

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.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 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 am your God 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. Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 95

Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

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. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. 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. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow during the next three lines) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is the saying of holy men that, if we wish to be perfect, we have nothing more to do than to perform the ordinary duties of the day well. A short road to perfection—short, not because easy, but because pertinent and intelligible. There are no short ways to perfection, but there are sure ones.

St John Henry Newman

THE WORD



THE CANNY REPLY (MATTHEW 22:15-21)

Jesus' quarrels with the religious authorities continue, this time involving the Pharisees and the Herodians, supporters of the puppet rulers of the Romans.

They put Jesus on the spot with a question about paying what was basically a poll tax. Jesus cannot give a straight answer without seriously offending someone: "Yes" will get him into trouble with his fellow countrypeople of strong nationalist feelings; the Roman administrators are certain to take a dim view if he replies "No". Jesus knows that their challenge is motivated by malice, and he calls them "hypocrites". He points out that the coin by which the tax must be paid belongs to Caesar anyway, so it ought to be returned to its owner: this allows him to avoid offending the Romans without (necessarily) falling foul of the Palestinian zealots. He then changes the tone by reminding his audience of their duties towards God, thereby bringing the confrontation to an end. His opponents realise that Jesus has outwitted them and leave the scene. ■

REFLECT

Discussions often take place about the relationship which should exist between the bodies we usually call Church and State, and this text is pressed into service to separate the two. Thus, people can argue the Church should keep out of politics, that it should confine its activities to spiritual matters and leave politicians to run the country.

When we consider those situations where the Church has, effectively, become part of the government, or at least a close collaborator, we could conclude that there is something to be said for this argument. The history of the twentieth century testifies to the Church being allied to repressive dictatorships and suffering from a lack of credibility as

a result. But while the "official Church" may have been in large part involved in this way, there were bishops, priests and religious who saw that Gospel values, the teaching of Jesus, compelled them to become involved in what were political issues. Liberation theology arose, based on the book of Exodus, which presents a God who abhors slavery of any kind; and on the prophets, whose target was the political and spiritual leaders of the nation, for failing in their duty and responsibilities.

A Church which confines itself to "spiritual" matters soon becomes a Church of the sacristy, largely irrelevant to the wider community. The mission of Jesus' disciples is to preach the Gospel,

SAY I can make a difference.



DO

What pressing issues are there in your local or national community? Find a way to help to resolve them.

LEARN

The Herodians were supporters of the puppet rulers of the Romans, the house of Herod.

The Herodian kings were not of the line of King David, and therefore not regarded with any great respect by the local population.

The poll (census) tax had to be paid in a Roman coin which bore the image of the emperor: this was a further insult to Jewish sensibilities.

which involves promoting human values such as dignity, respect, proper wages and so on. How this is done is another matter: we find Christians in every political movement, with different opinions on how these principles should be established, and attempts to found explicitly Christian parties have run into all sorts of human problems. Perhaps the parable of the leaven in the dough is appropriate in this context, where Christians, motivated by the teachings of Jesus, involve themselves in the life of their local and national community and thus, simultaneously, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God". ■



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Today is World Mission Sunday and there would normally be a retiring collection for *Missio* which is the Holy Father's charity for world mission. *Missio* supports missionaries who are working alongside communities that are poor in need, regardless of background or belief. Donations can be made directly to missio.org.uk/donate or on our own parish website using the 'Donate' button and marking your donation '*Missio*'.

Changes to Mass times and church opening.

Over the last few weeks, we have experimented with arrangements for mass and church opening. More people are now able to book places for mass and perhaps, in consequence, fewer people are visiting the church during opening times. As we move into the winter period it now seems appropriate to consolidate and simplify arrangements. So...

From next Sunday, 25th October – when the clocks go back – there will be a single, common time for Mass for both Sundays and weekdays (Tuesdays to Fridays inclusive), namely 10.00 a.m.

The church will remain open after mass for individual visits from 10.30 – 11.00 a.m.

All arrangements are, of course, subject to any local or government restrictions.

Attendance at Mass is by advanced reservation only. Preference for the Sunday mass is to be given to those who cannot come during the week e.g. those working or families with children at school. **Please do not attend without a reservation – you will not be admitted.**

Parishioners attending mass with confirmed reservations only should queue outside the Church in a socially distanced manner. The door will be unlocked promptly ten minutes before mass and will be closed five minutes before mass starts after which there will be no entry, so please be punctual. Hands must be sanitised on entry and face masks must be worn at all times, except when receiving communion or for children under the age of eleven. Names & addresses will be kept for 21 days and if necessary, may be passed to *NHS Test & Trace*. The QR code is posted on the main notice board for those who have the NHS contact tracing App.

How to make a reservation to attend mass:

Bookings need to be made in advance and you can request a reservation by one of the following methods (in order of preference): -

- 1) Send an email to oliadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
- 2) Leave a clear message on the parish office phone **01202 760640**
- 3) In writing, and placed in the letter box by the church door, or by post to Our Lady Immaculate, Seamoor Road, Westbourne, BH4 9AE

When making a booking, please give the following details and you will be contacted by phone or email to let you know which mass you can be offered: -

Name(s)

Phone number or email address:

Number of seats required:

Weekday mass or Sunday mass:

Would you like to be added to an ongoing rota? Yes/No

Please note: There will be no access to the hall, the lift or to the toilets.

Face masks made by Fr Andrew are available – see the ‘Face masks’ page of the parish website.

Finance. A ‘Thank you’ to those who are using the ‘Donate’ button on the website. The ‘Donate’ button has the facility of adding a reference and also the option to Gift Aid any donation. Any donation with no specific reference will be treated as ordinary offertory. The parish’s bank details are set out below for those who may wish to take out a standing order or make a bank transfer.

Bank:	Lloyds	Account Name:	PRCDTR Bournemouth Our Lady Immaculate
Sort Code:	30-93-04	Account Number:	00875075

Liturgical Calendar:

To request mass intentions, please email or phone the Parish Office or leave an envelope at the church.

Sunday 18 th October	29 th Sunday of the Year	People of the Parish
Monday 19 th	of 29 th Week	-
Tuesday 20 th	of 29 th Week	P. Rockford in t/g for parish support & prayers
Wednesday 21 st	of 29 th Week	J Brian Davies RIP
Thursday 22 nd	of 29 th Week	Kevin O’Dea – well-being
Friday 23 rd	of 29 th Week	Eva Christine Coltman RIP
Saturday 24 th	of 29 th Week	-
Sunday 25 th	30 th Sunday of the Year	People of the Parish

Prayer Corner: Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially: Patricia Kowalewska, Win Sheridan, Patricia Plumb, Kathleen Wood, Peter Henry, Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay, and Geoffrey Dixon.