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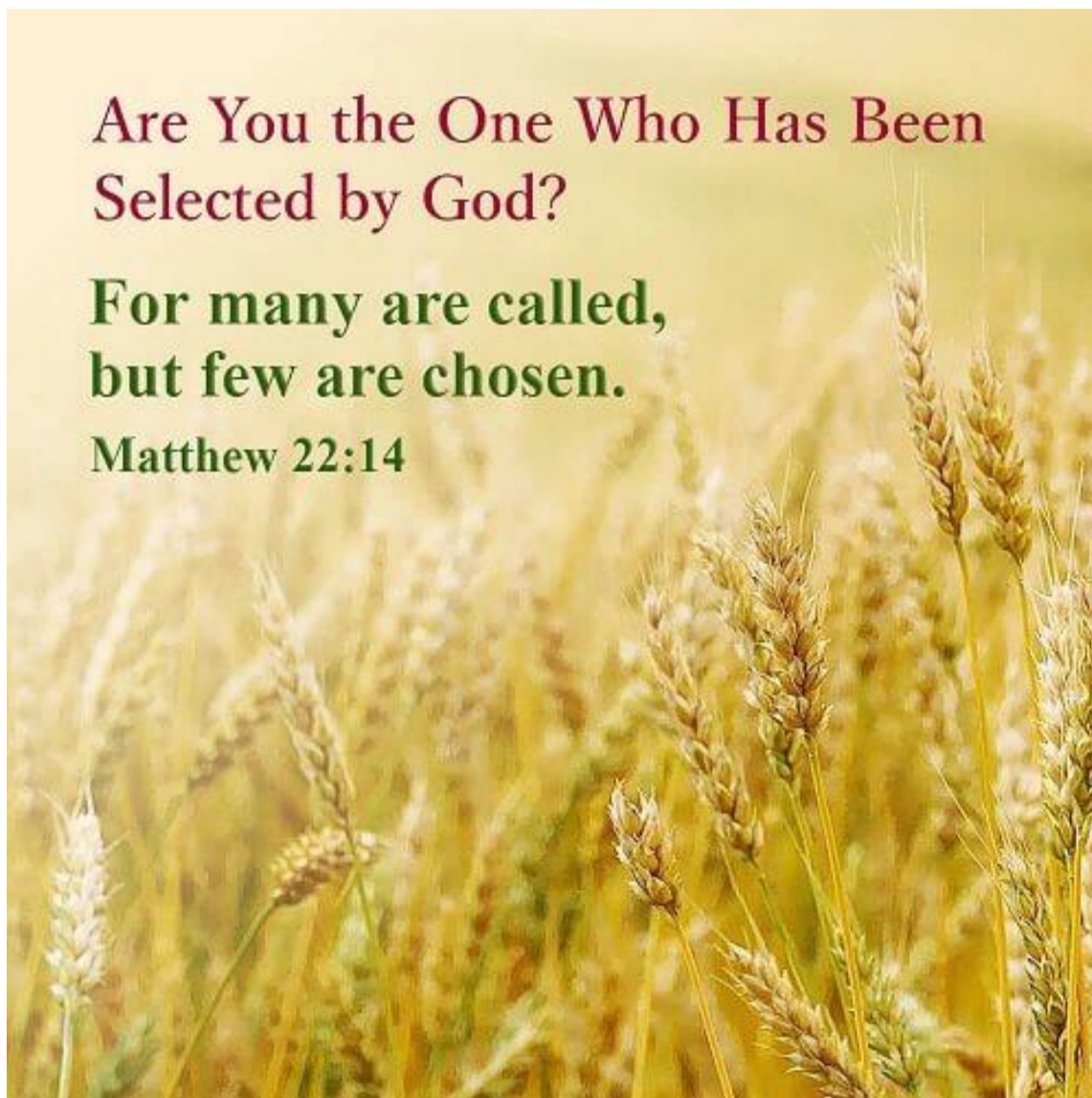
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+ TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + 18 OCTOBER 2020 +

Are You the One Who Has Been
 Selected by God?

For many are called,
 but few are chosen.

Matthew 22:14



Keep in your prayers especially our Prime Minister, all those who work in our schools and all the key area of our society.
 Let us pray for each other and our most beautiful country.

SATURDAY	VIGIL 5-30pm		November Dead List 2020
SUNDAY	11-00am		Terry Carroll [R]
Monday	No Mass Today		
TUESDAY	9-30am		Teresa Esposito [LD]
Wednesday	No Mass Today		
THURSDAY	7-30pm		November Dead List 2020
Friday	Private Mass		November Dead List 2020
Saturday	No Mass Today		
+ Sunday 25 October + + THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +			
SATURDAY	VIGIL 5-30pm	Book Online	Eunice Gill [LD]
SUNDAY	11-00am	Book Online	Emily Power [A]

REGISTER FOR MASS – ONLINE REGISTRATION VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE
Bookings end 24 hours before the Mass Time

THIS WEEK'S GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT in connection with the three-tiered local management control plan for the reduction in the spread of the coronavirus, I can confirm that none of these announcements currently affect places of worship and our ability to use our church for the celebration of Holy Mass. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST The month of November is a special time when we remember those who have died. Envelopes are at the back of church for your November remembrance. Print the intentions and place in envelope with stipend. Return it before **31 October**. During the month of November prayers for the Holy Souls and all on the November Dead List will be offered at Mass and during the coming year.

ONLINE

MASS FROM LEEDS CATHEDRAL

To participate online, please access the following new YouTube channel: www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk

MASS FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH, HALIFAX

Live streaming Mass every morning. Go to stmaryshalifax.com for details of their service to the Halifax Deanery.

NATIONAL SHRINE AT WALSINGHAM has a live streaming service for Mass and other services: www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/

JOIN FR STEPHEN WANG for "Pause for Faith" YouTube: Pause for Faith www.youtube.com/c/PauseforFaith

THE MARK 10 MISSION for the children of the parish - The Mark 10 Mission, in partnership with *The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal*, is a brand new project for Catholic primary schools in England.

The Mark 10 Mission - Bringing the little ones to Jesus visit www.themark10mission.co.uk

PARISH GIVING

OFFERTORY 8th October 2020

BANKED £1562.34

Thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated.

Switching to Standing Order for Collections - I am grateful for your generous response.

The total monthly Standing Orders has increased from **£1080** to **£1205** in the past few weeks.

Thank you so much for your support, truly exceptional.

If you have online or phone banking facilities, then you can set this up yourself. Most people setup payments on a monthly basis.

Please reference the monthly donation with surname plus first initial. Also, please let Fr Larkin know if you do change to this system.

Our bank details are: Account name: DoL Sacred Heart & St. Patrick (**Use - Sacred Heart**)

Bank: HSBC /

Sort Code: 40-27-15 /

Account: 41 01 7454

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.'

FIELD NOTES

In today's Gospel (Matthew 22:15-21), the Pharisees try once again to entrap Jesus in his speech... They begin their questioning by flattering Jesus, attempting to take him off-guard. In asking Jesus, the question, "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" (22:17) they acknowledge that Jesus is qualified to explain the Torah. Aware of the hidden agenda behind this question, and understanding the challenge before him. He answers them...

The tax described in today's Gospel is a tax required of every man, woman, and slave between the ages of twelve and sixty-five. It amounted to a denarius, one day's wages. This tax, instituted in 6 AD when Judea had become a Roman province, was fuel on the flames of nationalist opposition to the occupying power. Such sentiments provoked the disastrous Jewish War of 66-70 AD. The Pharisees resisted the tax, while the Herodians openly supported the Romans and favoured payment of the tax.

If Jesus supported paying tribute to Caesar, he would be discredited as a prophet. If, however, he argued against paying this tax, it could be used later to portray him to the Romans as a dangerous revolutionary. Jesus saw through their trap and asked for the coin used to pay the tax (22:19). The mere fact of producing this currency indicated their use of it and their acceptance of the financial advantages of the Roman occupation.

Jesus inquired about the image and inscription found on the coin. Most Jews considered the coin blasphemous because it had a human representation and violated the commandment against graven images. Its inscription "Tiberius Caesar, august son of the Divine Augustus, high priest" made a claim that rivalled God's sovereignty over Israel. The coin was therefore despised by the Jews.

Jesus' response, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's" (22:21).

Two images are before us: that of Caesar and that of God. To the first image, Jesus asks a simple question: "Whose picture is on the coin?" And the answer is simple, "Caesar." Therefore, give to Caesar what belongs to him, i.e. the part of your possession that belongs to him. But Jesus also has a second, penetrating question: whose image and blessing is on every human being? And the answer is simple, "God's." Therefore, give to God what belongs to him, i.e. your entire being, whole and undivided.

If the image of Caesar was stamped on Roman coins that were to be rendered to him, the human heart bears the imprint of the Creator, the one Lord of our life. He has marked us for his own and sent us on mission to the world.

We are marked and blessed with God's image. Let us never forget to whom we really belong, and why we really do the things we do.

And to conclude – go to YouTube – Search for;

Seeking Stillness - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - (This is a gospel reflection with music and prayer)

O God of earth and altar - King's Lynn · The Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge · Ralph Vaughan
There Is a Longing · by The Orchard Enterprises

It is good to be together... Oremus pro invicem...