

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.



Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 23 October

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 24 October

- 9.00am St Martin's joining mass
- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area
- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

Thursday 26 October

- 9.00am St Martin's joining mass
- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality
- 7.00pm Italian Choir - Church

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick: those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Anna Maria Pizzica, Domenico Pizzica, Stella McIntyre, Josephine Podesta, Katharina Leitgeb, Reginald Chapman, Katherine Adomslie, John and Mary Clarke, Jan Van Pelt, Marry Ann Micu Sayoto and the recently deceased Mary Grantz and Sheila Harcourt-Cooze

COMPULSORY Music Workshop – Advent

All musicians are expected to attend this compulsory workshop to help prepare for Advent. It will be held on **Saturday 18 November from 9am – 11am**. Anyone who might be interested in joining the music ministry or if you belong to another ministry in church and wish to come along, you are most welcome.

2018 Columban Calendar

Do you lose track of your favourite pet's birthday or when each church season starts?

Why not purchase the 2018 Columban calendar? It has all of the church seasons as well as what each Sunday is e.g. this weekend is the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time! Not only that but it leaves some rooms to write down your pet's birthday! Available for \$10 at the Piety Store in the church.

Daily Mass 2018

Daily Mass books 2018 are now available for purchase. Daily Mass Books are \$24.10. If you would like a copy, please contact the parish office to order and pay before 16 November 2018.

Christmas Brunch

Every year the Italian Community of Carina hold a fundraising event to raise much needed funds for the St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference. This year, the Italian Community invite you to brunch to celebrate Christmas. It will be held at the Brisbane Abruzzo Club, 150 Fursden Road, Carina on Tuesday 14 November at 10.30am. Admission is \$20.00 all proceeds will go to the St Vincent de Paul Carina Conference. For reservations, please contact Graziella Cavallaro on 0414 231 204 or Maria Coco on 3398 5836.

From the office - Safeguarding Sessions

Following the cancellation of the August Safeguarding session, I have had confirmation that there will be no more sessions until next year. I will inform everyone when a new date has been set and I will make sure that you all have plenty of notice prior to the date. Ashleigh.

Message to ALL Volunteers for 2018

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your dedication, contribution and continued support to the Parish this year. Your commitment and service is invaluable, and all of us here in the office are really fortunate to have such a committed group of volunteers.

As 2018 nears at a rapid rate, and we are counting down the days to Advent/Christmas (Christmas decorations are already in stores), we are now aware that there are people who may not wish to continue with their ministry next year due to other commitments or you simply wish to retire.

So we ask everyone to consider your current commitment in your ministry, and whether or not you can continue.

As we are approaching the Christmas holidays many of you will be heading off on vacation. We ask if you could please let us know if you are unable to come to your allocated Mass during this holiday season so that we can have a bit of a head start knowing where we are going to be missing volunteers.

However, if you wish to volunteer here, refer to the below article to see where we are in need for ministries.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Join a Ministry... Today!

Hi everyone, we would like to recruit more people for various ministries and we want you! You don't have to have any experience just commitment. We are currently looking in the following ministries:

- **Data Projector Operator – 7am**
- **Ministers of Communion – 6pm, 7am and 9am**
- **Readers – 6pm**
- **Musicians – 6pm and 5.30pm**
- **Altar Servers – 6pm, 9am and 5.30pm**
- **Cuppa n Chat**

We are also looking for volunteers to help clean the purifiers and wash cloths for mass. This is a one month commitment for the year. These ministries are so easy and only require a once a month commitment. Contact the parish office for more info.

Exhibition of Reformation Artefacts

San Sisto College is hosting a private collection of Reformation-related historical and religious artefacts. The collection is one man's, who has spent much of his life procuring these intricate artefacts. Parishioners are most welcome after mass on Sunday to come over to the San Sisto College chapel for a wander through the exhibition. It's a wonderful opportunity for you to access primary sources – some even date back to the time of Jesus. **It will be open this Sunday 22 October from 7.45am to 11am for any parishioner to go have a look.**

Catholic Mission

The appeal envelopes presented by Catholic Mission this weekend succinctly capture the dual aspect of our work: some of it is eligible for a tax deduction and some of it is not. If you choose to support practical ministries, such as a water filtration system in Vietnam, then you can claim a tax deduction. If the support of the religious life of a community, such as the building of a chapel, strikes a chord, then you cannot legitimately claim such a deduction. Why is this being emphasised? Because in the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus urges us to "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God." Whether your support is 'enhanced' by the Government or simply dispersed by the Church, God can, and will, bless it all. The Jewish officials try to trap Jesus with clever word play and hypothetical scenarios but, as always, He shows that it is what goes on in our hearts that offers liberation. Thank you, in anticipation for your support and generosity.

David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$733.45
Planned Giving	\$2,834.42
Total	\$3,567.87

Planned Giving Program

To obtain envelopes, Direct Debit or a Credit Card request, please complete the form on the back page of this newsletter and place on either collection plate or deliver to Parish Office.

CARINA CATHOLIC YOUTH

Are you interested in joining a youth group but don't know where to start? We have two youth groups for different ages that run in OLOG. For more information, go to our website carinacatholicyouth.weebly.com or call the office!

A LITTLE LAUGH – Archbishop Mark Edition

We need a renaming of one or the other: either the pontifical lizard or the frill-necked pontiff.

Take your pick...

[#lucertolapic.twitter.com/5bEc1HwL36](https://twitter.com/5bEc1HwL36)



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Women's Discernment Retreat

Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18-40yrs old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you!

Date: Saturday 25th – 26th November 2017

Time: 9am Saturday - 5pm Sunday

Venue: Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley

For more information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508

St Gabriel's Anglican Church Carindale Community Spring Fair

Don't miss out on St Gabriel's Annual Spring Fair! There will be an opportunity to win a family holiday to FIJI!! Plus plenty to do with baby animal farms, handicrafts, pony rides treasure trove and SO MUCH MORE! Sunday 29 October 2017 from 10am to 2pm on the cnr of Bridgenorth Street and Old Cleveland Road.

Advent Awakenings

We've all seen the signs and bumper stickers that crop up in December: "Keep Christ in Christmas," "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." These messages remind us that the commercial frenzy that precedes Christmas often smothers the religious significance of the holiday. This year, step out of the whirlwind with *Advent Awakenings: Take the Time*, a faith-sharing program from RENEW International. Consider being part of a small group that will gather in four weekly sessions and sharing what we really are waiting for during the Advent season – the coming of the Savior. Look for the posters and flyers that will give you the dates.

CATHOLIC LEADER

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the Catholic Leader for \$2 at the back of the church.

- Thousands honour Our Lady on city streets.

Become a part of the parish Planned Giving Program to help your Parish grow.

We thank, sincerely, all Parishioners who contribute to Planned Giving. Your ongoing commitment and contribution assists the parish to budget for operating expenses (wages, rates, electricity, phones, maintenance etc) as well as parish pastoral planning (faith education, sacramental preparation, resources etc). To obtain Planned Giving Envelopes or to contribute by direct debit, complete this form and place on the plate, or contact the Parish Office. Planned Giving contributions are not Tax Deductable.

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