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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2023

READINGS

TWENTY EIGHTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 25:6–10

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:12–14, 1–20

Gospel Matthew 22:1–14

'Whomsoever you find, invite to the wedding.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Eileen Leonard

COMMENTATOR: Kathy Karl

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: J Reynolds

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Crooymans

COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Stephen Crooymans & Kay Brydon

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2023

READINGS

TWENTY NINTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 45:1, 4–6

Psalms 96

1 Thessalonians 1:1–5

Gospel Matthew 22:15–21

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



MINISTERS

GREETER: Colleen Jordan

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Ros Foster

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Eileen Leonard & Laurel Blakey

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

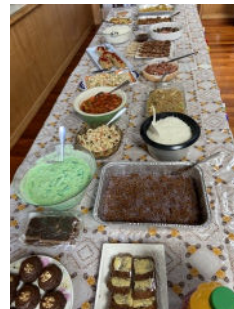
There are two parables in today's Gospel. The first is about the invited guests who are too preoccupied with their own business and affairs to come to the prepared feast. When we consider the length of time that guests may be involved in celebration, especially one given by a wealthy King, this is more understandable. The response of the invited guests, the chosen people, was to kill the messengers, an echo of last week's Gospel where the people of Israel rejected the prophets. The second parable, in the longer version of the Gospel, is about the one who came but did not bother to change into his wedding garments. In both, the reaction of the King seems somewhat extreme! But the parables make an important point about the invitation being offered by God: those who do not bother to respond will lose their invitation; those who accept but fail to change their way of life will also lose out. This text warns that Christian life is a web made up of God's gracious invitation and our free response.



POT LUCK LUNCH LAST SUNDAY

Looks like a fantastic feast – thank you to those that attended and attempted making Filipino food. I hear it was delicious—I wish I could have been there!

Thank you to Ross Brydon and Fel Aralar for organizing....



ROSARY IN OCTOBER

During the month of October there is the opportunity to pray the Rosary each Sunday before Mass at 10am



For Christians, the symbolism of the meal is particularly significant because of its Eucharistic associations. The meal of living bread and wine – the body and blood of Christ – is in continuity with the meal Jesus shared with his disciples and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet where there will be abundance for all who respond.

On Monday at 6pm at the Co-operating Church, Rev Jan is leading a prayer time for Jewish/Palestinian conflict with discussion to follow. They welcome St Paschal's parishioners to join them.

This was an interesting question posed to Jesus. Given the political and religious structures of the society in which he lived, this was a no win situation! Jews were required to pay a denarius (a day's wage) to the Roman overlords and were also required to pay a half-shekel (a standard silver coin) tax towards the running of the Temple.

If Jesus has answered 'yes', he could have been accused of betraying his religious duty. If he had answered 'no', he could have been reported to the Roman authorities for inciting others not to pay their taxes. This was a trick indeed. Jesus' answer makes clear that there are obligations to the State for any citizen but also makes clear that there are obligations to God. The coin bears Caesar's image and therefore belongs to him, but the whole of creation bears the imprint of God. The first loyalty of all created things is therefore to God.



SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER
HAURAKI GOLF CLUB
Social gathering with St Francis!
GOLF—BBQ— SOCIALISE

For golfers come at 3pm to challenge St Francis for the Marist Trophy



For everyone else come at 5pm and bring a plate of food to share with BBQ dinner


This week as you watch or read the news, try and judge the various reports and breaking stories according to the Gospel.

What would Jesus' response have been?

Is that the response of our political, economic or civic leaders?.


What is your response?

CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS
 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH — NEXT—
5TH NOVEMBER



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
22nd October 2023

The proceeds from the Mission Sunday Appeal are distributed by the National Missions Office to help in the running expenses of a diocese in a missionary country for 12 months.



1st Friday of the Month Mass Devotion

continues on **3RD NOVEMBER.**

Parish Council Meeting —Thursday
 19th October at 7pm

MINISTERS – 29th October 2023

GREETER: Ross Brydon
COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Laurel Blakey
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Alice Douglas
COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Alice Douglas & Kay Brydon
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

MINISTERS – 5th November 2023

GREETER: Stephen Crooymans
COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Stephen Crooymans & Simon Main
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

READINGS – 29th October 2023

Thirtieth Week Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20–26
Psalm 18
1Thessalonians 1:5–10
Gospel Matthew 22:34–40



READINGS – 5th November 2023

Thirty First Week Ordinary Time

Malac 1:14–2:2,8–10
Psalm 131
1Thessalonians 2:7–9,13
Gospel Matthew 23:1–12



FLOWERS

W/E 21/10 Dot Chipman
W/E 28/10 June Clark
W/E 4/11 Laurel Blakey



CHURCH LINEN

OCTOBER C Jordan
NOVEMBER L Blakey

NGATEA LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER

UN-ICED CHRISTMAS CAKES @ \$25

Please see either Bruce Foster or Alice Douglas to order your cakes



Oct 16 Ros Foster
20 Declan Tully
24 Sophia Cummings

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Ross Brydon and Ray Karl.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of October: Mick Welch, Valda Green, Angelo Tuyay, Ita Hayward, Tom Keane, Maureen Smedley.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.