

## SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS Matthew 22:15-21 Oct 22

1. The story sees a mixture of religion and politics, a potentially explosive combination. Jesus does not ask us to avoid politics, but that our involvement in the affairs of the world be informed by the perspective of the reign of God. How does the gospel give you a vision of how your involvement in society should be?

2. Pharisees and Herodians were not natural allies but a shared dislike of Jesus brought them together in an attempt to discredit him. Perhaps you experience the same opposition in society today when you profess to being a Catholic. Jesus did not get into an argument with them but simply professed his belief in the priority of God in his life. What have you found helpful in bearing witness to the fact that you are still a Catholic?

3. Jesus recognises that we can be faced with conflicting claims for attention. He does not tell us how to solve that dilemma, but challenges us to make sure that our allegiance to God takes priority. When have you been faced with a conflict of loyalties? What helped you to get your priorities right? *John Byrne OSA,*

### MUSINGS

In our work with groups we have noticed a certain tension between those who feel hopeful about the future and those who are not there and voice their lack of hope and even despair. With such groups, we have found it helpful to adopt what we call a family systems approach to hope. When

trauma or illness strikes a family, hope and hopelessness are often 'divvied up' between family members. One parent may 'hold' the hope for the child making a recovery, while the other parent may 'hold' the hopelessness, fearing the worst. As the illness progresses members step in and out of hope and hopelessness. We find something similar happens in a traumatized organization. Some members will be optimistic about the future and others will hold the hopelessness. It is not a question of one group being more faithful than another ... Before we can recapture hope we sometimes need to be present to hopelessness and trauma. This truth is often overlooked.

Kevin Egan and Cora Lambert, 'Trauma in the Church.' The Furrow

**THE DEEP END:** The Third Side of the Coin Most of us have been raised to believe that there are two sides to every issue. So often we hear the term 'there are two sides to every story' or 'two sides of a coin' but there is, in fact, a third. A story always has your version, their version, and the truth. When it comes to a coin, there is the head side, the tail side, and the edge of the coin! One side of the coin may represent a particular point of view; the other its opposite. However, if we just stand the coin on its edge, we can see both sides more clearly and, more often than not, a third way.

What a loaded question the Pharisees' disciples and the Herodians asked Jesus. If Jesus said the taxes shouldn't be paid, he would have pleased the Pharisees but then they could report him and have him arrested

as a rebel. If he said they should be paid, he would have gained the support of the Herodians but almost certainly lost all support from his followers.

But Jesus did not come into the world to discuss Roman taxation, temporal revolutions or political action. Neither did he come to only see two sides of a coin! He neither endorses Caesar as divine sovereign (as the inscription on the coin indicates) nor does he discourage the paying of taxes. He simply reminds his questioners that these are worldly affairs in a worldly kingdom but there is another kingdom yet to come with a much higher authority. 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.' Julieann Moran Society of Missionary Children

**HOME BOUND IN HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME:** As Priests, we welcome the opportunity to visit the sick in their homes hospitals or nursing homes. If you wish us to call, please let us know.

**Thank you from recent Church gate collections.** Irish Red Cross € 756, Limerick Animal Welfare € 426

**The Family. Luke 2:51-52**

*He went down with them then and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all those things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and man. Let us pray for God's blessing on this family.*

*Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.*

*Saint Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.*

*Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.*

*Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.*

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** Meditation has resumed on Mondays at 7.00pm in the 'Crying Room' in the Church.

**CHANGES TO MASS TIMES AND ADORATION:** Mass at 5.45 pm resumes on **Mondays** only, followed by Adoration until 7pm.

Adoration will be held after 10.00am Mass until 5 pm on **First Fridays** followed by evening Mass at 5.45 pm.

### Parish Website

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09:00-12.30 Sunday

**Mass Times: Weekends**

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

**Weekdays:**

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45

Mon (from 9 Oct) 10:00 and 17:45

First Friday: 10:00 & 17:45

**Baptisms:** Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	18:00	Teresa Ryan (A)
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00	Eugene Feeley (A)
	11.30	Tim Leedin (A)
		Gerry & Phil Briun (A)
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	John Kenny (A)
	5.45pm	Bob & Niamh Stakelum (A)
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Edward Webster (A)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Philip Murphy (Rec.Dec)
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Fred O'Meara
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Michael Girond (Rec. Dec.)
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	09:45	Lil Kenny (A)
	18:00	James Irwin (A)
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Hubert Maye (A)
	11:30	Joe Costello (A)
		Paschal Ryan (A)

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