

Twenty – Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday, 18th October 2020

First Reading

Is 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I am you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of
the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

 Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
3. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thes 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the

Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The word of the Lord

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**NO WEEKEND OR WEEKDAY
MASSES/LITURGIES UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE, DUE TO
COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries: Anne Cunningham, Vincent Lawrence, Eileen Norton, Andrew Norton, Fr Frank Rowe, Fr James Kennedy.

Sick: Glenn Wright, Terry Taylor, Mary Interlandi,

ATTENTION ALL PARISHES

PARISH OFFICE: due to the COVID-19 and instructions from Diocese of Sale, the Parish Office is only opened on Monday and Thursdays 9-4 until further notice. Ann will be working from home on the other days. The land-line number is diverted to Ann's mobile and if not answered and the message says this number is not connected or something similar please ignore it. Alternatively call her directly on her mobile 0418 344 817

Live Streaming Masses are currently available to view by some of the bigger parishes in the Diocese of Sale. Go onto the attached Diocese of Sale Link to obtain details of churches and times. To select a mass that may suit, you will then need to go onto that Parish for more details.

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/coronavirus>

The current Sunday readings and Fr Aju's Homily can be heard on Radio 3bbrfm 103.1 during the program "Scripture and Songs" between 9am-10am each Sunday. If reception is poor in your area, Internet Live Stream on 3bbrfm.org.au

CatholicCare Gippsland:

Two Bushfire Recovery Positions

CatholicCare Gippsland is currently seeking **two full time or part time** positions:

Community Development Worker and Family Counsellor to join our Bushfire Response team to support, address and provide paths of assistance to people affected by grief and trauma within the bushfire affected regions in East Gippsland.

These are exciting positions that can include counselling to individuals, couples and families, group facilitation and liaising with key stakeholders.

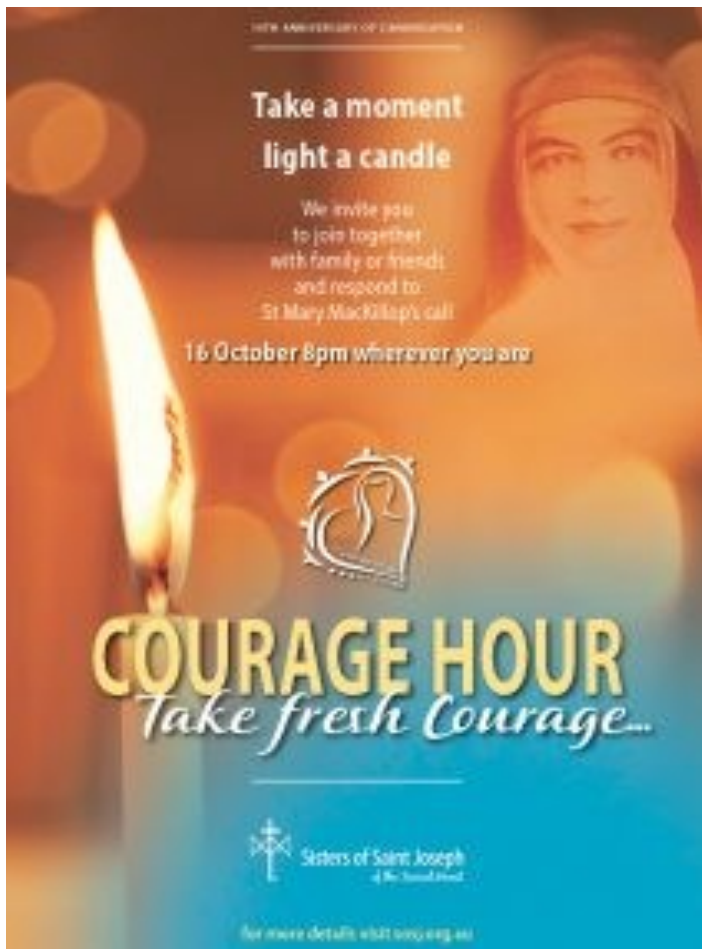
As part of these two positions the Bushfire Response program will provide an outreach mobile service to the community, with a particular focus on remote townships using a Catholic-Care especially fitted out vehicle

For a detailed position description, go to: <http://www.ccam.org.au/page/58/careers>. Applications close on **COB Wednesday 2 November, 2020** and can be emailed to recruitment@ccam.org.au with the job title in the subject line, a cover letter explaining your experience in-line with the position description, and your resume. Enquiries can be directed to the HR team on (03) 9287 5584.

Stewardship Program / Presbytery Offering:

Unfortunately with the impact of COVID-19 once again we have been restricted in accepting your contributions. Ann will be in the Office from 9am-4pm on Monday & Thursdays if you wish to drop off any money or please consider setting up on Direct Debit or Credit Card. Please contact Ann on 0418344817 for any assistance.

We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child Safety Officers. They can be contacted through the Parish Office. Telephone 03 56 622 020



Prayer for Bishop-elect Greg Bennet

Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide
 We bless and thank you for the appointment
 of your servant, Greg Bennet,
 as the tenth Bishop of Sale.
 May your Holy Spirit grace him
 with the gifts of wisdom and strength,
 gentleness and compassion,
 as he prepares to take up his role as our pastor and
 teacher.
 May he be a shepherd after your own heart,
 who will walk in your ways and, with loving care, watch
 over your people.
 May he be a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.
 As Bishop-elect Bennet prepares to make his home
 among us,
 may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan
 community,
 now entrusted to his care and leadership.
 May we, as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Sale,
 through our work and prayer
 together bear witness to Christ and the building up of
 your kingdom.
 We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of
 the Holy Spirit,
 One God, for ever and ever. Amen,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us
 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop pray for us.

Historical Context

What's in a face?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.

A Prayer for Mission

Lord,
 may we be open to recognise
 all people as made in your image and likeness.

May we be open to our deepest yearning
 for a world alive with your justice and truth.

May we be open to dream of a society
 where all are treated with respect
 and, with the power of you Spirit,
 to take the steps to bring it all about.

May we be open to building a society
 where justice and equity abound for all.
 Amen.

St Columbans Mission Society