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**SUNDAY MASSES
Malabar**

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

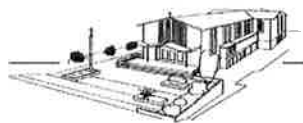
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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**SUNDAY MASSES
Matraville**

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let us continue to work together to create safe and protective environments where children and young people can flourish.



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Gensan Lariago Agripo, Giovanni Andreatta, Gloria Ardler, Joe Camelleri, Helena Guera Maria Araujo, Jennifer Rule and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: The McDonald Family, Robert and Helena Dwyer, Linda & Joe Buteya, Dr Ralph Baccash, Inez D'souza, Paul Harcombe, Dennis Coates, Joseph Cassar, Kathryn Kelly, Severino Lacson, Aldo Viselli & family, Giovanni Zappak, and on the 18th Anniversary of the Bali Bombing: locals Gayle Airlie, Cathy Seelin, Geradine and Steven Buchan, Tom Singer and all those who lost their lives.

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify the priest.

Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.

We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church



Sacrament of Confirmation

We warmly welcome our **Confirmation** candidates for 2020 and their families as they begin their preparation for this special Sacrament that will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church.

May they all know that we are praying with and for them at our masses.
Confirmation Dates: **21 Nov. 7pm** at Matraville & **28 Nov. 6.30pm** at Malabar.

Caring about other people is what being a human is all about, and I have great faith in the humanitarian nature of the average Australian. Fred Hollows

Please pray for all HSC students who will commence their exams soon.

It has been a particularly difficult year for them.

Parish Financial Support

As the Government is reducing the JobKeeper Subsidy, there will be an added financial burden on our parishes while so few are attending.

Thank you to all those who contribute in any way to the upkeep of our parish.

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form **one line** and keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles.

Those who are unwell or at high risk are encouraged not attend.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping each other safe.

We pray for families of seafarers who struggle with many months of separation from their loved ones. May they be safely reunited soon.

Rachel's Vineyard

Finding healing and hope after abortion.

Do you feel overwhelmed or laid low? Has an abortion experience affected your life?

A FREE online session at a time to suit you.

Register at info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or confidential phonenumber: 0400 092 555.

Please give your name (first name is sufficient), email or phone contact details and we will contact you to arrange an agreed time for your online session.

Just mention you are registering for Called to Life online program.

Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is.

The way you cope with it is what makes the difference. Anonymous

Catholic Mission Appeal next weekend

Please help support the Catholic Mission to help empower people with disability in Cambodia.

Donations are tax deductible.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15-16

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

GOSPEL

Mt 22:15-21

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.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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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 am 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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**