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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are called to follow God. This involves duties both towards God and towards all people. This also means that it is our duty to respect lawful earthly authorities.

First Reading Isaiah 45:1-6 God chooses Cyrus, although a pagan, for the benefit of the people of Israel.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 St Paul recalls how the gospel came to the Thessalonians not only as words but as power and the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21 The distinction between our duty to God on the one hand, and earthly rulers on the other, is clear and we should fulfil both.

Sat 17th 5pm	Public Mass	Leslie Harrison
Sun. 18th 10am	Public Mass	People of the Parish
Mon. 19th 9am	Mass	Maureen Kaye
Tues. 20th 12 noon	Public Mass	Dorothy and Peter Waters
Wed. 21st 9am	Mass	For sick relatives and Friends
Thurs. 22nd 12 noon	Public Mass	Ike and Betty Culshaw
Fri. 23rd	No Services Today	

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 24th 5pm	Public Mass	People of the Parish
Sun. 25th 10am	Public Mass	Tom Ryan

We ask your prayers for all those who have died recently, especially Patricia Hunt **all those whose anniversary of death occur about this time** Helenia Jackson, Joan Duffy, Florence Clarke, Teddy Hughes, Harold Tylor, Peter Smith, Edward Byrnes, Vera Sharples, Patricia Donnelly and Edith Owen **and for those in need of our prayers:** those in hospital, the hospice, our priests at St. Winefride's, and Michael Barnes, Meg Brett, Joseph Curran, Maria Curran, George Desborough, Tricia and Les Gibbie, Roland Hamer, Ken Hargreaves, Patricia Hunt, Paul Huson, Ethel Marshall, Sue Melling, Leo McGuirk, Gloria Morris, James Neary, Brian Payne, Sheila Stewart, Bob Taylor, and Alex Walker.

Mass Intentions can still be left at the presbytery and these intentions can continue to be said. Everyone is dispensed from the Obligation of Sunday and Holyday mass for the time being. Please consider praying the mass at home with me at these times.

Food Sunday will continue, and likely to be more necessary than ever. Food can be brought to the Church Porch (which will be checked regularly) or the presbytery at any time.

Hospital On-Call Chaplains: Although hospital visiting is now severely restricted we are still operating a 24/7 on-call R.C. Chaplain's rota in Victoria Hospital. The active priests (including myself, on Saturday Nights through Sunday Morning) are on the rota. If you need a priest in an emergency please ring the ward and ask them to call the on-call duty R.C. chaplain.

Weekly Offerings. Given the financial ramifications of these times the diocese is asking our parishioners to consider and arrange keeping-up their weekly offertory donation, either by setting up a standing-order, or by putting your weekly donation into a marked envelope and posting it through the presbytery letter box or by bringing the total amount to church after the situation is resolved. You could also alternatively send us what you would normally put in the collection via bank transfer. Email us to take up this option.

Newsletters will continue to be printed every week, and emailed to everyone on the list, and copies left in the Church porch. Please take copies of the newsletter or print them out to give to people you know without email, as well as other prayer sheets and cards etc. that I will leave at the back of Church and send by email. The Church Porch will generally be open from 10am to 4pm. Please take and deliver newsletters to those you know with no email. Please observe social distancing, and only have one person in the porch at each time.

Book Exchange available in the Church Porch. Please help your self.



Despite the new rulings of six only in houses etc., Masses in public in Church continue as normal, with all the same Covid guidelines taking place.

Please observe social distancing in Church

This Week

We will be Celebrating Mass
Saturday 5pm Sunday 10am
Tuesday 12noon
Thursday 12noon

There can be no more than fifty bubbles in Church, so there is plenty of room at each Mass.

**If you find Sunday too busy
Thursday is the quietest Mass.**

Please note the times of Mass, which allow for cleaning, and please follow all instructions for social distancing. Only sit in marked benches.

We now have a QR squiggly code for the Government's Track and Trace App for your phones. Tuesday Noon Mass is specially designated for our more vulnerable and elderly.

More information will be given throughout this week and before each service.

Please note that everyone is still dispensed from Sunday Obligation.

Wearing a mask is now obligatory

unless you have underlying medical conditions which prevent doing so.

Please stay at home if you are showing any symptoms of Covid 19. Mass is recorded and available on YouTube

Sunday's Mass will be filmed and available via a link on YouTube. After it has been uploaded, I will let you know the link via email.

The video will be up for a week, to be replaced by next Sunday's Mass.

The 2021 Diary has arrived, so mass intentions for particular days or anniversaries can now be booked. Mass intention envelopes are at the back of Church, and we will endeavour to oblige for requested dates.

If you are a Minister or Reader and have settled in to coming to a regular Mass, could you let Fr. or Eileen know, so we can make up a rota for assisting. Many thanks.

Stay safe, sensible
and keep up the prayers!


