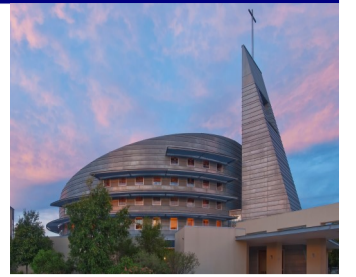




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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



22nd October 2023
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Fransalians since 2016

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

22 Oct— World Mission Sunday

24 Oct— St Anthony Mary Claret

28 Oct— Sts Simon & Jude

1 Nov— All Saints

2 Nov— All Souls

MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sunday - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at 8.15am

followed by the Mass at 8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Mass

First Friday of the month during Mass at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month 10am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the month 10am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Friday—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturday - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sunday - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Divine Will Cenacle

Thursdays - 9.15am -10.30am

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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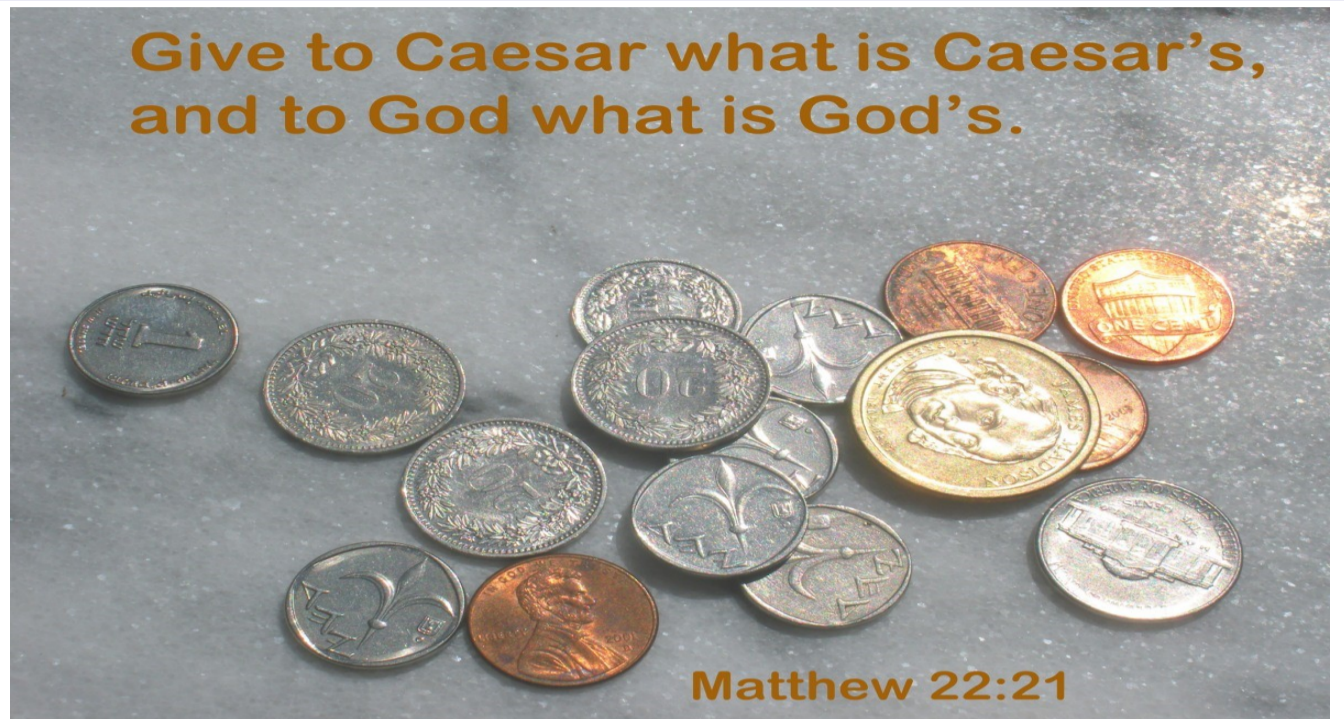
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WISDOM OVER DECEPTION

The Pharisees often tried to trip Jesus up in the Gospels. We see them here making one of their most serious efforts toward entrapping him. The Pharisees were religious leaders and, in this case, they even bringing in their political enemies, the Herodians, to help in their plot. The Herodians were the political powers in Israel at this time. They were, in essence, puppets of the Romans, who had control of Israel and were enemies of the Jews.

The question about the tax to Caesar was intended to put Jesus between a rock and a hard place. If he condemned the tax, he would be in trouble with the Herodians who could charge him with treason for opposing paying taxes to the government. If he condoned the tax, then he would be in trouble with the Pharisees for being unfaithful to Judaism and its opposition to the Roman oppressors for the sake of religious purity and national independence. But Jesus saw right through their plot and responded in a way that avoided the entrapment.

Jesus asked to see the coin used to pay the tax, which was a denarius that had the image of Tiberius Caesar, the Roman emperor at the time, stamped into it. Jesus used the term "image" as a word play here. Because the coin had Caesar's image on it, he pointed out it already belonged to Caesar. Therefore, there was no religious compromise in giving back to Caesar what already belonged to him. In this, Jesus also affirmed that it is right to fulfill our civil duties as Christians. At the same time, he affirmed that our highest and primary duty is to serve God and give Him what is due. By using the term "image" and saying we are to repay to God what belongs to God, Jesus revealed that we owe God everything. We are made in the image of God and, thus, belong completely to God. Therefore, we are called to offer our entire selves to God.

Jesus calls us in today's Gospel to offer our entire lives to God because we are made in His image. Yet, our temptation is often to compartmentalise our lives separating our faith from everything else we do. Reflect on how your faith can impact the way you live your everyday life, and think about what areas of your life in particular that you need to let God come in.

<https://stjoesmarion.org/news/readings-reflections-for-the-29th-sunday-in-ordinary-time>

We, The Woy Woy Catholic Parish acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Sacramental Programme 2023: Presentation Masses for all First Reconciliation candidates will be celebrated in our Church on Saturday, 21st October at 5.00pm & Sunday, 22nd October at 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm. Group lessons will begin the week of 23rd October. Please include these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.


Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Group: The RCIA group is now meeting on Sundays after 5.00pm Mass upstairs in the Parish Office Boardroom.

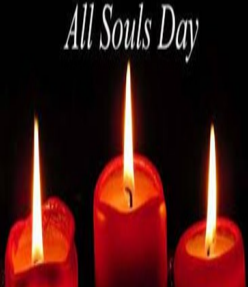
Cleaners for 27th October: Mabel Torres, Jenny Mitchell, Andrew Hopkins, Brian Nairn.

Readers for 28th & 29th October:
 Saturday 5.00pm—Rose Mondal & Jane Somerville
 Sunday 7.30am—Dorothy Fulton & Veronica Jordan
 Sunday 9.15am—Emma Baker & Olga Mhilli
 Sunday 5.00pm—Peter Smith & Marian Bowyer

Servers for 28th & 29th October:
 Saturday 5.00pm—Joel Bajo & Darrin Patterson
 Sunday 7.30am—Bernie French & Jenny Fitzgerald
 Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson & Hanaa El-Khatib
 Sunday 5.00pm—Laurie Jarvis

Safeguarding Team: Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 or Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548.

 **Parish Working Bee:** We will be having a Parish working bee for gardening and cleaning on Saturday, 28th October starting at 9.00am. Any time you can spare on the day will be greatly appreciated. Please register on the list in the Gathering Area so we will have numbers for catering.

 **All Souls Day—2 November.** Masses will be held at 8.30am and at 7pm. Mass intentions will be received for the departed souls during the month of November. Please include your intentions with a November Masses envelope.

Cash Housie: Closed Saturday, 28th October due to Ettalong art and craft exhibition using the hall.

Divine Will Retreat: There will be a Divine Will day retreat on Saturday 18th November from 9.00am to 3.00pm at Holy Spirit, Kincumber. The retreat will be led by Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR. All welcome. Further details to follow.

MSFS Corner:
Charism: Our charism is to continue the mission of Christ and His Church by living the spirit and spirituality of St. Francis de Sales in a religious community as missionaries, lived and envisioned by our Founder.


Apostolate: To bring about the renewal of Christian life, to undertake overseas missions and pioneering evangelisation, and education and formation of the young in the spirit of St. Francis de Sales. We engage in the apostolate of social development and outreach, responding to the signs of the time and needs of the Church.

Bishop REY of Annecy to the first members of our Congregation while approving the MSFS Congregation

“Yours is a **triple task**: study St Francis de Sales, imitate his virtues and form your method of guiding people on his; full of gentleness to sinners.”

“The Christian humanism of Saint Francis de Sales has lost none of its relevance today.” (**Pope Benedict XVI**)

Catholic Mission Appeal: There will be a Catholic Mission Appeal this weekend. Envelopes are available in the Church. You can also donate online or via QR code. Details below.



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

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Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Is 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

Responsorial Psalm: 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts and enter his courts.

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

Reading 2: 1 Thess 1:1-5

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labour of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

R. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."



Keep Us In Your Prayers— pray for the souls of:

Recently deceased: Cristita Abonado

Anniversary: Dorothy Crawley, Vince & Caterina Zappavigna

Remembrance: Elizabeth Carr

Sick: Melissa Bezzina, Lisa Ryan, Marie Head, Lisa Yeo, Marta Panczyna, Oscar James Moretti, Linda Italiano, Eneio Wolfgram, Emma Matthews, Eileen Jones, Kathleen Bezzina, Moya Jones, Chris Mitchell, Trish Stuart, Colleen Garland, Robert Baker, Josephine Weate, Ed Hyland, Sheila Rogan, Pat Savage, John Mitchell, Donna Vella, Jo Farrelle, Donna Briemer, Malin Tugaga, Pamela Power, Rose Aloisio, Tina Cohen, Amanda Sheridan, Audrey Barsenbach, Therese Horner, Jack Dummett, Robert Parker, Maureen Wardrop, Ros Harbig, Georgie Brigdale, Sue Campbell, Bobby Brame, Kerrie Roberts, Lauren Alchin, Bruce Yip, Ada Primrose Murphy, Cathy Eades, James Matthews, Doreen Arahill, Theresa Mitchell, Anita Servi, Jean Pierre, Michael Tannous, Marsha Burzynski, Emma Mitchell, Vince Weigold, Lola DeSouza, Bev Purser, Joseph King, Christine Semark, Vicki Leach, Willy Woods, John Zdilar, Alison Richmond, Saxon Smith, Jack Rogan-Clark, John Farnham, Chris Parker, Alana Rose, Joy Burt, Stan Page, Serge Fauvette, Roger Lambert, Ron Manning, Ken Dixon, Maria Lourenco, Doris Coleman, Alice Lynn, Dianne Smyth, Gail Smith, Roy Cutrone, Wendy Cohen, Bill Hunt, Patricia Quinn, Alan Ball, Betty McDermott, Marie Sourini, David Pragasam, Vicki Pirie, Beau Burt, Joel Lloyd, Belinda Cochrane, Ken Stewart, Caterina Shinoda, Tom Shepherd, Lorraine Blandford

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October



For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

You can also donate via Bpoint, which will take you to our Website for secure online payments. <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/woywoyparish>

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