

**The Catholic Parish
of
Our Lady, Star of the Sea**



29th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week I

“Very well,
give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar -
and to God what belongs to God.”

Matthew 22:21

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Other Clergy: Rev. Fr. Stephen Bould; Rev. Fr. Neville McClement, Rev. Mr. Stephen Pomeroy.

Parish Newsletter: Items for consideration need to be sent to Fr Pádraig - frpmfoh@gmail.com – by Wednesday Evening please. The Completed Newsletter will be posted on the Website each Saturday.

Catholic Primary School: St Mary's, Kirkley Cliff Road, NR33 0DG. Tel: 01502 565384. For more information please visit the school website: <https://www.stmarysreps.com>

Gospel Reflection

“In today’s Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes. Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities. Jesus’ response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites. Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar’s image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God. Jesus’ response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?”

Please do visit the “Wednesday Word” Website each week for short Reflections on the Sunday Readings: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>

Missio - Proud to be the Pope’s charity for world mission

Missio ignites God’s love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together; vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it. By supporting Missio, you play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future. By volunteering, raising or donating funds, and by praying, YOU make our mission possible. <https://missio.org.uk/>

NB – There is no Mass on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday this week

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Preparation Classes for First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) and for Confirmation (Year 8 and above) have already begun. For late admittance please speak to Fr Pádraig.

Collections for Ukraine Relief

The Lowestoft outlet for the donation of goods for Ukraine has now closed. The KSC thank all donors who have responded these past months but will not hold any further collections. Any money donated to 'KSC Council 518' by mid-November to assist the Hope Now Christmas Mission 2023 will be forwarded by the Knights in time for this project. Contact Bro Chris. Brooks - Tel. (01502) 563208.

Dates for your Diary...

02/12/2023 – The Parish Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 2nd December 10am to 1pm. Any donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

09/12/2023 – The Christmas Quiz will take place on Saturday 9th December at 7pm. Teams of 6. £5 per Ticket and will include a buffet and refreshments.

17/12/2023 – The Parish Carol Concert will take place at 2:30pm on Sunday 17th December, Gaudete Sunday, followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine.

Catholic Youth Ministry Internships

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Youth Ministry Internship Programme. The scheme gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the English Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Upcoming Second Collections for 2023

21st/22nd October – Missio – APF – World Mission Sunday.

25th/26th November – Diocesan Youth Service – Youth Sunday.

16th/17th December – Diocesan Dependant Priests' Fund.

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £431.45 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£477). Your continued financial support for your parish, the diocese and the wider Universal Church is much needed and very much appreciated.

We Pray for...

We pray for all in our Parish who are currently unwell and who are suffering from illness of one kind or another, praying especially for the housebound who are not able to join us for regular worship. We pray also for those who have recently passed away and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time; may they rest in peace. Names of the Sick and the Deceased may be written in the Parish Prayer Books and will be prayed for.

Mass & Service Times for the Coming Week: October 22nd – October 28th

- Saturday 21st - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 21st - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for:
- Sunday 22nd - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Tony Long (RIP)
- Monday 23rd - NO MASS TODAY** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Tuesday 24th - NO MASS TODAY** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Wednesday 25th - NO MASS TODAY** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Thursday 26th - 18:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Friday 27th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Saturday 28th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feast, St Simon & St Jude)
Offered for:
- Saturday 28th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
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- Sunday 29th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
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Offered for:

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place every week during Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (from 9:30 to c.10am) following the 9am Mass on Saturday Morning. One may also make an appointment with Fr Pádraig for confession at another suitable time.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, living or deceased, or for a particular intention (exams, interview, etc.), please collect a pre-printed envelope from the back of the church. Details of your request, including the preferred date, can then be entered on the front of the envelope (legibly please) and then your offering may be placed inside before being given to Fr Pádraig.
