

Alleluia, alleluia! / Shine on the world like bright stars; / you are offering it the word of life. / Alleluia!

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 Gospel of the Lord.

# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

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## OBEDIENCE TO GOD

Having entered Jerusalem as its messianic King, Jesus is drawn into a power struggle with representatives of various groups who, under the overall control of the Romans, currently wield power. To remove the threat he poses, they need to portray him to the Romans as dangerous and, at the same time, to lessen his authority with the people.

The tax question is a perfect stratagem to achieve these ends. If Jesus supports the payment of the unpopular poll tax, he will lose standing with the people; if he forbids payment, he risks being identified with groups rebellious towards Rome and so of appearing as a threat to peace and public order.

Jesus' majestic response not only frees him from the dilemma, it actually goes onto the offensive. By requiring *them* to produce a coin with Caesar's image on it he shows them up as already collaborating with the Romans. They carry around the offensive coinage. He does not.

Then his dual 'Render ...' instruction throws the dilemma back upon them. They had set the issue simply in terms of obligation to Rome; they had not brought God into the equation at all. Jesus takes possession of the religious and moral high ground by setting responsibility to the civil power (which he does not deny) within the broader and higher framework of obedience to God.

We can find here the beginnings of the later Christian sense of the separation of Church and State. We also have a recognition that believers have responsibilities in both realms that oblige in conscience before God.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

## FIRST READING

Isa 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 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.

**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.**



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 Thess 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.

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## **Brighton Catholic Parish**

### **Church**

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### **Weekly collections**

Letter boxes have been installed in the front & western church foyers for your collection money. We thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Knights of the Southern Cross**

**Empty Cans /Bottle Collection**  
For Collection please ring  
Pat Hodgson 0412 259 321

### **Sunday Mass Times**

**6.00 pm** — (Saturday Vigil)  
**8.30am** — (Sunday)  
**10.00 am** — (Sunday)

### **Weekday Mass/Services**

Monday 19/10 No Services  
Tuesday 20/10 Mass 12 noon  
Wed 21/10 SHC Mass 7.30am  
Thursday 22/10 No services  
Friday 23/10 Mass 12 noon  
Saturday 24/10 Mass 10am

### **Feast Days this week**

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions, martyrs

St Paul of the Cross, priest

#### **Thursday 22nd October**

St John Paul II, pope

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

St John of Capistrano, priest

#### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

St Anthony Claret, bishop

### **Reconciliation**

After midday Mass on Fridays

After 10am Mass on Saturdays

### **Baptisms**

are held on the Second and Fourth Sundays of each month at 11.15am by arrangement through the Parish office and with the Baptismal Preparation Team.

**Weddings** - Contact Parish Office

### **Meditation**

The Meditation group meet every Tuesday from 11am in the McAuley Room

### **Parish library**

Our parish Library is open on Tues and Fri mornings from 9.30am to 12pm. Come and join us for Mahjong on Friday mornings. We have a great selection of books, DVD's and puzzles for you to borrow. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and great company.

### **Popes' Prayer Intentions for October**

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Keep updated with our parish through our facebook page:



**Brighton Catholic Parish**

### **Direct Giving App**

The Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App has been upgraded to allow people to contribute via their mobile phone. Users can make a one-off donation or set up recurring donations to their parish and community and for the support of the clergy. If you have any inquiries, please call 8210 8160 or email [cathcomm@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:cathcomm@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

### **Brighton Parish Pastoral Council Members**

Fr Michael Kyumu,  
Christina Jonas (Chairperson),  
Emmy Smyk (Dep Chair),  
Monica Conway (Secretary),  
Clare Thewlis, Graham Workman,  
Helena Card, Amanda Parslow,  
Keith Moorman, Chris Nell,  
Mary Hyland, Di O'Neill,  
Frank Verrall, Margaret Senyszyn,  
Cara McGlaughlin (SHC Youth Minister)

### **Readings for next weekend**

#### **24th/25th October, 2020**

#### **30th Sunday in Ord Time, Yr A**

**1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26**

**2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

**Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40**

### **Please pray for:**

#### **Recently Deceased**

Les Schmitt, Monica Ena  
Thomas, Frank Risitano,  
Patricia McQuillan, Raymond Ross



### **Deceased**

Mary Love, John Tippins,  
Ken Smith, Mary Coffey,  
Helen Martin

### **Anniversaries**

Arthur, Dominador & Emilia Roncal,  
Sue Pavy, Luke Guest,  
John O'Callaghan, Jack O'Callaghan

### **Sick**

Marilyn Huddleston, Lauren Eblen,  
Jimmy Ryan, Frances McKenna,  
Peter Paige, Robyn Williams,  
Peggy Traynor(Ireland),  
Pam Wallman, Barbara Driscoll,  
Jim McClafferty, Robert Wolf,  
Kevin Pardon, Pam Wynn,  
Leon Greal, Chris Boast,  
Taylor Keen, Rachel Bainbridge,  
Charlie Hamblen, Duncan Booth,  
Fr Peter Dunn, Bob McEvoy,  
Pat Donnelly, Eileen Paige,  
Margaret Mary Roche, Mr Biro,  
Debbie Canino, Betty Fowles,  
Sr Marietta Green, Margaret Doyle,  
John Wallace, Carol Swavley,  
Aoibhinn Delaney

**Privacy Laws.** All parishioners are encouraged to pray for the sick. Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names will **not** be published on the sick list in the bulletin without prior permission of the person involved.

### **COVID Safe**

We are all reminded to keep ourselves and each other safe whilst in our church and offices. Please maintain a safe social distance (currently 1.5m) between each other, use the hand sanitiser, remember to sign in (BYO Pen/ use wipes on pens provided) whenever on the premises, and if you are not well or immunocompromised, DO NOT come to Mass at this time. We would respectfully ask that you comply with any requests asked of you by the COVID Marshal.

### **Plenary Council - Journey to October 2021 and Beyond**

Thursday, 29th October 2020 at 7:30pm-9:30pm  
Thebarton Community Centre, Corner of South Road and Ashwin Parade  
TORRENSVILLE  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BLTNS>  
**Everyone is welcome.**

SA Catholics for an Evolving Church invites you to a zoom forum.

### **Our Indigenous Heritage and Catholicism: Aboriginal and Catholic spirituality in dialogue**

Thursday, 22 October, 7.30pm  
Presenters - Aboriginal Elder:  
**Aboriginal Treasures for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

### **Learning Lessons and Exploring Possibilities for Evolving Christianity**

To register for this forum, reply to [Catholicsforanevolvingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:Catholicsforanevolvingchurch@gmail.com) You will then be sent the Zoom link on Wednesday, 21 October by email.

### **Congratulations**

To Allan & Josephine (Osborne) Fox who celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this week. They were married in the newly opened St Joseph's Church at Brighton by a very young Fr Rob Egar.

### **Port Pirie Bishop's Installation**

Fr Karol Kulczycki SDS, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Port Pirie, will be installed on Wednesday October 28 at St Mark's Cathedral, Port Pirie, after being ordained in Poland on September 29. His installation Mass will have limited attendees due to COVID-19 restrictions but will be live streamed at [www.pp.catholic.org.au](http://www.pp.catholic.org.au)

### **Tutti Twilight Arts Market**

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 5-9pm  
More information to come

### **October: The Month of the Holy Rosary**



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

*"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." Pope Saint Pius X*

### **Parish Library**

You are invited to a wine and cheese evening on Friday 6th Nov 7pm-9pm to officially launch our exciting new parish library. We would appreciate if you could bring a bottle to share for the evening. The parish will provide soft drink, cheese and nibbles.

To comply with COVID restrictions, could you please contact the parish office if you intend to join us. Further details will follow closer to the evening.

We look forward to welcoming you.

### **Leaving Collection this weekend**

This weekend our parish will be holding a leaving collection for the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

**Freecall: 1800 257 296**  
[catholicmission.org.au/cambodia](http://catholicmission.org.au/cambodia)

### **Pat Lopresti Ordination to the Priesthood**

Please join in celebrating the Ordination of Deacon Pat Lopresti to the Priesthood at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Sat, Oct 24 at 10am. Bookings to attend the Mass are limited due to density restrictions but can be made via [www.trybooking.com/BLVCR](http://www.trybooking.com/BLVCR). For those who are not able to attend, the Mass will be live streamed. This is a significant event for our Archdiocese, and we ask that you keep Pat in your prayers in the journey to his Ordination. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220.



### **VINNIES**

Vinnies has been given some Frangipani cuttings which are in the church foyer. If you would like one please help yourself. There is a box available if you wish to make a gold coin donation to Vinnies.

### **McAuley**

#### **Community News**



Last Monday the staff at McAuley came together for a day of 'Connection' with both nature, God and each other. The day began in the peaceful grounds of the Botanic Gardens where everyone was invited to take time to meditate, ponder and connect with nature in a way that was truly meaningful to them. On arrival back at school a delicious paella lunch was shared together before embarking on a creative adventure through the art of mandalas. Giant mandalas created with chalk, each connected with the other, lined the pathway at the front entrance to the school ready to welcome back the learners and their families for the beginning of Term Four.

The spirit of Catherine McAuley was at the heart of the day's activities as each staff member reflected on what her words "The tender Mercy of God has given us one another" meant to them.

**Word on Fire** are offering a free screening of their acclaimed **Catholicism Series** - 10 wonderful videos, over 500 minutes of content, to celebrate its 10 year anniversary. Go to the link below.

[https://catholicismseries.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3Or0H9ADhDKVTPnBRmWHJDamczLn85N6W1VmQm czdol\\_qRG8fMsEKkIKA](https://catholicismseries.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3Or0H9ADhDKVTPnBRmWHJDamczLn85N6W1VmQm czdol_qRG8fMsEKkIKA)

### **'Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom'**

Sat 7 Nov, 10am-1pm (AEST). Facilitated by Carol Dyer, this event provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practise. Cost \$25. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/663916> For more information, contact [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or tel 9890 1101.

