

# 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Vol 47, No 40 DOMINGAN

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PARISH CALENDAR: 18th—25th Oct 2020

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45am Exercise classes—online
10:00am Funeral of William Fleming
Live streamed at

https://tobinbrothers.com.au/tribute/all-services/index.html?orderBy=date-of-death&search=William%20James%20Fleming

2:00pm Safeguarding Committee mtg
Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30am Exercise classes—online
10:00am Pray the Rosary online

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# **EACH PERSON IS A COIN OF GOD**

When Jesus was asked by the Pharisees' disciples and the Herodians whether or not they should pay taxes, they were trying to back Jesus into a corner by raising an issue of deep division among the Jewish people.

The Jews were burdened by having to pay two taxes: a "temple tax" to the Jewish authorities and the tax to the occupying Romans. The Romans taxed



lands, harbours and imports. Herod the Great taxed agriculture and any merchandise bought or sold. Taxes were also laid on property and duties were collected at the gates of cities. To add insult to injury the coins used for the taxes had an imprint of Caesar on them, with an inscription implying his divinity. This was an insult to the monotheistic Jews who forbade any images to the gods.

The two groups who confronted Jesus represented two current and contrary positions. The Pharisees didn't approve of the Gentile rule over the Jewish people, while Herodians collaborated with the Romans. To pay tax was a constant reminder of the Roman oppression. If Jesus agreed that tax should be paid, he would have lost any credibility he had with the Jews; if he favoured not paying the tax, the Romans would have seized him for promoting insubordination.

Jesus just simply asks for the coin they were carrying. It had Caesar's image on it, with the titles of political power and divine status. If Jesus' opponents had the coin, they must have been using it to pay the Roman tax. Hence he calls them hypocrites - and so they were.

How can we "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God?" Our involvement in the life of a nation means more than just paying taxes. We cannot exempt ourselves from involvement in the betterment of members of our civic community. We cannot live isolated religious lives - not if we believe that the reign of God is in our midst. Each of us has to decide how we can participate in bringing about this freedom. We are called to be God's active instruments and voices in civic life

Each person is a "coin of God." We belong to God and God has stamped the divine image into each of us. Jesus might be saying to his inquisitors: "Give to Caesar the few coins you have, but remember that each of you is a treasure to God and you owe God your primary and total loyalty." When the divine image in a person or people is violated each of us has the obligation to come to the aid of the ones in need. In doing so, we are repaying to God what is God's.

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

# ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

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# **COLLECTION STATISTICS**

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Parishioners who normally contribute to the Parish
Stewardship with envelopes and others who wish to
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If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or sending an email to bursar@op.org.au.

NEW PARISHIONERS are very welcome at St Dominic's. You are invited to complete the Membership Form available on our website www.stdominics.org.au/forms.html Completed form can be returned to the Parish Office by email at secretary@stdominics.org.au or dropped into the Parish green letterbox, which is situated in the front of the Church.

# WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Elena De Sa, William James Fleming

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barry Caine, Michael Caine, Sr Dorotea Bruno PDDM

THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Joy Patrick, Annette Fleming, Arden Nelson, and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.

MASS INTENTIONS			
	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:45am 11:00am	For the People of the Parish Frank Glynn Senior
	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct		Barry Caine Maria Elena De Sa
Tue	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7:00am	Dominican Vocations
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	7:00am 12:00pm	Marjorie June Whelan Michael Caine
Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct		Deceased Dominicans Sr Dorotea Bruno PDDM

If you want to have a Mass offered, please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.



# **Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK**

for the month of October is available on our website

www.stdominics.org.au/remembering-our-dead.html to remind us to pray for those mentioned



# St Dominic's Centre of Studies Library

Closed till further notice Enquiries: Librarian 9836 2632, or email: stdomslibrary@op.org.au https://opau.follettdestiny.com



"I plead with you - never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." St. Pope John Paul II

Be strong, have courage and above all don't ever give up hope!

We are doing well with getting out of COVID.

Trust in Jesus as he is our Lord and he is the way, the truth and life.

God Bless you all Br Oliver



**Hymn:** Jesus Christ, You are my Life - Marco Frisina **Facebook:** St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC

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EXERCISE CLASSES have resumed but in a different way. As the Parish centre is closed Amanda is conducting her classes online through Zoom. You are more than welcome to join the chair-based classes on Tuesdays at 9.45am or the active adults classes on Thursdays at 9.30am If you wish to join one of these classes or both of them please call Amanda at 0410 685 224 or acubit@bigpond.net.au and she will send you the invitation. What you need is a computer/tablet, a towel, drink bottle, a chair preferably without arm rests, a cushion a couple of weights (two cans of soup or equivalent or milk cartons filled with liquid or half full depending on your strength). All are welcome.

WEEKLY PARISH RESOURCES We currently send the Dominican and other parish information by weekly email, as well as place them on our website. Please let us know of anyone who would like to go on our mailing list. We deliver hard copies to those without internet access. Again, please let us know if you or anyone else would like these delivered to your mailbox. Contact the parish office at 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au.

# 29TH SUNDAY YEAR A —A REFLECTION



Today's Gospel contains, perhaps, one of the best-known verses of Scripture, "Give to Caesar the things that Caesars, and to God the things that are God's." The context is Jesus engaged

in teaching in the Jerusalem Temple, and the scene reflects the growing tension between him and the nation's leaders that would soon lead to his death.

The question put to Jesus by the Pharisees and the Herodians was "is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" It was set to trap him: "If he encouraged the tax, he would offend both the Pharisees and the common people who resented it. If he condemned the tax, he could be denounced to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker."

What then of his reply, 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar; and to God what belongs to God'? First, it won the day. Matthew reports that "when [they] heard [his reply], they were amazed, and they went away." The denarius used for paying the tax had the image of the Roman emperor, Caesar. Thus his coins could be returned to him in taxes.

But what even more explains the amazement of those present was the way that Jesus' answer transformed the issue. Jesus had made a conversation about taxes and Caesar into talk about God as well. "Give to God the things that are God's." All present knew the first commandment of the Law, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and strength."

Jesus' answer reminds us that our secular responsibilities are not to be separated from our love of God. Indeed, the Second Vatican Council has reminded us, especially the lay faithful, "to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs." The Council immediately clarifies this: "the laity, when engaged in the work and business of society and in the ordinary circumstances of social life and family, which as it were, constitute their very existence ... contribute to the sanctification of the world, as from within like leaven."

When we fulfill our responsibilities as members of society, we are giving to God what belongs to God. We find God in the Eucharist on Sunday, and we also find God when we fulfill our family and civic responsibilities on weekdays. Indeed, Sunday's Eucharist and daily life are linked for the Eucharist is the source of our strength to contribute to the world's sanctification and in the Eucharist we offer ourselves and our good works to the Father through Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary.

Fr David Willis OP

PRAY THE ROSARY ONLINE ON THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 10AM Next Thursday we will pray The Sorrowful Mystery which cover more than just the death of Christ. In these five mysteries of the Lord's suffering and death, we are brought deep into the five pains of humanity which Christ humbled himself to desolation, experience mortification,



humiliation, exhaustion, and death. So join us on Zoom to pray the Rosary on Thursday 15th October at 10am linkhttps://zoom.us/i/93212537583? clicking on the WWRRNzFWZE8veFhBZHppaUFuK2x5Zz09

For any info please contact the Parish Office at 9912 6870 ext. 3

# \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES**

# Support self-regulation in your child

School communities, children and parents alike are experiencing many challenge and may be anxious about § what will happen in the next months and in 2021. Parents can support their children by encouraging self-regulation of their emotions. Families and young people may find the article on this link <a href="https://www.ccam.org.au/news/119/">https://www.ccam.org.au/news/119/</a> supporting-self-regulation-in-your-child useful for our daily lives and activities

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND **PEOPLE** YOUNG The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' which provides advice about online safety

issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides "key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps. Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online: https:// www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparentscarers

VALE ANGELINE CHANG - The St Dominic's Conference members of SVdP are saddened to learn of the death of Angeline. Angeline was a long time member of the Conference until she retired from her volunteering. Our deepest thoughts and prayers go to Frank and their children/ grand children at this sad time. RIP. John Dowling - Vice President-Camberwell Regional Council

2020 CATHOLIC MISSION PARISH APPEAL Still today, landmine accidents are prevalent in Cambodia, a cruel reminder of the country's troubled past, even for those who were not yet born during the tumultuous years of the Khmer Rouge regime and ensuing civil conflicts. Your one off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in Cambodia and around the world. Catholic Mission has set up an option for people to make a donation using the mobile phone. The process is simple: one only needs to send the word "GIVE" to the number: 0488 854 436. This prompts an immediate reply which provides a link to a platform to make a donation. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/cambodia

# \*\*\*\*\* **ECUMENICAL JOURNEY AT ST DOMINIC'S**

# We pray for our fellow Christians



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Christ prayed in his farewell discourse that  $\frac{1}{2}$ 'all may be one' (John 17:21). As part of our ★ commitment to ecumenism at St Dominic's, we are a member of the Canterbury Council We pray in particular this  $\frac{2}{3}$ 

of Churches. We pray in particular this month of November for the community at Highfield Road Uniting Church, and their Minister the Rev Ross ☆ Pearce.

☆ further information about our ecumenical engagement visit www.stdominics.org.au/ecumenical

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# PROPER OF THE MASS: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Entrance Antiphon**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

V Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**Responsorial Psalm** Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love,

to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Today's Readings (29thOrd, Year A) Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 95; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

Next Week's Readings (30thOrd, Year A) Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

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