—1st Sunday of Advent

All Saints Day 01 November 2023

A reminder that Mass on this day will be at 9:00am.

All Souls Day—Columbarium Service 02 November 2023

Mass on this day will be at 9:00am. Following the Mass will be a service at our Columbarium for all the souls who have been laid to rest in our Columbarium and those remembered on our Memorial Wall.

Safe and Well.

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Fr Joseph

A WORKING "B" THANK YOU to the wonderful volunteers who help move the large amount of mulch from our parish car park to the gardens.



and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

IN TIME OF DROUGHT

O God, Lord of creation, By whose power the whole earth came to be,

Look upon our parched land, we pray, And bestow upon it abundant rain, That pastures, fields and paddocks May by your goodness thrive once more. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

| MASS TIMES 23 rd —29 th October 2023 | | | | | | | |
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