

Mass Intentions for week commencing 18th October 2020

Sat 17 th	6:00pm	Twenty-Ninth Sunday (A) World Mission Day - Day of Prayer for the Evangelisation of the World St. Luke, Evangelist	Alvaro Maccioni
Sun 18 th	10:30am		People of the Parish
Mon 19 th	10:00 am	Sts John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues St Philip Howard	Clergy & Religious RIP
Tue 20 th	10:00 am	Feria	Charlie O'Rourke
Wed 21 st	10:00 am	Saints Ursula & Companions	Richard Jefferies
Thur 22 nd	10:00 am	St John Paul II	Donicia Lopez
Fri 23 rd	10:00 am	St John of Capistrano	Private Intention
Sat 24 th	6:00pm	St Anthony Mary Claret Vigil of Thirtieth Sunday (A)	People of the Parish

Reflection: Taxation was controversial at the time of Jesus because the ruling government was a Roman colonial invader and taxes had to be paid with an imperial denarius or coin. The coin had an image of Tiberius Caesar on one side, and on the other side there was an image of the female goddess of Rome. Such images were considered idolatry according to Jewish Law. Even more sensitive were the words under Caesar's image, "Tiberius Caesar, Son of the Divine Augustus". Today's readings touch on the delicate relationship between the Church and the State and Christian faithfulness to God and loyalty to one's country. In the First reading the Lord speaks through Isaiah to Cyrus, King of Persia (modern Iran). In 586 B.C., an invader from Babylon conquered the Jews and sacked Jerusalem and even destroyed the great Temple on Mt. Zion. The King of Babylon (modern Iraq) then forced the Jewish people to leave Palestine and put them in exile in Babylon. While in exile, the prophets told the Jews to expect a saviour. Then King Cyrus II, the founder of the Persian Empire (modern Iran) became very powerful and conquered Babylon in 539 B.C.. He then allowed the Jews to return to their homeland in 537 B.C. He also gave money from the royal treasury for the rebuilding of their Temple on Mt. Zion. With the Temple holding the central place in the Jewish faith, the Jews quickly hailed Cyrus II as the "anointed" and knew that God had used the Persians to conquer the Babylonians. The first reading from Isaiah reveals that at times, God may even use a civil initiative to accomplish his own purpose for humanity. Isaiah uses the example of King Cyrus of Persia to illustrate this point. Isaiah shows that he was ultimately subject to the hand of God in delivering Israel from the bondage of slavery and restoring them to their homeland. In the Gospel the Pharisees have plotted to trick Jesus into saying something that would be treason against the Romans. So they send some spies, the Herodians, who had maintained loyalty to the Roman Empire, and therefore supported the payment of taxes to Rome. The question is carefully crafted to solicit a negative answer, but Jesus knows the malice and hypocrisy of his questioners. In fact they are carrying coins bearing Caesar's name and image. Jesus' reply leads his opponents to entrap themselves: "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" "Caesar's", they replied. Jesus replied: "Then, (re)pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." This implies for us today that Jesus does not commit Himself to either side; similarly, the Church must never take sides, but has the role of guiding the faithful, to know their rights in order to fulfil their civic duties as informed loyal and responsible citizens. There is no conflict in being good Christians and loyal citizens. As Christians we must be truthful in all matters of civil life. To ensure our happiness we render to God what belongs to God; we render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Ann's Parish! Please take a Parish Registration Form from the website and kindly fill it in and return it to the parish office as it is important to do this.

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Today is World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis asks every Catholic to celebrate this Sunday as we are part of a worldwide Church. Today we are praying and giving what we can to Missio, for our Church and its mission to all peoples as we belong to the one family of God. When we stand together in solidarity and faith, there is reason to hope! By taking part, we're offering a hand of friendship and encouragement to our sisters and brothers in poorer countries. Let us help missionaries across the world as we share Christ's love with all. Our generosity and prayers on World Mission Sunday mean that people like Sr Nilcéia can keep serving and sharing God's love. Originally from Brazil, Sr Nilcéia works in a health clinic in a remote part of Malawi. She is just one example of many selfless missionaries who live and work amongst some of the most vulnerable communities in the world. For more and for various ways of payment [over the phone, cheque and others], please visit these links: [<https://missio.org.uk/>](https://missio.org.uk/); https://missio.org.uk/donate/?mc_cid=3902a5e401&mc_eid=7098afbf54. Cheques are made payable to Missio and send to Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU. Thank you.

Please find the QR Code Poster of the Test and Trace App for St. Ann's RC Parish in the Porch: The government introduced a new Test and Trace App on 24th September. Parishioners who downloaded this App on their mobile phone registered their QR code CAN register their attendance at a particular place. Should a person receive a positive Covid test the App will be used to contact other attendees and provide them with necessary instructions. The use of this system is not compulsory for churches; however, it is strongly recommended.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. For centuries many people have been granted favours through the prayer of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is a happy combination of vocal and mental prayer, each of which is essential to the devotion. The Rosary brings peace and reconciliation. As Pope Benedict taught it contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary".

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THE COMING YEAR: If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme, and if you are paying Income Tax please fill in a form available from the website and kindly complete and return it to the Parish Office. Please kindly consider changing to a monthly standing order. This saves you having to worry about cash on Sundays in the church and also assists the Parish as the money does not have to be counted and banked weekly. All information is Private and Confidential. **A big thank you** to those who have already changed to monthly standing order as well as joined the Gift Aid Scheme.

First Holy Communion preparation for 2021: The First Holy Communion preparation course will begin on Monday 25th January 2021. The application form will be available from November 2020. For further details, please keep an eye on the Parish Newsletter and the website.

Humour: A boy breaks an old vase at his uncle's house who is an antique dealer. The uncle gets extremely angry and yells: "Do you even know how old the vase was? It was from the 17th century!" The boy sagged in relief: "Oh, good then it wasn't new."