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Newsletter for Sunday 18th October 2020

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Mission Sunday

Psalter Week 1

‘Give to Caesar What is Caesar's & to God What is God's’

The Pharisees in today's Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21) try and catch JESUS out with a question about whether it is lawful paying taxes to Caesar. And Our Lord responds by taking a coin with Caesar's head on it saying, *“Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”*

Our Lord is teaching here that we should show respect to the secular authorities who govern us. We should pay our taxes, because we receive many benefits from the State, such as public services, health care etc, and we must observe the laws of the land provided they are not sinful or contrary to the Law of God. If they are against the Law of God they do not bind us, because there can be no real law against that of God Who created us. So in this sense we give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, but we must also give to God what belongs to Him by worshipping Him and obeying His Law. But this is not to say the two (Caesar and God) are equal. Far from it, for we must always put God first even if it means we will suffer for it.

St Thomas More (1478-1535), was Chancellor of England during the reign of King Henry VIII (1491-1547). Henry wanted to divorce Catherine of Aragon because she couldn't give him a son and heir, but the Pope reaffirmed the divinely revealed truth that no power on earth can dissolve a valid marriage and therefore Catherine of Aragon was his lawful wife. Thomas More, being a lawyer was asked to defend Henry's divorce but he would not. He made it clear that no king or government has authority over the Sacraments and that no king can make himself above God and the Church. He told Henry, *“I am the King's good servant, but God's first.”* Henry was furious and then claimed that *he* was head of the Church in England, and granted himself the annulment. Thomas was arrested and also imprisoned in the Tower of London. False charges were brought against him. He was tried in Westminster Hall and then condemned to death for high treason and beheaded.

The drama of the Gospel is being played out all around us today. As our once Christian society becomes more and more at odds with God's Law, we may well have to suffer for being faithful. Heaven has given us specific spiritual practices for these times: frequent Confession, Holy Mass, the Rosary, reading the Bible, praying as a family (especially the Rosary), consecrating yourself to the Sacred Heart of JESUS and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. But let us have no fear, for God is always faithful to His promise, and that promise is a crown of everlasting heavenly glory.

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

Sat	17th	6.00pm	For the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
Sun	18th	<u>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Mission Sunday)</u>	
		9.00am	Private Intention – PUBLIC MASS
		11.15am	Antonino Lanza RIP – PUBLIC MASS
		<i>2.15pm</i>	<i>Baptism</i>
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	19th	9.15am	The Sick of the Parish – PUBLIC MASS
Tues	20th	9.15am	Thanksgiving
Weds	21st	6.00pm	Rosary
		6.30pm	Dominic Bombardini RIP – PUBLIC MASS (Latin old rite)
Thurs	22nd	<u>St John Paul II (Memoria)</u>	
		9.15am	Intention for the living
Fri	23rd	6.30pm	Sylvia Alborough RIP – PUBLIC MASS
Sat	24th	9.15am	Intention for the living
		10.30am-	Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
		12.30pm	Confessions available 10.30am-11.30am
		6.00pm	Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
Sun	25th	<u>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
		9.00am	Intention for the living – PUBLIC MASS
		11.15am	Salvatore Fele RIP – PUBLIC MASS

MASS INTENTIONS: Although the times of Masses are all displayed in this newsletter, the PRIVATE Masses (ie those not open to the public) will not necessarily be offered at those times. But the Masses will all be celebrated for the particular intentions on the days advertised.

**NB: Due to government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR),
we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions for the deceased
in the online edition of the newsletter.**

PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died: Fr Bernard Hughes IC and Ian Yeoman
May they rest in peace

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Walton, Maria Houghton,
Wanda Zawodna, Gertrude Worthley, Francesco Mazzotti, Kathleen Bradbury, Louisa Finney,
Inez Wardle, Muriel Preston, Wilfred Cornelius, Jadwiga Malik, Julia Pacynko, John Carlardo,
Eileen Topolewski and Annie Owens

PHONE BOOKINGS FOR MASS: Due to high demand, the Diocese is no longer able to offer a phone booking service for Mass. Therefore, we will have our own. Please ring **07554 603972** on Tuesday or Wednesday between 2pm and 4pm or Thursday and Friday between 5pm and 7pm.

Fr Paul

ROSARY: During October the Rosary will be recited at 6pm in the church, before the Latin Mass at 6.30pm.

THE ROSARY: "Countless families the world over invite Mary to their homes through the family Rosary. She comes. They sense her presence. They solve their problems because where Mary is present there is Christ, her Divine Son." (*Servant of God, Father Patrick Peyton, 1909-1992*)

NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES: All Souls Day, **2nd November**, falls on a Monday this year. This is an advance notice that we will have the customary Blessing of Graves at Loughborough Cemetery on **Sunday 1st November at 3pm**, provided it is not pouring with rain. There will be three Masses on All Souls Day – 9.15am, 12 noon (Latin old rite) and 6.30pm.

Fr Paul

TOGETHER, WE ARE CARITAS: **Building social action in the Diocese of Nottingham - Saturday 7th November 2020** by Zoom (with a telephone option). Nottingham Diocese is joining Caritas, the Church's worldwide ministry of charity. Soon our parish will be part of one of the biggest humanitarian organisations on the planet – and you are invited to be part of it. Join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the diocesan Justice & Peace Commission and Catholics from all round our diocese. **In two 90-minute online sessions – at 11.00am and 1.30pm** – we'll take practical steps, in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese, to bring the Gospel to life, locally and globally. For details and booking information, visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction or call 07470 907656 for further information.

STEWARDS AND CLEANERS: A very big thank you once again to all our stewards and cleaners who are enabling us to open for public services and private prayer. Emily and Elvira are doing a fantastic job in keeping the system running smoothly and we are all very grateful. If there is anyone else under the age of 70 and with no underlying health conditions who would be prepared to help with this, please let me know. Thank you.

Fr Paul

THE SECOND ISSUE OF 'PARISH NEWS SNIPPETS' is out this weekend. You can pick up a copy at the exit; suggested donation is 50p to help cover print costs.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dominic Remedios, our excellent keyboard player at the 9am Mass. He has won an organ scholarship to Downing College in Cambridge beginning in October 2021.

WOULD ANYONE LIKE A LODGER/PAYING GUEST? 25-year-old graduate, employed, daughter of parishioners who are about to move from the area, needs to find lodgings. If you can help, please phone (Sheila) 07867941464 / (Alan) 07780921976.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

LEADER: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

ALL: O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.

LEADER: Bless our families. Bless our children.

ALL: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

LEADER: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

ALL: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. *Amen.*

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

FROM THE SAINTS: "Rulers are custodians of the decrees of God"

(St Basil the Great, 329-379).

PRE-BOOKING PLACES FOR MASS: Online bookings can be made on the diocesan website at <https://massbooking.uk> Telephone bookings can be made by calling **07554 603972 on Tuesday or Wednesday between 2pm and 4pm or Thursday and Friday between 5pm and 7pm.** Due to the higher demand at weekend Masses, a pre-booked seat is not guaranteed if you arrive after Mass has begun. May I take this opportunity to remind you that **the Sunday obligation is still suspended, and therefore I would encourage some of you to take advantage of attending Mass during the week if possible** to help ease the numbers at the weekend. Thank you. *Fr Paul*

Second collection this weekend: World Missions to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE:	
First Collection: £370 , of which £117 was gift-aided	
Second Collection – CAFOD: £281 so far, of which £70 was gift-aided	
Standing orders: £776	<i>Thank you</i>