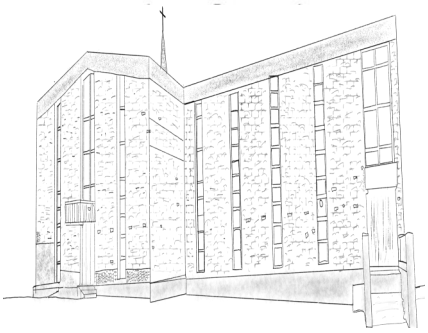
St Mary Star of the Sea & Corpus Christi Parish

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

18th October 2026





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Children's Liturgy:	**Sundays at 10am Mass (during school term)**
Adoration * Benediction:	**First Friday of the month immediately after 9am Mass**
Baptisms:	**Second and Fourth Sunday of the month at 11am**
Weddings:	**Only by appointment**
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Parish Calendar – Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 18th October 2026
10:00am Mass—Cottesloe
Children's Liturgy
12:00pm Mass (Spanish)
Cottesloe
5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe

Tuesday, 20th October 2026
8:15am Mass—Mosman Park
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Wednesday, 21th October 2026
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Thursday, 22th October 2026
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Friday, 23th October 2026
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Saturday, 24th October 2026
12:00pm Confessions
Cottesloe
5:00pm Confessions
Mosman Park
5:30pm Vigil Mass
Mosman Park
8:00pm Neocatechumenal
Community Mass
(Parish Centre Cottesloe)

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's

In today's gospel we find two questions: one put to Christ by the Pharisees, and the other put by him to them. The Pharisees' question concerns this world alone, while Christ's has an entirely heavenly and other-worldly sense. Their question derived from profound ignorance and perversity; his stemmed from perfect wisdom and goodness. Whose likeness and inscription is this? Caesar's, they reply. Then give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. To each, he says, must be given what belongs to him. This, surely, is a judgment full of heavenly wisdom and instruction. For it teaches that authority is twofold, having an earthly and human aspect, and a heavenly and divine aspect. It teaches that we owe a twofold duty of obedience: to human laws and to the law of God. The coin bearing Caesar's likeness and inscription must be given to Caesar, and the one stamped with the divine image and likeness must be given to God. We bear the imprint of your glorious face, O Lord. We are made in the image and likeness of God. So you, O Christian, because you are a human being, are God's tribute money—a little coin bearing the image and likeness of the divine emperor. Therefore with Christ I ask. Whose likeness and inscription is this? Your answer is, God's. To which I reply. Then why not give God what belongs to him? If we really want to be God's image, we must be like Christ, for his is the image of God's goodness and the perfect copy of his nature, and God foreordained that those he has chosen should take on a likeness to his son. Christ undoubtedly gave Caesar what was Caesar's and God what was God's. He fulfilled to perfection the precepts of both tablets of the law, becoming obedient unto death, even death on a cross, and he was most highly endowed, both inwardly and outwardly, with every virtue. In today's gospel the reply, most wise and discreet, by which Christ sidestepped his enemies* trap shows his great prudence. His teaching that each must be given what belongs to him, and also the example he gave by being willing to pay the temple tax and giving a shekel for himself and Peter, shows his justice. His declaring it to be a duty to pay taxes to Caesar, openly teaching the truth without fear of the Jews who would be offended, shows his fortitude. For this is God's way, of which Christ is the authentic teacher. Those therefore who resemble Christ in their lives, conduct, and practice of the virtues, they are the ones who truly manifest the divine image; for the way to recover this image is by being absolutely just. Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's; that is, give each what belongs to him.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21
Commentary: Lawrence of Brindisi



Final Day of Saint Carlo Acutis 1st class Relic and Exhibition Location: St Mary Star of the Sea Parish Hall



Sunday 18th October is the final day of the Relic Exhibition of Saint Carlo Acutis, open from 9:30am to 7pm. Procession of the Relic will take place after Mass at 10am, 12 noon, and 5 pm.

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers for their time, dedication, and support during the exhibition.

Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

PARISH NEWS





ONE IN CHRIST UNITED IN Mission
100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

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COTTESLOE / MOSMAN PARK PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Oct	18	Sunday	~~~	Mass	Cottesloe	*World Mission Day*
Mon	Oct	19	Memorial			Cottesloe	*Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues & Saint Paul of the Cross*
Thu	Oct	22	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	*Saint John Paul II*
Fri	Oct	23	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	*Saint John of Capistrano*
Sat	Oct	24	Memorial			Cottesloe	*Saint Anthony Mary Claret*
Wed	Oct	28	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	**Saints Simon and Jude**

First & Second Collection: Cashless Point Tap terminals at the church entrance

Direct Debit information below

FIRST COLLECTION (PRIESTS)
Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park
Account No: 115134447
BSB: 086006
Bank: National Australia Bank Limited.

SECOND COLLECTION (PARISH)
Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park
Account No: 558131050
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WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (2ND PLATE): COTTESLOE $ 749.00 MOSMAN PARK $ 564.95

MOSMAN ROSTERS	**This Weekend 17/18 Oct '26**	**Next Weekend 24/25 Oct '26**	
Flowers	R Masarei	A Tedesco	A Broadhurst
Church Cleaning	C Donnelly	M Cooray	
Readers Sun 8.30am			
COTTESLOE ROSTERS	**This Weekend 17/18 Oct '26**	**Next Weekend 24/25 Oct '26**	
Flowers	J Bryant & D Hintz	Confirmation Flower Team	
Church Cleaning	M Shea & L Mann	Spanish Community	
Readers Sun 10am	M Shea & L Mann	**Confirmation Candidates**	
Readers Sun 5pm	I Yeo	J von Perger	
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	**Confirmation Morning Tea**	

Pope's Intentions

OCTOBER

For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Pope Leo asks forgiveness for the times when Christians have looked the other way, contributing to stigma and discrimination against people with mental illnesses. He prays that the Church may become "a safe space where everyone has a place - a community that accompanies and never excludes, that listens without judging and draws near without fear." The Pope also remembers those who provide care asking God to give them strength and compassion.

Our Sick

Please keep those who are sick at home, and in nursing homes and in the general community in your prayers. Let us keep our parishioners who are unable to be with us at Mass:

Ellen Lisangan
Dariusz Rapcewicz
Francesca Letizia
Maria Blaszczynska
Leon & Burchell Jones
Julie Atrache
Tim and Estelle Beckett
Marie and Ivo Milicich



Requiescat in Pace

For family members & friends who have recently passed to Eternal Life, and especially for all the departed Souls:

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

SERVING GOD THROUGH CIVIL SOCIETY

Entrance Antiphon cf.Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

1st Reading Isa 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lords to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1,3-5,7-10

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. ***R/***

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. ***R/***

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. ***R/***

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. ***R/***

2nd Reading Thes 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Phil2:15-16

Alléluia, alléluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alléluia!

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.