

CAPRICORN COAST CATHOLIC PARISH

Sacred Heart & Mary Immaculate



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:21

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The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon and Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging. For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God’s love.

LITURGIES

Date	Time	Mass
Mon 23rd Oct		
Tues 24th Oct	5:00pm	St. Brendan's College Mass
Wed 25th Oct	9:00am	Sacred Heart Church Mass & Adoration
Thurs 26th Oct		
Fri 27th Oct	9:00am	Sacred Heart Church Mass
	2:00pm	Rosary
Sat 28th Oct	5:15pm	Mary Immaculate Church Mass
Sun 29th Oct	8-8:30am	Reconciliation, Sacred Heart Church
	9:00am	Sacred Heart Church Mass
	5:00pm	Sacred Heart Church Mass



Congratulations to all our Year 12 students who celebrated their graduation Masses this week. We wish you all the best for your upcoming exams.



Baptisms:

Luca Stanley, Freya Dean, Hendrix Waerea.

The sick:

Mary Bevis, Amy Hennessy, Helen Capes (Perth), Adam Loch, Joan Lacey, Catherine Marshall, Angela White, Michael Jones, Giulia Jones.

The recently deceased:

Mary Magdalene White, Rosemary Stella Marlow, Brian Mealey, Dr Raymond Channells, Vince Hannan, Leigh Driver, Jenine Foster.

Those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Joan Withoos, Frank O'Regan, Perry Molloy, Barry Whitman, Eileen Lowe, Dot Mulcahy, Robert (Bob) Rohrig, Barry Gollan, Mary Fraser, Lawrence Dowling.

World Teacher's Day, 27th October 2023

A Prayer for Teachers

*Let us give thanks for all the teachers in our lives,
Especially those who work in schools.*

*The ones who work in secret teaching girls in northern
Afghanistan,*

*The ones who work in rooms made of scraps of timber in
Tanzania,*

The ones who work with few resources in refugee camps,

The ones who sit up at night preparing lessons,

The ones whose patience seems endless,

The ones who understand the needs of the young

And help them find their place in the world,

Where they can live with compassion

And create a more just future.

Jesus' friends called him 'teacher'.

He taught people to see reality with a fresh pair of eyes.

We give thanks that this work continues.

Often unappreciated, but always wonderful.

We ask blessing on teachers who feel tired or frustrated.

Learning happens in community,

And teachers are its makers.

For this we give thanks.

Amen.

By Michael McGirr, Caritas Australia Mission Facilitator



Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us pray.
O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,
and ever to rejoice in your consolation.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

GOSPEL MEDITATION

With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This week's gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate autonomy but is nested within God's all-encompassing authority. Think, for example, of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's. — Father John Muir ©LPi

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE:

The Parish Office will be unattended on 26th, 27th & 30th October. Phone messages and emails will be checked intermittently. We apologise for any inconvenience.

RAFFLE DONATIONS

Melbourne Cup Raffle Donations are kindly requested.
Place donations in the box in the church foyer. Thank you!





With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

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Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Our life our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.
Turn then most gracious advocate,



Thine eyes of mercy towards us
and after this our exile, show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Commentator: Deb Bayliss

First Reading Roger McWinney

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

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

Psalm 95

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading Marny Keith

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm: 17

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Pray for Peace

Pope Francis has recently shared several 'modern' Beatitudes:

Blessed are those who remain faithful while enduring injustices inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.

Blessed are those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalized and show them their closeness.

Blessed are those who see God in every person and strive to make others also discover him.

Blessed are those who protect and care for our common home, Earth.

Blessed are those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.

Blessed are those who pray and work for peace amongst all peoples.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of peace, bearer of hope,

We seek your help for the peoples in the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them.

Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.



Cherish Life QLD Film Screening and AGM

The Rockhampton Branch of Cherish Life QLD will be holding its AGM on 25th October, 6pm, at the Christian Community Church Nth Rockhampton. Light refreshments available. Everyone is welcome to attend a screening of the short film "I want to call her Stacey" to be followed by the AGM. Gold coin donation appreciated. RSVP by 24th October to 0437 822 231 or rockhampton@cherishlife.org.au.



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