



THE CANNY REPLY

(MATTHEW 22:15-21)

Jesus' quarrels with the religious authorities continue, this time involving the Pharisees and the Herodians, supporters of the puppet rulers of the Romans.

They put Jesus on the spot with a question about paying what was basically a poll tax. Jesus cannot give a straight answer without seriously offending someone: "Yes" will get him into trouble with his fellow countrypeople of strong nationalist feelings; the Roman administrators are certain to take a dim view if he replies "No". Jesus knows that their challenge is motivated by malice, and he calls them "hypocrites". He points out that the coin by which the tax must be paid belongs to Caesar anyway, so it ought to be returned to its owner; this allows him to avoid offending the Romans without (necessarily) falling foul of the Palestinian zealots. He then changes the tone by reminding his audience of their duties towards God, thereby bringing the confrontation to an end. His opponents realise that Jesus has outwitted them and leave the scene. ■

SAY

I can make a difference.



DO

What pressing issues are there in your local or national community? Find a way to help to resolve them.

LEARN

The Herodians were supporters of the puppet rulers of the Romans, the house of Herod.

The Herodian kings were not of the line of King David, and therefore not regarded with any great respect by the local population.

The poll (census) tax had to be paid in a Roman coin which bore the image of the emperor; this was a further insult to Jewish sensibilities.

REFLECT

Discussions often take place about the relationship which should exist between the bodies we usually call Church and State, and this text is pressed into service to separate the two. Thus, people can argue the Church should keep out of politics, that it should confine its activities to spiritual matters and leave politicians to run the country.

When we consider those situations where the Church has, effectively, become part of the government, or at least a close collaborator, we could conclude that there is something to be said for this argument. The history of the twentieth century testifies to the Church being allied to repressive dictatorships and suffering from a lack of credibility as

a result. But while the "official Church" may have been in large part involved in this way, there were bishops, priests and religious who saw that Gospel values, the teaching of Jesus, compelled them to become involved in what were political issues. Liberation theology arose, based on the book of Exodus, which presents a God who abhors slavery of any kind; and on the prophets, whose target was the political and spiritual leaders of the nation, for failing in their duty and responsibilities.

A Church which confines itself to "spiritual" matters soon becomes a Church of the sacristy, largely irrelevant to the wider community. The mission of Jesus' disciples is to preach the Gospel,

which involves promoting human values such as dignity, respect, proper wages and so on. How this is done is another matter; we find Christians in every political movement, with different opinions on how these principles should be established, and attempts to found explicitly Christian parties have run into all sorts of human problems. Perhaps the parable of the leaven in the dough is appropriate in this context, where Christians, motivated by the teachings of Jesus, involve themselves in the life of their local and national community and thus, simultaneously, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God". ■

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18th October 2020 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Saturday	17	6.30pm	Vigil Mass St Ignatius of Antioch	Nell Riley RIP Barry Scruton RIP Recently Deceased Attracta Flanagan RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday	18	9.30am	Mass 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Prayer for World Missions	Deceased members of the Klusiatis family RIP Sheila Wilson RIP Recently Deceased Peter Callaghan RIP Recently Deceased
Monday	19		St Peter of Alcantara	
Tuesday	20	10.00am	Mass	Rev Fr Bernard McGarry RIP
Wednesday	21			
Thursday	22	10.00am	Mass St John Paul II	Sheila Wilson RIP Recently Deceased
Friday	23		St John of Capestrano	
Saturday	24	6.30pm	Vigil Mass St Anthony Mary Claret Clocks go back 1 Hr	Intention of Paul and Linda Dwerryhouse
Sunday	25	9.30am	Mass 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	For Rebecca and Stuart who have recently been received into the Church Peter Callaghan RIP Recently Deceased

IN NEED OF A PRIEST Please contact Fr Grace at St Gabriel's 01270 877736

Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to us at stannesnantwich@btinternet.com

The wearing of a face covering is compulsory inside church as we are now socially-distancing at 1 metre + in seating areas. Please provide your own face covering where possible but these are also available in church.

Church Doors Opening Times

To keep everyone safe, church doors are not opened until 15 minutes before Mass. This is to limit the time spent indoors and to allow stewards time for safety preparations. This is part of our risk assessment and has been approved by the diocese. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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If you have downloaded the NHS Track and Trace app to your phone, you can now scan the QR code which is on the doors in the entrance hall, instead of giving your name to the steward.

Sunday 18 October 2020 - Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Nilcéia share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: missio.org.uk Thank you Leaflet: https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS20_Leaflet.pdf



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November Prayers for the Deceased Envelopes in which you can place the names of your deceased relatives and those for whom you wish to pray are now available at various points in the church. There will be a basket at the altar for these November Intentions.

Diocesan In-House Solicitor The Diocese of Shrewsbury are looking to recruit an **In-House Solicitor**, who will be required to provide legal advice and support on a range of matters including employment and HR (including sponsor management for overseas workers), commercial, probate, litigation, and academy conversion. Based at the Curial Office in Birkenhead. Full details and application form can be found at <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> Completed applications should be returned to recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Closing date Friday 6 November.**

Fratelli tutti is the title Pope Francis has chosen for his encyclical letter dedicated to "human fraternity" and "social friendship". In English, it can be read as 'All Brothers', 'Brethren all' or 'Brothers and sisters all'. The first words of the new 'circular letter', or encyclical as we know it, come from St Francis of Assisi. <https://catholicnews.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8bfb372c271fbad8a971552fb&id=d1814557fa&e=d5cb67f88d>

Community Hub Understandably things have been quiet whilst we have been under Covid lockdown however we still need to reach our target before we can take the next step to approach the council for planning. Please do help by making donations via this link <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/17726/st-annes-church-nantwich/st-annes-community-hub> or to the presbytery.

Diocese of Shrewsbury Liturgy Reflection Sheet For October: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Prayer-Resource-for-October.pdf>

Pope Francis' prayer for October: The promotion of greater integration of the lay faithful, especially women, in areas of responsibility in the Church. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/pope-francis-prayer-intention-ocotber-women-leaders-church.html>

Subject: Autumn talks on Spirituality A series of eight, fortnightly talks about Spiritual Masters, given by distinguished speakers. They are free to view live-streamed, although there will be a fee to view recordings. Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters. A series of online talks on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm, starting on 3 September organised by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. For details and to register: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/>.

While you're planning your autumn viewing, you might also be interested in choosing selectively from a new Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality series of lectures. This features the five great Teresa's of the Carmelite tradition - Teresa of Avila, Teresa Margaret Redi, Therese of Lisieux, Teresa of the Andes and Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein). For Teresa of Avila and Therese of Lisieux the paid-for talks in this series overlap with the free talks in the Christian Heritage centre series (given by the same or an equally distinguished lecturer), but it would be a chance to learn about the other Carmelite spiritual masters. The talks in this series will be given on selected Sundays at 8.00 pm between 20 September and 15 November. The cost is £20 for each lecture. For details and to register: <https://mailchi.mp/oxcacs.org/new-spirituality-series-of-lectures-from-cacs?e=1f35f1f3f8>

Feast and Memorial Days



Karol J. Wojtyła, known as John Paul II since his October 1978 election to the papacy, was born in Wadowice, a small city 50 kilometres from Krakow, on May 18, 1920. He made his First Holy Communion at age 9 and was confirmed at 18. He enrolled in Krakow's Jagiellonian University in 1938 and in a school for drama.

The Nazi occupation forces closed the university in 1939 and young Karol had to work in a quarry (1940-1944) and then in the Solvay chemical factory to earn his living and to avoid being deported to Germany.

In 1942, aware of his call to the priesthood, he began courses in the clandestine seminary of Krakow, run by Cardinal Adam Stefan Sapieha, archbishop of Krakow. After the Second World War, he continued his studies in the major seminary of Krakow, once it had re-opened, and in the faculty of theology of the Jagiellonian University, until his priestly ordination in Krakow on November 1, 1946.

Soon after, Cardinal Sapieha sent him to Rome where he worked under the guidance of the French Dominican, Garrigou-Lagrange. He finished his doctorate in theology in 1948 with a thesis on the topic of faith in the works of St. John of the Cross. At that time, during his vacations, he exercised his pastoral ministry among the Polish immigrants of France, Belgium and Holland.

On July 4, 1958, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Cracow by Pope Pius XII, and was consecrated September 28, 1958, in Wawel Cathedral, Krakow, by Archbishop Baziak. On January 13, 1964, he was nominated Archbishop of Krakow by Pope Paul VI, who made him a cardinal June 26, 1967.

In 1978, John Paul made history by becoming the first non-Italian pope in more than four hundred years. As the leader of the Catholic Church, he travelled the world, visiting more than 100 countries to spread his message of faith and peace. But he was close to home when he faced the greatest threat to his life. In 1981, an assassin shot John Paul twice in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. Fortunately, he was able to recover from his injuries and later forgave his attacker.

Pope John Paul II died on April 2, 2005, at the age of 84, at his Vatican City residence. More than 3 million people waited in line to say good-bye to their beloved religious leader at St. Peter's Basilica before his funeral on April 8.

On September 30, 2013, Pope Francis announced that the canonizations of Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII would occur on April 27, 2014. The announcement of Pope John Paul II's canonization came after the Vatican revealed that two miracles were attributed to the late pope. After a dying French nun, Sister Marie Simon-Pierre Normand, prayed to Pope John Paul II for during her battle with Parkinson's disease—the same illness that killed the pope—she was cured. The second miracle involved a 50-year-old woman, who claimed that she was cured of a brain aneurysm after a photograph of Pope John Paul II spoke to her.

Sanctuaries, shrines Catholics can 'visit' virtually in Europe, Mideast. <https://catholicsentinel.org/Content/Arts/Arts-and-Entertainment/Article/Sanctuaries-shrines-Catholics-can-visit-virtually-in-Europe-Mideast/6/31/40431>

Journeying Together <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/>

Shrewsbury Youth Mission. <https://www.synt.org.uk/>

The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream

Laudato Tree <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-05/laudato-tree-sahel-pope-francis-laudato-si-year.html>

Watch a Mass from home. Live-streaming of Masses Shrewsbury Diocese:

<http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player> Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

Prayer resources at: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>. <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> <http://ln54.blogspot.com>

<http://prayasyougo.org/>

Catholic Bishops Conference <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> and latest news <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/>

Prayer for times of Flu or Illness <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/prayer-flu-viruses.pdf>

Stream Father Denis McBride's Mass for the Dead <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY1bOyrcDbw>

Life Helplines and Information can be found at <http://www.dayforlife.org/article/helplines-and-information-2020/>

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At Missio, we are committed to supporting our sisters and brothers around the world, through any challenges, struggles and hardships. We will continue to work as best we can during this coronavirus pandemic.

<https://missio.org.uk>

We recently held 'Mission Under the Shadow of Covid-19' online sessions and have put together a brief summary of the sessions, together with edited videos of the contributions of our guest speakers, which can be viewed on this page of Missio's website: <https://missio.org.uk/1s/shadow/>

Faith in Action Reflection <https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Faith-in-Action-Reflection-Session-Solidarity.pdf>

Mary, the mother of God, was a loving mother and a model for missionaries. That's why we've created this series of Marian resources. Each resource helps children to deepen their appreciation of Mary and learn how she can help us to become missionaries of God's love too.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/marian-and-mission-rosary/>

Missio World Mission Sunday 18th October

https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS20_Leaflet.pdf

<https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday/world-mission-sunday-2020/>

New Guidelines for attending Mass at St Anne's during Covid 19 Restrictions

The Masses will be celebrated at the following times:

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 9.30 am

Tuesday 10.00 am

Thursday 10.00 am

Numbers inside the church will be limited to approximately 52 people or maybe a few more depending on "household" attendees who can sit together. We urge you to please come to a weekday Mass, if you can, so that those who are working during the week can attend on Saturday or Sunday. Once the capacity of the church has been reached, people will be invited to stand outside or sit outside on chairs which they have brought with them. The doors and windows will be open. Please maintain 2 m apart wherever possible.

- **The wearing of a face covering is compulsory inside church as we are now socially-distancing at 1 metre plus in seating areas. Please provide your own face covering where possible but these are also available in church.**
- **Please sanitise your hands on entry - bring your own if you can but hand sanitiser is available in church.**
- If you have downloaded the NHS Track and Trace app to your phone, you can now scan the QR code which is on the doors in the entrance hall, instead of giving your name to the steward.
- **The church doors will not open until 15 minutes before Mass is due to start. Mass may start a little late if entry to church takes longer than we anticipate. Please do not enter the sacristy for any reason.**
- **Toilets are closed**
- **There is a one-way system inside church and not all benches and chairs are in use so please follow the signs and instructions from the stewards.**
- **Signed Mass cards are available near the entrance. Please do not bring food or drink to church. If necessary, a non-twist top bottle of water may be used. All Newsletters and other items collected in church must be taken away and not left behind.**
- **Please make your weekly offering as you enter church, collection points will be signposted. There will also be collection points at the exits.**
- **Holy Communion will be distributed by one minister: either the celebrant or an extraordinary minister of Communion from a single point. This will be after the Dismissal. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be given and the stewards will direct you. Although the celebration of Mass will be slightly shorter than usual, it will take longer to exit the church so please be patient. Those who have been outside will be invited to receive Holy Communion after those in church. Anybody with mobility difficulties should remain in their seats and Holy Communion will be brought to them once the church is empty. Please also sanitise your hands as you leave.**

At the conclusion of the Eucharist Prayer the priest recites the doxology, Per Ipsum, "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever" words we can look forward to inspiring us once more before joining in responding the great Amen. *Deo gratia.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will
to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord 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.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 95

Response:

Give the Lord glory and power.

- 1 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.)

- 2 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.)

- 3 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.)

- 4 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.)

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 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.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven.

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your
grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we
serve.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly
things,
we may be helped by what you give in this
present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

It is the saying of holy men that, if we wish
to be perfect, we have nothing more to do
than to perform the ordinary duties of the
day well. A short road to perfection—short,
not because easy, but because pertinent
and intelligible. There are no short ways to
perfection, but there are sure ones.

St John Henry Newman