

18th October, 2026, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time /A

TEMORA MISSION AREA

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In our Prayers: Lee Jackson, Robyn Richards, Neville Caldwell.

For our Deceased: Deceased Family, Friends, Victims of war, violence, accidents & natural disasters.

Oct 24th—25th

(4th Saturday)

Arian Park 6pm Sat **Mass**

Liturgy - **Ardlethan Sun 9am** & Barellan 10am

Temora 9am & 5pm Sunday **Mass**

Reflection - Serving God Through Civil Society.

The kingdom of God is already present in our world. It is here that we practise the kingdom values of justice, honesty, love and compassion. It is here that we show our faith in action, work for love and persevere in hope. When we contribute to the well-being of civil society we are promoting the kingdom of God.



Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Matthew 22:21

This Sunday teaches that God's power reaches everywhere. He can work through anyone, even people who do not know Him. In the first reading, God uses Cyrus, a foreign king, to help Israel. This shows that God's plans move through all nations and rulers. Nothing is beyond His reach.

The psalm reminds us that all the earth should praise the LORD. His justice and strength rule over every land. We are called to honor Him, not just with words, but with how we live each day. The Lord is the true ruler of all creation.

In the Gospel, Jesus faces a test about loyalty. His answer is simple but wise: give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give God what belongs to God. We are reminded that faith calls for balance. We live in this world, but our hearts belong to God alone.



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HSC and Other Students - For all students who are preparing for the HSC and other final exams we entrust them to the care of our God. Let us hold them in prayer and in particular those of our parish, family and friends.

Reflection

There is something disturbing about the calculating manner that Jesus is caught up in the Gospel this weekend. Deception wearing a mask of righteousness is always dangerous. Jesus does two things. He honours Caesar by calling these people back to honest integrity. He honours God by giving God praise and, by the whole course of his life, teaching, even to death, gives himself back to God as a gift for the life of the world.

Perhaps this week, we might reflect on the rulers of our world, the good and the bad, and pray for them - remembering that God can work through them as he worked through Cyrus and Caesar.

And at the end of the day we may find a still point, confident that in our little corner of the world we did the best we could that day to be fair, kind and just. It is at that moment, perhaps that we can draw upon the words attributed to St Augustine and entrust our anxieties and those of the world to the Lord and allow the peace of God to enter our hearts:

*Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,
and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep.*

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

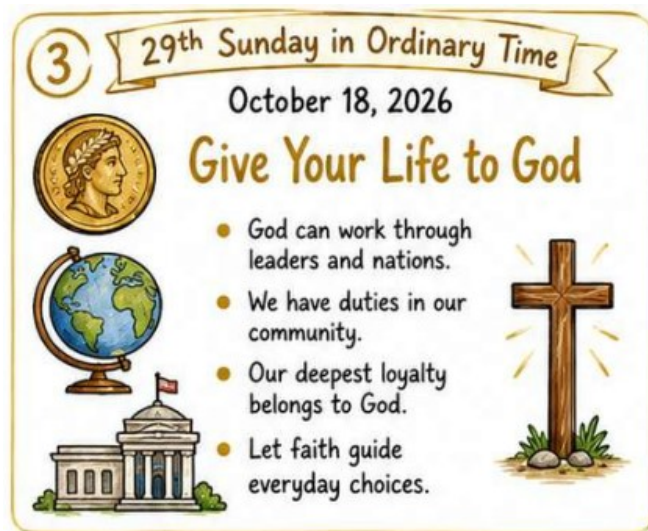
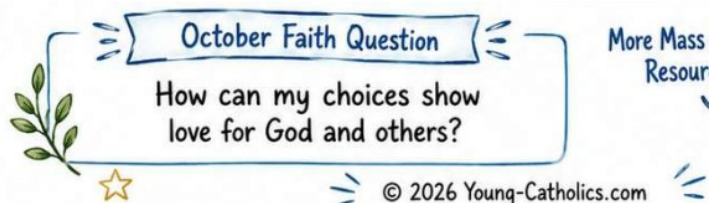
Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones,

and all for your love's sake.

Amen.



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Roster 25th October
(4th Sunday)

Leader: Linda Griffin

Reader: Suzanne

Ex. Minister : Paul

Acknowledgement of Country - With respect, we acknowledge the country, the skies, the waterways and spiritual systems of the Wiradjuri people on whose land we gather. We acknowledge the elders for the passing on of knowledge, language and spiritual connections to country.

Parish Safeguarding Commitment — Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Ardlethan/Sacred Heart Arian Park is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. Parishioners are encouraged to raise any concerns they may have by emailing Fr Alex Osborne at alex.osborne@cg.org.au. Parishioners are also welcome to contact Maria Hicks, manager for the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards & Safeguarding (IPSS) at ipss@cg.org.au or phone 02-62399806.