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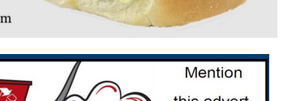

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To make an appointment please call 4868 1931.
If you need to speak to Father urgently, please call the office and select option 4.
Office Hours: MON, WED, THURS, FRI 10:00am-1:30pm.
The office will be closed on Tuesday.

Reflection for 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel of Matthew, we see a classic example where Jesus is caught by the questioning of a group of cunning men. They ask him about the obligation to pay taxes. If he says yes, he will be seen as a Roman sympathiser where he runs the risk of discreditation to the Jewish people who feel very much oppressed by the regime. If he says no, he will run the risk of being reported to the authorities for acting against the regime.

But considering this difficult scenario where one is caught with a no way out, Jesus has already perceived their deceiving behaviours from the beginning of his encounter. Rather than giving into their questioning, he redirects the questioning back to them of their civil responsibility to abide by the law.

We also abide the law in which we live, and we also abide the natural and divine laws that God has given us where we uphold with great respect the dignity of all creation and its natural processes as well as the virtuous living we are called to live for the sake of the kingdom of heaven.

Fr Jeremy Santoso OSPPE

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Mon, Wed, Fri **8am** & Thurs **9.30am.**

St. Paul's Int. College (Sat) **8am**

Confessions: 1st Friday of each month following morning 8am Mass. Every Saturday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm.

St Paul's Moss Vale	St Brigid's Bundanoon	St Peter's Burrawang	Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park
Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm	Sunday: 2nd & 4th - 8am	Sunday: 1st, 3rd & 5th – 8am	Sunday - 8 am, 9.30am, 11am, Weekday 11am
Sunday - 10am	Sunday: 1st, 3rd & 5th - 5pm	Sunday: 2nd & 4th — 5pm	

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1st Sunday of the Month –12noon

St Patrick's, Sutton Forest

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 18 October 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 16:6,8
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 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 handto 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 Thessalonians 1:1-5
A reading from the first letter of St Paul 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.**

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15. 16
Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; 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.

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 32:18-19
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.

Feasts and Memorials

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PARISH NEWS .....

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Classes will be held at 8.30am on the following Sundays: Sunday 18 Oct, 25 Oct, 1 Nov, 8 Nov and 15 Nov. Attendance at Mass is compulsory.

Confirmation will be held on **Tuesday 24 November** at 6.00pm.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

All Masses will be offered for the intentions of the deceased, loved ones and members of our families.
If you would like Mass to be offered for a particular intention, please write name (s) clearly on an envelope and drop into parish office or place on the collection plate **no later than Sunday 25 October**. Envelopes are available in all church foyers.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Sunday 8 November: St Peter's Burrawang at following 5pm Mass.
Sunday 15 November: St Paul's Moss Vale following 10am Mass.
Sunday 15 November: St Brigid's Bundanoon following 5pm Mass.

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WORKING BEE at Sutton Forest Catholic Cemetery on **Saturday 31 October** 2026 from **8.30am** in preparation for Mass and the blessing of graves on All Souls Day. Just a tidy up of the grounds etc. Morning tea provided.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

Monday 2 November at St Patricks Church, Sutton Forest at 6pm.

What's on around the Diocese?

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place.

Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/staying-connected/ about what's happening around our Diocese!

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (18 Oct)
"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Our lives ultimately belong to God; let His love shine through all that you do. (Matthew 22:21)
If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

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OCTOBER CALENDAR DATES:

Sunday 18 October: **Catholic Mission Sunday.** Envelopes will be available in the church foyer.
Thursday 22 October: The Parish office will be closed today due to Diocese of Wollongong training day.