

PARISH MASS TIME:

Monday to Friday: 9:00am

Saturday: 9:00am, 6:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm

Public Holidays: 9:00am

Family Mass: Once a term

BAPTISM: Third Sunday of each month by appointment

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9:30am to 10:30am

ANointing OF SICK: every 2nd Thursday of the month @9am or by request

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturdays 9:30-10:30 & 1st Friday of the Month @7pm

MORNING PRAYER: Monday - Friday: 8:30am

WEDDING: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice

Parish Calendar

Anointing of the Sick

Second Thursday of the Month 9:00am Mass
November 12

Divine Will Prayer Group

Mondays 10-11:30 am
Tuesdays 7-8.30 pm

Lectio Divina

Every Friday at 10 am
(during school term)

Children's Liturgy & Morning tea after Mass

Every Sunday at 10am Mass

Young Adults @StIves

Every Second Monday 7pm
October 26

Carmelite Conversations

Fortnightly on Thursdays
10am October 29

Parish Social Craft Group

Fortnight on Thursdays
10am
October 22 at 10am

Rose Petal Celebration

October 25 at 2:30pm

St John Paul II

October 22

All Saints Day

November 1st

All Souls Day

November 2

Remembrance Day

November 11

FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parishioners,

To all our school students and their families, and all the teachers in the parish - welcome back to term four!

Term Four of the school term began this week. On Monday 12th October, it was special to celebrate Mass with the Corpus Christi school staff, followed by Adoration and Benediction and then the spirituality day dedicated to Christology - i.e., exploring the question 'Who is the person of Jesus Christ?' Newly appointed Principal, Anna Montgomery, began her first full term as our principal this week. We wish Anna and her staff every success for term four.

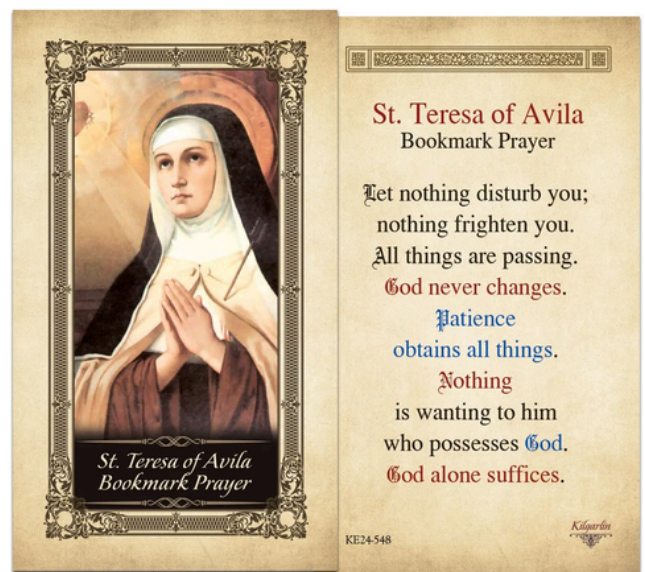
Following our recent first Holy Communion, on Thursday 15th Val Dias (our Sacramental Coordinator) and I met with the 28 parents of our Confirmation candidates for their information Night to introduce the four sessions of the Sacramental program: (i) Confirming Baptism (ii) Called by Name (iii) Gifts of the Holy Spirit and (iv) the Confirmation ceremony. We continue to pray for the 11 candidates in the RCIA program and those completing the Alpha program.

The leadership Team meets each week to consider the strategic leadership of the parish and the organisation of upcoming events in the parish. This week we sought direction on Safeguarding policy & practice, young adults' ministry, setting up a Register of all ministry volunteers, along with many things to organise for Advent, Christmas and end-of-year.

There are always many things to consider in the life and direction of a parish. As we welcome Fr Tan back from holidays, may God continue to bless our efforts. Let us recall the words of the handwritten bookmark, which St Teresa of Avila (Feats Day 15/10) kept in her Breviary; these words obviously meant a great deal to her:

With thanks to the many volunteers who minister to others in the parish. Both personally and as a parish community, may we grow in our trust of God.

Fr Paul



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Valerie Dias, *Sacramental Co-ordinator*

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Dear Parishioners
2026

October

SOUND SYSTEM

As previously communicated, we are in dire need of a new sound system in the Church. The current system has gone way past its use by date and is quite inefficient. Your generosity and support enabled us to commence fund raising for the sound system earlier in the year.

The Parish Finance Committee would like to sign a contract for the installation of the new system as soon as possible. However, as can be seen from the latest finance report, our funds continue to be depleted and we do not have sufficient funds to go ahead with the new system without further fundraising. The current sound system disturbs the solemnity of the Mass and other special occasions and parishioners deserve a sound system that enhances our celebrations.

We would really appreciate sponsorship from parishioners to enable us to fund this very important upgrade needed for our Church. After significant research by some parishioners, assisted by members of the music ministry, the best quote we received for the sound system is in the order of \$75,000 (including GST). So far you, our parishioners, have contributed an amount of around \$25,000 towards the sound system. We are therefore looking to raise a further \$50,000 for the various items that make up the sound system. As previously indicated it would be beneficial to raise the funds now so that the system can be installed in time for Christmas or as early as possible in the new year.

The contract price includes many individual items which you are being invited to sponsor if you wish. By sponsoring these items or by making a general donation towards this cause, you will be helping to alleviate pressure on our finances. It also gives you a direct connection to the way in which your contributions are being put to the mission of the Church. Sponsorship can be individual, as a family or as a group of friends.

If you would like to sponsor any items or make a general donation, please fill out the attached form indicating how you are able to help and drop in one of the clearly marked boxes or email it to office @corpuschristi.com.au. Alternatively, you may like to speak with Fr Paul, our Parish Office staff or a member of the Finance Committee.

Bank transfers can be paid to the following parish account: BSB 062784, A/C no. 100001798 or by credit card via the parish website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/st-ives/about-our-parish/give>. Please specify that the money is towards the sound system appeal. Equally, cash donations can be placed in the marked appeal boxes and are also greatly appreciated.

Thank you
Fr Paul and the Parish Finance Committee

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION - OCTOBER

For the For mental health ministry



Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

PRAYER ZONE



Anniversary: James Middleton

Please pray for the ill: Joseph Chan, Wendy Phoa, Jan Martin, Isabelle Law, Quentin Stewart; Carmel Hadley; Patricia Chaves; Marina Albuquerque; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Fergus O'Brien; Michelle Soumier; Gracie Spencer; Brendan Stone.

FEAST DAYS - OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER

Oct 28th - Sts Simon and Jude, apostles - Feast
Nov 1st - All Saints - Solemnity
Nov 2nd - The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
Nov 4th - St Charles Borromeo, bishop - Memorial
Nov 9th - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast
Nov 10th - St Leo the Great, pope, doctor - Memorial
Nov 11th - St Martin of Tours, bishop - Memorial
Nov 12th - St Josaphat, bishop, martyr - Memorial
Nov 17th - St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious - Memorial
Nov 21st - The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial
Nov 22nd - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Solemnity
Nov 24th - Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs - Memorial



October:
the month of the Rosary

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The month of October is dedicated to the Mother of God under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary, usually celebrated by the Church on the 7th. The Rosary is prayed immediately after each weekday Mass here at Corpus Christi.

How will you especially honour Mary, our blessed mother, this October?

Baptisms

We look forward to welcoming:

- primary school children & infant
Maverick & Hudson Millar Enzo De Carlo
Harrison & Anderson Nieland

on 18 October, to God's family and to our parish community as we keep them in our prayers.

Confirmation Gifts at the Piety Store

We have stocked up on a lovely selection of meaningful gifts for our Confirmation candidates! Whether you are looking for a special keepsake or a thoughtful gift to mark this important sacrament, we have something to help make their Confirmation day even more memorable. Please stop by the Piety Store on your way out after Mass and have a look. Your support is greatly appreciated!



A PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

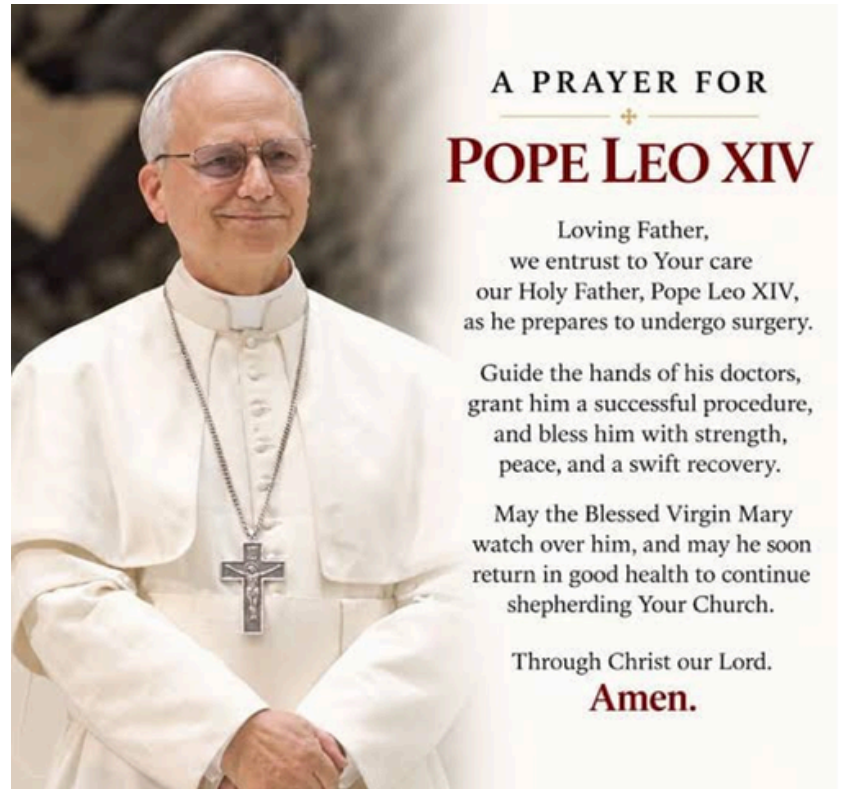
Loving Father,
we entrust to Your care
our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV,
as he prepares to undergo surgery.

Guide the hands of his doctors,
grant him a successful procedure,
and bless him with strength,
peace, and a swift recovery.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary
watch over him, and may he soon
return in good health to continue
shepherding Your Church.

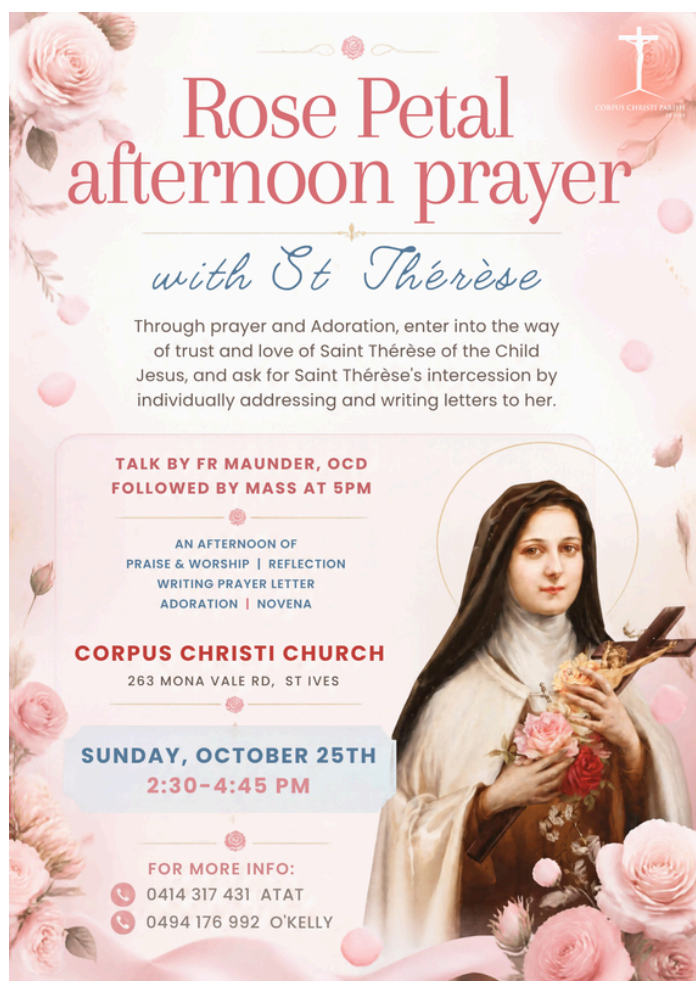
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present. We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



Rose Petal afternoon prayer

with St Thérèse

Through prayer and Adoration, enter into the way of trust and love of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, and ask for Saint Thérèse's intercession by individually addressing and writing letters to her.

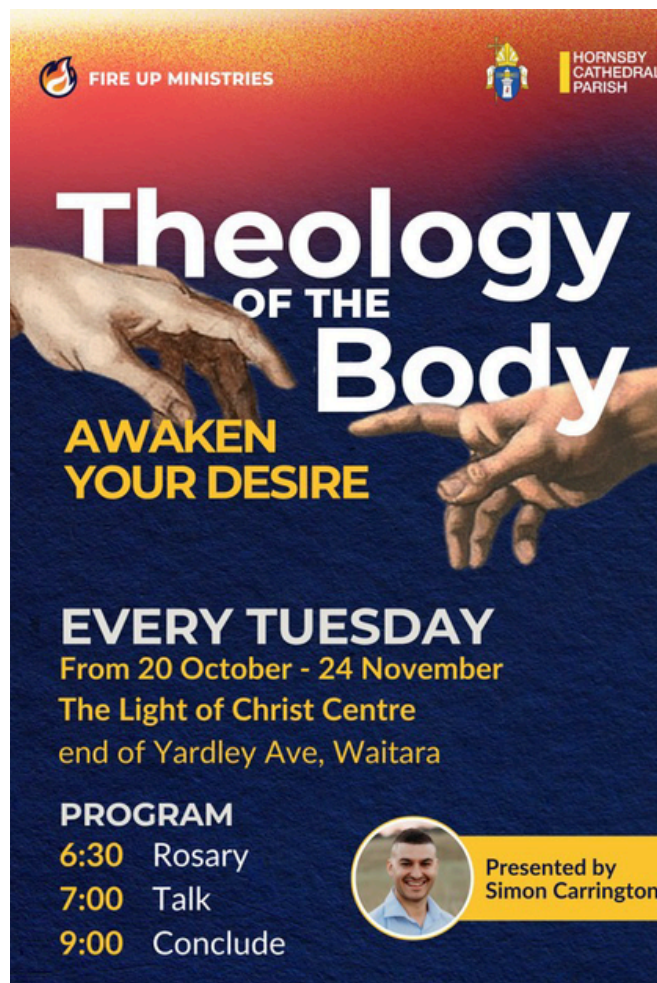
**TALK BY FR MAUNDER, OCD
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6:30 Rosary
7:00 Talk
9:00 Conclude

 Presented by
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Sing TO THE LORD

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BY THE CHURCH'S
TREASURY OF MUSIC.
BE RENEWED
IN YOUR LOVE OF THE
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SATURDAY
14 NOVEMBER 2026
9:30AM - 3:00PM

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Dear Parishioners,

It is a great privilege to introduce myself as the new Principal of Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School. I feel very blessed to be joining such a warm and faith-filled community and look forward to working in partnership with our students, families, staff and parish community.



Having worked in Catholic education for many years, I am passionate about creating environments where every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish academically, spiritually and socially. As both an educator and a parent, I understand the trust families place in a school community. I am excited to become part of the life of the parish and to continue strengthening the important connection between school, parish and home. I look forward to meeting many of you in the weeks ahead.

Anna Montgomery



Serra International Vocations Ministry

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble

Guest Speaker
Fr Joey Frez

Looking for Catholic Vocations



Born in the Philippines, Fr Joey Frez first sensed a call to the priesthood as a young boy. Although financial circumstances prevented him from entering the seminary, God continued to lead him on an extraordinary journey.



After emigrating to the United States and working as a computer programmer, he entered Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon, served as a deacon at St Cecilia Catholic Church, Beaverton, and was ordained to the priesthood on 29 May 2010 for the Diocese of Salt Lake City.



In 2019, Fr Joey moved to Australia and joined the Diocese of Broken Bay, serving in Epping, Carlingford, Holy Name Parish Wahroonga, and Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood.



In January 2025, he was appointed Diocesan Director for Vocations for the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

DISCUSSION POINT

A review of vocations in Broken Bay Diocese.

EVENT DETAILS



Wednesday 21st October 2026



6:30 p.m.



Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pymble



RSVP: Terry Scanlan
M: 0438 887 295
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All Welcome

Join us for an evening of faith, vocation, and fellowship.

WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO

Why do we pray the Rosary.

One might look upon the Rosary as a precious heirloom passed down through generations of our faith family. Essentially, it is a simple, repetitive prayer by which we effect on the life, death and glorification of Christ through the eyes and heart of his mother. According to a tradition that dates back to the 15th century, St Dominic founded the devotion to the Rosary. Other evidence, however, suggests that it developed gradually, especially under the influence of the Cistercian and Dominican religious orders. The Rosary is one way we can prayerfully contemplate the mysteries of our faith.



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ALPHA CELEBRATION EVENT

Come and See!

Join us as we celebrate the journey of our Alpha guests! Whether you've been part of Alpha or are simply curious about what it's all about, we'd love you to come along.

Enjoy some food, meet new people and discover what Alpha has to offer.

Everyone is welcome!

DATE: Wed, 28 October 2026

TIME: 7:00 – 8:30pm

VENUE: Corpus Christi Parish Hall
263 Mona Vale Road
ST IVES NSW 2075



Watch the trailer

Alpha



YOU ARE INVITED TO
SEMINARIANS' BENEFIT GALA DINNER:

ANSWERING THE CALL

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 6:30PM- 11:30PM
THE EPPING CLUB, 45-47 RAWSON ST, EPPING 2121



PLEASE REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE



The Word

Sunday, 18 Oct 2026:
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

A reading from prophet Isaiah Is 45:1.4-6

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. 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

From the letter of St Paul the Thessalonians 1 Thes 1:1-5

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 22:15-21

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.

REFLECTION ON READINGS

BY FR PAUL DURKIN

THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Reflection on the Word for - prepared by Fr Paul

First Reading (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

The return of the people from the Babylonian exile—a return made possible by King Cyrus - is seen as a sign of God's love for his people, Israel, and of his lordship over all peoples.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5).

Here St Paul greets the very early Christian community at Thessalonika, wishing them grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and noting the power of the Holy Spirit among them. He also delights in the theological virtues of faith, hope and love at work among them.

Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21).

In this week's gospel from Matthew, Jesus' critics seek to discredit Jesus as an authority figure and make him say something to justify his arrest and subsequent execution. It reveals an effort by the enemies of Jesus to trap him into saying something incriminating.

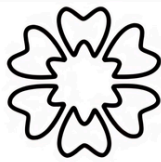
The question put to Jesus was a test question to see whether he would declare himself on the side of those who opposed paying taxes to the Romans (eg. the Pharisees), or on the side of those who collaborated with the Romans (eg. The Herodians). If he said Yes, he would lose the esteem of the people, and would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish cause and the Jewish religion. If he said No, he could be denounced as fomenting rebellion against Rome.

As people of faith Jesus affirms that we are both citizens of this world and citizens of Heaven. We give God something that we do not give to any earthly ruler, that is worship.

And this is why we gather at Mass—to worship God, Creator of the universe and Father of us all, and to celebrate the love that has been lavished on us in Jesus.



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