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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A ***17 - 18 October 2026***

MISSION SUNDAY REFLECTION

Today we hear one of the most well-known exchanges in the Gospel, Jesus being confronted by the Pharisees who attempt to trap him with a political question: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Jesus, perceiving their intent, gives a response that has echoed through Christian history: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God". At first hearing, it sounds like a clever way to avoid trouble. But Jesus is not avoiding the question – he is transforming it. He invites his listeners, and us today, to look deeper – what truly belongs to God? When Jesus asks for the coin, he draws attention to its image – Caesar's image stamped upon it. The coin belongs to Caesar because it bears his likeness. But what bears God's likeness? We do. Every human person, made in the image and likeness of God, belongs to God. So, when Jesus says, "Give to God what is God's," he is inviting us to give our very selves – our hearts, our actions, our mission – back to the One whose image we bear.

This year, as we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday, the Church across the world reflects on the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV, "One in Christ, United in Mission." This is not only a theme – it is a spiritual truth. To be one in Christ means recognising that our unity does not come from nationality, culture, politics, or preference. It comes from the One in whose image we are made, and into whose Body we were baptised. The Pharisees in today's Gospel approached Jesus divided – some were supporters of Rome, others completely opposed to it. Yet Jesus reminds them, and us, that unity begins not with power or politics, but with God's claim upon our lives. And because we belong to God, we belong to one another. Being one in Christ is not a passive idea. It leads to being united in mission. Mission is never an optional 'extra' for Christians – it is at the heart of who we are.

For 100 years now, World Mission Sunday has reminded us that the Church does not exist for itself. The Church exists to proclaim the Good News, to lift the poor, to heal, to teach, and to carry Christ's love to the very edges of the world. We give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's – our responsibilities, our civic duties, our engagement with the world. But we give to God the things that are God's – our availability, our compassion, our willingness to be sent. Every Christian is called to mission. And mission today looks like:

- A parish community welcoming those on the margins.
- A family teaching children to pray and to serve.
- A workplace where faith is lived through integrity and kindness.
- A believer using their gifts for peace, justice, and compassion.

When our lives reflect God's image, we become God's message to the world. On this 100th World Mission Sunday, we remember the countless missionaries – past and present – who gave and still give their lives to the Gospel. Many left homeland and comfort to serve remote communities. Others remained in their home countries but lived with missionary intentionality, supporting the Church's global mission through prayer and sacrifice. But today, mission is 'over there'. It is also here, in our parishes, neighborhoods, our workplaces, and families. The world is hungry for meaning. People are searching for hope. Many long to know that they belong, that they are loved, that their lives matter. And so, the Church must be present – joyful, compassionate, courageous – showing the face of Christ to all.

We do not do this alone. We do it together, as one missionary family in Christ.

Reflection from Catholic Mission Sunday Resources

PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 17 & Sun 18 Oct: Mission Sunday leaving collection at all parish churches.

Sat 17 Oct 5.30pm: Youth Mass, Cathedral

Sun 18 Oct 12pm: Parish Lunch at Legends

Sun 25 Oct 9.30am: Fr Francis' 25th Ordination Anniversary & morning tea, Cathedral

Sun 1 Nov 10.30am: First Sunday Cuppa

Thurs 4 Nov 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass

PARISH NEWS

Celebration of Priesthood: Fr Francis' 25th Ordination Anniversary

This year marks the 25th anniversary of my priestly ordination. To mark this milestone, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated here at the Cathedral on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 9:30 AM (one week away). I warmly invite all parishioners to join me in worship and thanksgiving for these years of ministry. Following the Eucharistic celebration which will be presided over by Bishop Greg and concelebrated by Fr Francis, a community morning tea will be held. I am counting on you, my dear parishioners and friends, to help make this morning tea a success. Your contributions of finger foods, baked goods, or light refreshments would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your constant generosity and support. I look forward to celebrating this special day together with our parish family.

MISSION AUSTRALIA This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, donate to our Parish Collection at Masses this weekend or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

DAILY MISSALS for 2027 can be purchased from the Parish office for \$35.00.

YOUTH MASS our next Youth Mass will be held in the Cathedral at 5.30pm this **Saturday 17 October**.

PARISH LUNCH will be held at 12pm this **Sunday 18 October** at **Sporting Legends**, Princes Hwy Sale. No need to sign up. Just come along if you can.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: on **Sunday 1 November**, the Indian Community will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 5 November** at 4.00pm for Adoration and Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Claire Everard.

31 CLUB REMINDER at Saturday morning Masses we pray for Vocations.

DIOCESAN NEWS

PALMS AUSTRALIA Celebrating Seniority!

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities! Join Palms International Volunteering for a special session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications and time of life. Meet past volunteers Wendy and Mick who will share their adventures of life and laughter in PNG and Timor Leste, leaving a lasting positive impact on communities. Scan below to register or see palms.org.au/events

Date: Monday 19 October 2026

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm AEDT

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

Beyond the Wedding Threshold: A Survey for Catholics in the First Decade of Marriage

The Australian Catholic Bishops are funding a study into the experience of married Catholics. The results will help inform the development of pastoral responses and resources. If you married in the last 10 years and at least one spouse is Catholic, they'd love to hear from you. Can you provide valuable insights to their work by completing this short survey about your marriage? <https://thepmrc.org/survey>

PARISH PRAYER

God our loving Father,
we give you thanks and praise
for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming
and serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord.
Amen

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Live Your Best Life in Love. Strong marriages don't happen by chance. A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest. Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to keep it alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: Our last weekend for 2026: **November 6-8th** St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wme.org.au Website: wme.org.au

Domestic Violence Awareness Month As our October journey with the Shine a Light initiative continues, we keep our focus firmly on nurturing safety, dignity, and genuine care throughout our community. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

This week, our theme invites us to "Shine on the World Like Bright Stars," echoing this Sunday's Gospel acclamation. The gospel reminds us to give to God what belongs to God, Christ calls us to honour the divine image stamped upon every human being. When we reflect God's love through integrity, empathy, and positive action, our lives shine like beacons of hope—showing what it truly means to uplift, protect, and respect one another. For resources visit: <https://www.cdsale.org.au/salwr>

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100. No baptisms during Lent.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am

At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.

At Other times: Available on request

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

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Mass Timetable this week
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
17 - 18 October 2026

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 17 October <i>Youth Mass</i>	9.30am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral Rosedale
Sunday 18 October	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 19 October	NO	MASS
Tuesday 20 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 21 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 22 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 23 Oct <i>Benediction / Exposition & Mass</i>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 24 October	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Rosedale Cathedral
Sunday 25 October <i>Fr Francis' 25th Anniversary</i>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 10 Oct 5.30pm	Sunday 11 October 9.30am	Sunday 11 October 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Mildred Semodio	Please offer
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Emma M, Claire L	Brenda B, Dr Salle	Len & Lyn Althaus
Eucharist	Brenda Burditt	Abi Udiano	Please offer
Counters	Sue Harvey & John Dykun		

Cathedral Date & Time	Saturday 17 Oct 5.30pm	Sunday 18 October 9.30am	Sunday 18 October 5.30pm
Welcomer	YOUTH MASS	Catherine Mackinnon	Veronica Stewart
Commentator	YOUTH MASS	Nick Hall	Andreena Jolly
Reader	YOUTH MASS	Maya Useni-Vowell	Faye Flint
Eucharist	Tim & Emma M	Abi Udiano, Sue H	Doug & Leny Waite
Eucharist	Jonathan Peckley	Margaret Shirreffs	Len Althaus
Counters	Len & Lyn Althaus		

MASS INTENTIONS:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Tenesha Fieldsend, Remy Grogan** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time and **Kevin Robinson, deceased Clergy of the Diocese**. We pray for those who are sick Mary Harkin, Priyankara, Chandanie, Jayantha, Mallika, Georgia Jones, Helen O'Kane, Wendy Adamo, George, Rochelle, Meraya, Suzanne O'Doherty, Hayden, Shama, Manel, Michelle, Lou, Daniel, Teresa Bennett, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Dushyanthi, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin, **We pray in thanks for all who are sick and those who care for them.**

NEPAL FLOODS

Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit:

www.caritas.org.au/nepal

PRAYER FOR NEPAL AND TIBET

Loving God,

Be close to all those caught in the devastation of the floods in Nepal and Tibet.

Comfort those who have lost loved ones, strengthen those waiting anxiously for news, and guide rescuers and emergency workers as they search for survivors.

Give courage to displaced families and compassion to communities offering shelter, food and care.

May those who are missing be found, and may those who mourn know they are not alone. God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

WORLD MISSION DAY
Sunday 18 October 2026

Leaving collection will be at all Parish Churches on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 October. To watch Bishop Greg's message go to: **[YouTube and search for Bishop Greg's Message, Catholic Mission 2026](#)**.






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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Give the Lord glory and honour.

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.)**

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.)**

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.)**

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:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

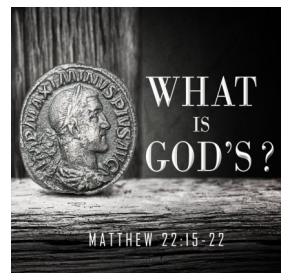
GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:15-21

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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral

Every Friday 10 - 11am

Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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

2nd Reading: **1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

Gospel: **Matthew 22:15-21**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briargolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.