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Sunday Gospel.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A).

Today's readings open up the relationship between religion and politics, between the sacred and the secular areas of life. In today's first reading, the political decision of Cyrus unwittingly serves the plan of God for the release of the captives in Babylon. In the Gospel, the enemies of Jesus try to trap him in the political minefield of the question of paying taxes to the Romans.

All authority and power must be evaluated in the light of God's plan. In his reply, Jesus gives a teaching: it is for the people to evaluate whether, in demanding tribute, Caesar is reflecting the things of God.

Mission Sunday Collection: October 18TH.

On behalf of **Missio Ireland, THANK YOU** for your generous support on Mission Sunday. The Mission Sunday Collection for 2025 amounted to €1,360,971.

Thank you for your generous generosity in difficult financial times. What we collect today during our Second Collection will be forwarded as our parish contribution together with money collected over the past few weeks from the sale of second hand books and private donations. That amount comes to €590.

November Bereavement Masses.

During the month of November, the parish will conduct the usual Masses in memory of those who died in our parish during the past year and for the various groups who use our church to remember their dead. The list will be published next week. Any group yet to confirm a date with the parish should do so this week.

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Spiritual Books.

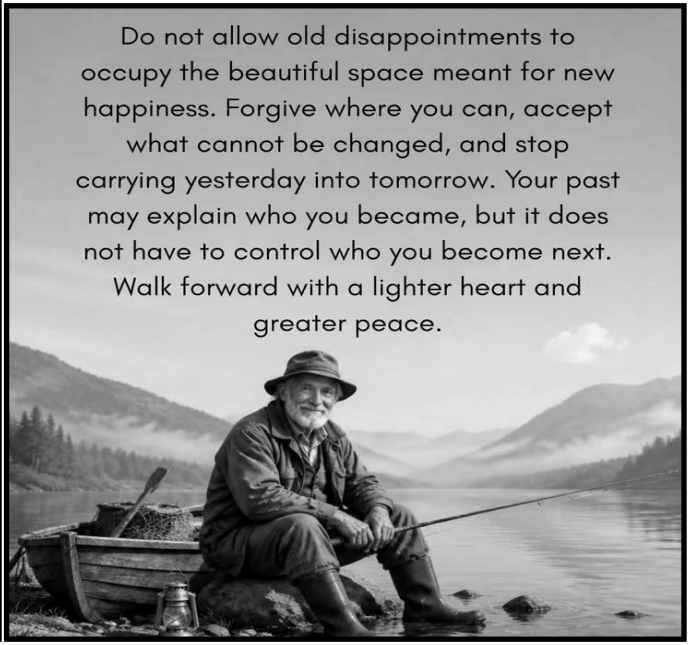
We once again thank those people who donated spiritual books to our parish. The sale of these books, at €2 a book, is offering our parish a great opportunity to mature in our understanding of our faith. Let's keep the project going. All donations received are being given to the current charity being supported in the parish.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

A new charity we are offering our members this Christmas is to participate in the **Christmas Shoebox** appeal. Information sheets are available around the church and in the Parish Centre with details of a child (boy/girl) and the child's age for whom the Shoebox will be assigned. When a person has completed their Shoebox, they can return them to the parish. Returned Shoeboxes are sent to children affected by poverty in countries in Africa and Eastern Europe. **The parish will pay for the cost of sending our ShoeBoxes to their destination.**

We ask that boxes be returned between Nov. 1st and Nov 10th so that children can enjoy their gifts for Christmas. Scan the QR code to view a joyous video on how the Shoebox appeal is helping and bringing hope to children affected by poverty worldwide.



MISSION SUNDAY

On this World Mission Sunday, we offer our love, our support and prayers to all the Christian communities throughout the world. 18th October 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Tell among the nations his glory, and all his wonders among the peoples, for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people,
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us…. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you have willed that your Church be the sacrament of salvation for all nations, so that Christ's saving work may continue to the ends of the ages; stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful and grant that they may feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature, so that from all the peoples on earth one family and one people of your own may arise and increase. Through our Lord Jesus Christ .....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Isaiah 45:1, 4 -6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

The word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 95.)

R. Give the Lord glory and power.

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)**

4.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 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

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. ***Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15-21.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**

All bow for following three lines:

**and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy,
catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, O Lord, upon the face of your Christ, who handed himself over as a ransom for all, so that through him, from the rising of the sun to its setting, your name may be exalted among the nations and in every place a single offering may be presented to your majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O praise the Lord, all you nations; acclaim him, all you peoples! For his merciful love has prevailed over us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts, we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

May the effects of your sacred blessing, O Lord, make themselves felt among your faithful, to prepare with spiritual sustenance the minds of all, that they may be strengthened by the power of your love to carry out works of charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

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