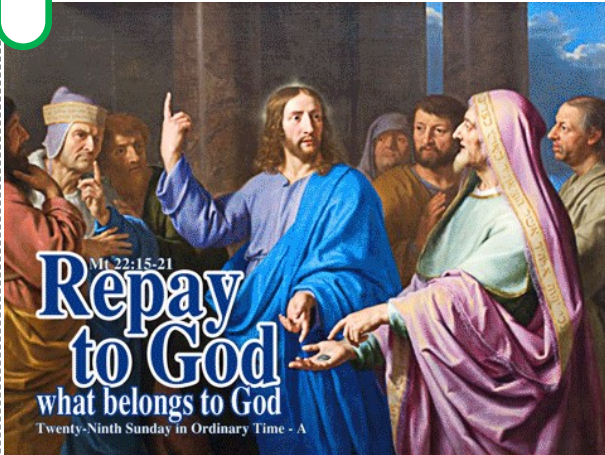


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Every Sunday Holy Mass Online

With public masses suspended for the time being, we will continue to celebrate masses daily on our Parish webcam from St Nicholas church.

To view, click www.saintnicholasparish.ie or www.churchservices.tv

Our weekend online masses will be Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10:30 and 12 noon.

Daily mass : 9:45am Monday to Friday

Holy Rosary Monday to Friday
evening at 7pm for the month of October.



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Children's Newsletter



Download this week's Children's Newsletter to find out about next Sunday's Gospel. We have our Saint of the Week, Video of the week as well as a picture to colour!

<https://www.limerickdiocese.org/resources/childrens-newsletter101/>

Useful Contacts/Numbers

- ◆ COVID-19 Support Line for Older People—ALONE - 0818 222 024.
- ◆ Community Call—Limerick City and County Council Tel 1800 852 389 E-mail covidsupport@limerick.ie



PARISH NEWSLETTER We encourage local groups to avail of the newsletter to promote upcoming events, pray for the sick etc. We also welcome local **GOOD NEWS** stories or messages you want to share. Items for the newsletter can be given to Maura 086 0429952 or Grace 086 8296193 E-mail: Stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com



Remembering those who are Sick

Let us continue to pray for those who are ill at this time, those preparing for and awaiting results of tests, those in hospital. Continue to pray for John, Brian, Paddy, Michael, Vera, Ailish, Frank, Ger, Bernadette, Fiona, Niamh, Jesse, Eoin, Mary, William, Méabh, Anna, Amy, Agnes and Dympna

Lord Jesus, you are the true friend of all those who suffer anguish and pain in spirit, mind or body. Please share with them now the gift of your consoling love.

If you know of anybody needing prayers etc, please let Maura/Grace know by E-mail: stnicholasnewsletter@gmail.com or Tel. Maura 086 0429952 / Grace 086 8296193



The Deep End 18 October 2020 · Mission Sunday

Emperor's or Christ's vision?

Continuing our reading of Matthew 22 today, the Pharisees are not impressed with Jesus' teachings and decide to 'entrap' him, quizzing him about paying taxes. It is a dangerous question they ask because a simple yes or no response from Jesus could mean he is reported to the authorities. Jesus has no time for this and is quite direct with them asking: 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?'

The response is brilliant: 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' This text has sometimes been used to argue that religion should stay out of politics, economics or culture. However, the world we live in is one that falls short of the vision and values which Jesus preached: a dream of a world of love, peace, justice and compassion. Being a follower of Jesus means that one is actively involved in striving for this vision and this includes whatever political, economic or cultural issues we are confronted with. The focus in this passage is getting our priorities straight. Yes, give the emperor his taxes but do not forget what belongs to God i.e. God's vision for this world.

The 'empirical' view and the 'Christ-view' of issues like direct provision, homelessness, evictions, the Black Lives Matter movement, climate action... are usually very different. The pharisees, we are told, 'were amazed, left him and went away'.

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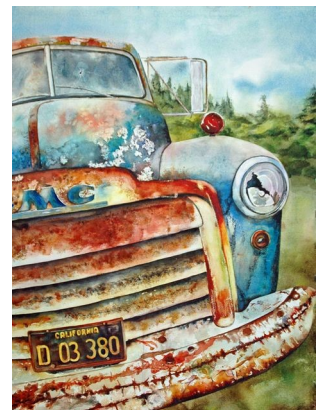
A father said to his daughter "You graduated with honours, here is a car I acquired many years ago. It is several years old. But before I give it to you, take it to the used car lot downtown and tell them I want to sell it and see how much they offer you."

The daughter went to the used car lot, returned to her father and said, "They offered me €1,000 because it looks very worn out". The father said, "Take it to the pawn shop."

The daughter went to the pawn shop, returned to her father and said, "The pawn shop offered €100 because it was a very old car." The father asked his daughter to go to a car club and show them the car.

The daughter took the car to the club, returned and told her father, "Some people in the club offered €100,000 for it since it's a Nissan Skyline R34, an iconic car and sought by many."

The father said to his daughter, "The right place values you the right way. If you are not valued, do not be angry, it means you are in the wrong place. Those who know your value are those who appreciate you. Never stay in a place where no one sees your value."



AUTUMN TAPESTRY

Autumn dances through the woods With paintbrush in her hand, Splashing colour everywhere As she flits throughout the land.

She brings with her the morning mist A shroud of silver haze, The air is crisp with hint of frost

In these late autumn days.

Spangled threads of silken webs Like cartwheels on the wall, Holding frozen pearls of dew Make an embroidered shawl.

And fruitful boughs are laden down For harvest time is here

Autumn breathes her benediction On the dying year.

Kathleen Gillum