



29th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

18th October 2020

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November Pious List of the Dead

The month of November, when we remember our deceased loved ones is fast approaching. Pious List of the Dead leaflets and envelopes are available at the back of the church for the names of your deceased loved ones. Please place completed leaflets/envelopes and offerings in the box at St Joseph's altar.



In Current circumstances, there won't be the usual November shrine at St Joseph's Altar so we ask you not to bring or to leave any Memoriam cards or photographs of your loved ones.

Today is World Mission Sunday.

This weekend, we are invited to reflect on the idea of mission. We are familiar with the idea of foreign missions, where priests and religious sisters and brothers leave their native land and travel to far-off, perhaps exotic, places to spread the Gospel and to attend to the needs of the local population by providing schools and hospitals

Today, there is a different understanding of mission. Churches which once were full now have plenty of spare places during the celebration of the Eucharist. Many individuals in the past were catechised before they were evangelised: they had never actually made a conscious decision to believe, and so gave up what was, to them, an empty religious observance.

Who are going to evangelise these people in our neighbourhood? The Church now emphasizes that all of us have a missionary aspect to our being a disciple of Jesus. This will not demand a direct challenging of other people, but rather using the means of attracting them. If we live out our daily life in an unobtrusive manner, especially if we radiate an inner joy, knowing that God loves us, then other people will wonder what our secret is and want to share in it.

Courtesy of REALITY magazine

Mission Sunday Annual Collection held in all Churches today.

- Please wear face coverings when entering the church.**
- Use hand-sanitisers on entering and leaving the church.**
- Sit only on designated seats.**

The church will be open daily for **individual visits**:
11.00am to 5.00pm [Monday to Saturday]
2.00pm to 5pm [Sunday]



GOD'S WORD IN OCTOBER 2020
18th OCTOBER TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings Isa 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1Thess 1:1-5; Matt 22:15-21
Today is Mission Sunday
Render to Caesar what is Caesar's



Scripture scholars describe today's parable as a 'conflict story' in which Jesus' opponents try to catch him out with a tricky question, designed as a trap. It only allows for a 'yes' or 'no' answer. If Jesus says it is permissible to pay taxes, he makes it look as if he hated the Romans and to risk losing popular support: if he says it is against the Law to pay taxes, then he will look like a dangerous political revolutionary who must be denounced to the authorities. Jesus sees through the game and responds with a master stroke. He asks to see the coin in which the tax is paid. Jesus and his disciples probably did not carry money, simply because they did not have any. A Roman coin is produced, bearing the image and inscription of the Emperor. Strictly speaking, observant Pharisees should not be carrying things with human images, including coins, as it was against the commandment forbidding idolatry. Having one within the temple precincts was even worse. Jesus' answer defeats his critics and exposes them as compromised by their support for the imperial power.

This difficult little story has attracted conflicting interpretations throughout Christian history, especially when it has been invoked for guidance in Church – State relations. 'Rendering to Caesar' has been taken to mean that Christians simply do what the State requires, and that followers of Jesus should keep religion and politics strictly separate. If we are to understand it properly, we need to bear in mind that the heart of Jesus' preaching was that the Kingdom of God is at hand. The kingdom is not a place (not even a heavenly one), but a call to submit every aspect of our lives to God's kingly rule. Until God's rule is fully realised, we live in a political world whose values often fall short of the values of the Kingdom, and can even be directly opposed to them. 'Rendering to God the things that are God's' acknowledges that God has an interest in the human world, including the world of politics. To be a disciple of Jesus means that support for all other values, including for a political party, must always be with an eye to the values of Jesus.

Webcam and Public Masses in Clonard

MASSES via the WEBCAM

PUBLIC MASSES in CLONARD

7.00am	9.30am	11.00am		Sunday October 18.	7.00am	9.30am	11.00am	12.30pm
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Monday October 19.	7.00am	9.30am		
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Tuesday October 20	7.00am	9.30am		
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Wednesday October 21.	7.00am	9.30am		
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	9.00pm	Thursday October 22. (Novena Mass)	7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Friday October 23.	7.00am	9.30am		
7.00am	9.30am	7.30pm [Vigil Mass]		Saturday October 24.	7.00am	9.30am	7.30pm [Vigil Mass]	

We thank you for last week's collection which came to £1,947.00.

**Thank
You!**