

First Reading: *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*

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 arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

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

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

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.

Gospel: *Matthew 22:15-21*

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 replied, '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.'

Next Week's Readings:

First Reading:

Is 45:1, 4-6

Second Reading:

1 Thess 1:1-15

Gospel:

Mt 22:15-21

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money. (Accessed on October 14, 2020 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weeklybible-reflections>)



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 18 October 2020

Do We Mix Politics and Religion

There is an old saying which goes, "Things never really change." In today's Gospel we discover that 2000 years ago people were discussing the same topics we discuss today, politics and religion. There are those who say one shouldn't mix politics with religion but Jesus seems to indicate otherwise. He admits they are separate issues but also makes it clear that God must be considered and, as He has said in other situations, God's laws are primary.

This discussion comes at a good time because in a few days we will be deciding for whom we will vote. Jesus is very clear in saying, "Repay to Caesar what it Caesar's and repay to God what is God's." And so, the question arises, "what is due God?".....Sacraments, Ten Commandments etc.

When Jesus outlined the commandments He gave us an exact description of what is God's. For example, He said, "Thou shalt not kill." God is the giver of life and it is not the province of a government to determine who dies and who lives. Some politicians running for office are saying that the modern Caesar, our federal government, has the right to make that decision. But Jesus, in his remarks in the Gospel says "give to God what belongs to God.....that's life." So, do we mix politics and our religion?

God Bless,
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Parish Information

Quote of the Day:

*Time, health and relationships
These three things do not come with price tags.
But when we lose them we realize the cost!*

Mass Times

<p>Tuesday 20/10 6:00pm Mass at Manly</p> <p>Wednesday 21/10 9:00am Rosary and Mass at Manly</p> <p>Saturday 24/10 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Manly</p>	<p>Sunday 25/10 7:00am Mass at Gumdale</p> <p>9:30am Mass at Manly</p> <p>Reconciliation: By appointment only.</p>
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SAFEGUARDING AND STOPLINE

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer is:
Les Sellwood: 0401 235 739
STOPLINE Contact: A0B@stopline.com.au
This Parish is Child Safety Aware and also complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Child Safety and Protection of Vulnerable Adults policy is situated in the foyer of the church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Les Sellwood (Chair), Bruce Corrie, Helen McNamara, Paola Nunez, Maria Jones, Pam Chapman, Julia McLean

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Karen Booker, Michael Gibbings, Mary Schmidt, Joyce Starkey, Pat Wilson, Sandra Wilson, Maddie Bell, Sr Teresa Geraghty, Mary Forrester, Krystyna Kelly, Sheila Petersen, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Ash Dean, Dennis Patterson, Carmen Phairs, Irene Gavrila, Rosa Maria Santos, Dawn O'Sullivan, Leon and Roz Thomas, Maura Poots, Angela Geraghty, Hugo Callan, Joan Francis, Angela de Weger, Terry Coles, Margaret Brennan, Ted Chapman, Leslee O'Connell, Katherine Pickering, Stacie Stonier, Val Steeden, Mitchell Swee, Barbara Peet

For a name to be included in the 'Prayer for our Sick' list, the Privacy Act now requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Noel Armanasco, Dawn Bone, Hugh Cleary, Mary Cotter, Sr Anne Doherty, Suzanne Dougherty, Paul Forrester, Kerry Greensill, Matilda Iselin, John Kenafake, Antoni Kolbuch, Charles Lewis, Mary Machin, Ester Morrison, George Plant, Noreen Roe, Nancy Sheehan, Ronald Smith, Horace Tranter, Eunice Wade.

COVID-19 UPDATE

From the Archdiocese: 'The Chief Medical Officer has expressed confidence in organisations with COVID Safe plans and at this stage parishes following the [Industry Plan for Places of Worship](#) can continue to hold acts of worship with no additional operating restrictions.' Bishop Ken Howell

Our Parish operates under the COVID safe plan and we can continue to celebrate mass following these guidelines.

Mass celebrations at St. John Vianney's:

Mass bookings for **55** people can be made.

To book please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/sjv?embed=1>.

If you require assistance for bookings, please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email us at manly@bne.catholic.net.au

Mass Celebrations at St. Jude's:

We are currently able to celebrate with **20** people in attendance with social distancing in place.

To book please contact: Helen McNamara via phone 0403 193 625 or e-mail: Imac11@optusnet.com.au

Announcements

Bishops Of Queensland Election Statement

Everyone deserves a full life. Right now, aged care and support for older people in our community is subject to greater scrutiny than ever before. Governments must provide for sustainable aged care services, improve regulatory frameworks to ensure the quality of care and provide older people and their families with real choice and control over the services they receive. How will you use your Queensland State Election vote for the benefit of people of every age in our community? Consider the Common Good on October 31.

You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at <https://bit.ly/2FvHA8W>

All Souls Day - Monday 2 November

Bookings for masses on All Souls Day are now available on our TryBooking Site. These masses are available via the same link as bookings for weekend masses. If you have any questions or require any assistance please contact the parish office.

Mission Sunday

One of the constant messages that the team at Catholic Mission receive from missionaries around the world is 'thank you'. The people that we support, with the generosity of our donors, know how blessed they are by the Church here in Australia. When you contribute to the Catholic Mission appeal this weekend, you can be assured that you, your parish and others like it, will be remembered in prayer by those in places like Cambodia. Whether you give through a text message (Text the word GIVE to 0488 854 436, enter your parish name in the notes and follow the prompts), donate online (catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia) or give via the traditional appeal envelope, you are helping missionaries like Bishop Kike reach out and bring life to some of the most needy people in the world.

Call For Volunteers

The parish is in need of volunteers for weekend masses. If you would like to help with the following duties and are not already a volunteer in our parish please go to the following link to register as a volunteer: <http://archbne.org/welcome> and we will be in contact with you. If you are already a volunteer within our parish and would like to assist please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email: manly@bne.catholic.net.au. Full training is provided to all volunteers.

Sacristan duties, Readers, Ministers of Communion, Altar Serving, Screen Operators, Hospitality, Counters and Choir and musicians.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

Please see information of the Volunteer Information Notices at the back of the church. We would like to thank you in anticipation.

Important Information Regarding Mass Bookings

Bookings for masses in November will commence on Monday October 12 at 9:00am and be released in two week intervals, please check weekly to see when new masses become available.

All bookings that are made from now on have been limited to one seat per booking, this is to allow for a simplified contact tracing system to be put into place.

If you are a family or booking multiple seats you will be required to book one seat for each person attending, using their details. This includes any families booking with children. **PLEASE NOTE** that in order for the contact tracing pages to be pre-filled with your details you need to ensure that the full details are being inputted this includes full first and last names. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter and thank you to everyone already assisting with this.

In the event that you have made a booking and can no longer attend mass we ask that you please cancel your booking, this can be done using the booking confirmation you receive via email, the option to cancel is located at the bottom.

If you have any questions please contact the parish office on 3131 2610 or email: manly@bne.catholic.net.au