

St Kieran - Osborne Park Parish

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

18th October 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

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 All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v. 7

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

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.

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.

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.

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy to the Church in Thessalonica 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 All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Philippians 2:15-16

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

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21

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** All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH SCHEDULE	
SATURDAY	
8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)
SUNDAY	
8.00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11.15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2nd Sunday)
TUESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
WEDNESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
THURSDAY	
7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass
FRIDAY	
8:00am	Mass
BAPTISM	
1ST & 3RD Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
CONFESSION	
Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment	
WEDDINGS & FUNERALS	
By appointment	

PARISH CONTACTS	
Parish Priest	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti
	Fr. Oscar Aguilera
Parish Co-ordinator	Judith Tresham
Parish Secretary	Margaret Leonard Pat Richards
Safeguarding Officer	Rose Arto
Parish Hall bookings	Judith: 0437908793

PARISH OFFICE HOURS	
Monday & Wednesday	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday	12.30pm – 4:00pm
Friday	10.00am – 2:30pm

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ass intentions		
Sat	6:30pm	Rosa Franco (1 Month)
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	Joceline Alcindor (18th Anniversary)
	9.00am	Giuseppe Marino (1 month)
	10:15am	Gioconda Giumelli (2years)
	11:15am	
Readers		
Sat	6:30pm	Rob and Barbara Locke
	7:30pm	
Sun	8.00am	Anne and Greg Diamond
	9:00am	Elizabeth Denkha and Ahinsa Wijethunga
	10:15am	Italian Mass
	11:15am	Brazilian Mass **(2nd Sunday of the month)**
Servers/*Acolyte*		
Sat	6:30pm	Riccardo, Athena, Nicholas De S, Alice, Pio, Bella ***Brad***
	7:30pm	***Seminarians***
Sun	8.00am	Gabriel, Jacob & Jonathon ***Eugene & Alex***
	9:00am	Grace, Abigail, Ahinsa & Phoebe ***Brendon & Pedro***
	10:15am	***Giovanni***
Children's Liturgy		
Sun	9.00am	Barbara and Isabel
Hospital		
By appointment		

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Planned Giving is an essential way of supporting the financial needs of our parish. To learn more, please speak with Eugene or Judith Tresham, and consider becoming part of our Planned Giving program. Contributions can be made weekly or monthly through the parish's online accounts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

St Kieran Presbytery Account (1st Collection):
BSB: 086006 Account Num: 773741302

St Kieran Parish Account (2nd Collection):
BSB: 086006 Account Num: 670197551

St Kieran Parish Fundraising account:
BSB – 086006 Account Num: 940251782

The Official account title is: THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF PERTH - CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Image That Cannot Be Given to Caesar

A reflection on Matthew 22:15–21

There is a little trick in the question put to Jesus. The Pharisees and Herodians come with a coin in their hands and a trap in their minds. Is it lawful to pay the tax to Caesar, or not? They suppose that truth must choose between two masters, and that if they can force Jesus to choose, they will have Him at last. But our Lord asks for the coin. Whose face is upon it? Caesar's. Then let Caesar have what bears Caesar's image. The coin is his, at least for a time. But the matter does not end there, as we are apt to forget. For if the coin bears Caesar's image, whose image do you bear? Here the question turns upon us, and we discover that we are not merely spectators at a clever dispute. We are the coin, though not Caesar's coin. We bear an image older than every empire and more enduring than every earthly power: the image of God Himself. "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). Christ's answer, then, is not merely a distinction between civic duty and religious obligation. It is a revelation of the proper order of things. Caesar may claim the coin, but he cannot claim the human person absolutely, for the person belongs to God. Earthly authority has its place. We have duties to our neighbours, our laws, and the common good. Caesar may ask for taxes, and justice may require that we pay them. But Caesar is not God. His authority is real yet limited; necessary, perhaps, but never absolute. Even Caesar himself bears an image not his own. He, too, is a creature before his Creator. This is where the matter becomes uncomfortable. We are willing enough to give God an hour, a prayer, or a respectable portion of our income. We should prefer, if possible, to keep the remainder under our own management. But God is not asking for a subscription to our private arrangements. He is asking for us. And here the Gospel presses further than our own efforts can take us. For the divine image in us, though never erased, has been wounded and obscured by sin. We do not simply need to become better versions of ourselves; we need to be healed, forgiven, and made new. The One who bears the perfect image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15) has come to restore in us what sin has disfigured. In Christ, the call to surrender becomes an invitation to transformation. God does not merely demand what is His; in mercy, He gives Himself to us, so that we may at last give ourselves freely to Him. God does not want merely to improve the person we have made of ourselves; He intends to remake us altogether. The surrender seems at first like the loss of freedom, until we discover that the self we guarded so jealously was never truly free. Grace does not destroy our humanity; it restores it. To belong to God is not to cease to be ourselves, but to become, at last, what we were created to be. We may deny the divine image, mock it, or bury it beneath our appetites, but we cannot make ourselves our own creators. Nor can we confer upon any earthly power the right to determine the ultimate worth of a human soul. The coin can pass from hand to hand. The soul cannot finally be sold without betraying its Maker. Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's. Pay what justice demands. Serve the common good. But render unto God what bears His image: your mind, your will, your love, your very self. For the final question is not whether God has a claim upon us. It is whether we shall at last consent to belong to the One whose image we have borne all along and who, in Christ, has come to restore that image in us. For we are not merely God's possession. We are the creatures He has loved, the image He wills to heal, and the children He calls home.

COMMUNION AT HOME

If you are unable to attend mass due to ill health and would like to receive communion at home, please contact Eugene Tresham on **0420 936 988** to arrange.

OCTOBER- MONTH OF ROSARY

Let's pray the Rosary, at the Prayer Shrine every day at 3:30pm

FAITH FORMATION MEETINGS FOR YOUNG AND ADULTS

Come and grow with us in faith!

All parishioners are warmly invited to join our **Faith Formation Meetings.**

📅 **Mondays and Thursdays**

🕗 **7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

📍 **At the Parish Hall**

These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to **deepen our faith, learn together, reflect on God's Word, & grow in our relationship with Christ & one another.** Whether you are beginning your faith journey or looking to deepen it, **you are most welcome to join us.**

Come, learn, share, and grow in faith together!

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATIONS

A Fun & Saint Filled Experience for Children

Saturday 31st October | 6:30pm – 8:30pm

6.30pm Mass followed by fun activities in the Parish Hall

Refer to the Notice Board for full details

🎉 St Kieran's Fundraising Bingo Night

Come along for a fun evening of Bingo, food, drinks and great company, while supporting our parish!

📅 Saturday, 24 October 2026

🕖 7:30pm

📍 Parish Hall

🎟️ $20 entry - including 4 complimentary tickets, available at the door

🍔 Food and drinks will be available for purchase on the night.

RSVP: Jocelyn: 0450 255 314

Pat: 0407 561 470 - Judith: 0437 908 793

All proceeds will go towards improvements at St Kieran Parish.

LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

PRIMA LETTURA Is 45,1.4-6

Dice il Signore del suo eletto, di Ciro: «Io l'ho preso per la destra, per abbattere davanti a lui le nazioni, per sciogliere le cinture ai fianchi dei re,per aprire davanti a lui i battenti delle porte e nessun portone rimarrà chiuso.Per amore di Giacobbe, mio servo, e d'Israele, mio eletto, io ti ho chiamato per nome, ti ho dato un titolo, sebbene tu non mi conosca.Io sono il Signore e non c'è alcun altro, fuori di me non c'è dio; ti renderò pronto all'azione, anche se tu non mi conosci, perché sappiano dall'oriente e dall'occidenteche non c'è nulla fuori di me.Io sono il Signore, non ce n'è altri».

Parola di Dio A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE Sal 95

Grande è il Signore e degno di ogni lode.

Cantate al Signore un canto nuovo, cantate al Signore, uomini di tutta la terra. In mezzo alle genti narrate la Sua gloria, a tutti i popoli dite le Sue meraviglie. R.

Grande è il Signore e degno di ogni lode, terribile sopra tutti gli dèi. Tutti gli dèi dei popoli sono un nulla, il Signore invece ha fatto i cieli. R.

Date al Signore, o famiglie dei popoli, date al Signore gloria e potenza, date al Signore la gloria del Suo nome. Portate offerte ed entrate nei suoi atri. R.

Prostratevi al Signore nel Suo atrio santo. Tremi davanti a Lui tutta la terra. Dite tra le genti: «Il Signore regna!».Egli giudica i popoli con rettitudine. R.

SECONDA LETTURA 1Tes 1,1-5

Paolo e Silvano e Timòteo alla Chiesa dei Tessalonicési che è in Dio Padre e nel Signore Gesù Cristo: a voi, grazia e pace. Rendiamo sempre grazie a Dio per tutti voi, ricordandovi nelle nostre preghiere e tenendo continuamente presenti l'operosità della vostra fede, la fatica della vostra carità e la fermezza della vostra speranza nel Signore nostro Gesù Cristo, davanti a Dio e Padre nostro.Sappiamo bene, fratelli amati da Dio, che siete stati scelti da lui. Il nostro Vangelo, infatti, non si diffuse fra voi soltanto per mezzo della parola, ma anche con la potenza dello Spirito Santo e con profonda convinzione.

Parola di Dio A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Risplendete come astri nel mondo, tenendo salda la parola di vita. **Alleluia!**

VANGELO Mt 22,15-21

+ Dal Vangelo secondo Matteo

In quel tempo, i farisei se ne andarono e tennero consiglio per vedere come cogliere in fallo Gesù nei suoi discorsi. Mandarono dunque da Lui i propri discepoli,con gli erodiani, a dirgli: «Maestro, sappiamo che sei veritiero e insegni la via di Dio secondo verità. Tu non hai soggezione di alcuno, perché non guardi in faccia a nessuno. Dunque, di' a noi il tuo parere: è lecito, o no, pagare il tributo a Cesare?». Ma Gesù, conoscendo la loro malizia, rispose: «Ipocriti, perché volete mettermi alla prova? Mostratemi la moneta del tributo». Ed essi gli presentarono un denaro. Egli domandò loro: «Questa immagine e l'iscrizione,di chi sono?». Gli risposero: «Di Cesare». Allora disse loro: «Rendete dunque a Cesare quello che è di Cesare e a Dio quello che è di Dio».

Parola del Signore A: Lode a Te, O Cristo.