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L'ipocrisia dei farisei e dei sadducei proclama la veridicità di Gesù, che essi cercano di cogliere nella rete di un dilemma sapientemente calcolato: o egli afferma che il tributo ad uno Stato straniero e idolatra è lecito, e perde la stima di coloro che non accettano il dominio romano; oppure dichiara che questo tributo è illecito, e apre la porta al suo processo con l'accusa di istigare la sedizione. "Rendete dunque a Cesare quello che è di Cesare". Gesù non è il capo di un movimento di rivolta: il suo discepolo deve compiere i suoi obblighi civili. È in questo modo che l'ha capito la prima Chiesa (Rm 13,1-7; 1Pt 2,13-17). Ma ciò che è importante e decisivo, e che non sembra preoccupare i farisei, è il seguito: "E a Dio quello che è di Dio". Soltanto a Dio si devono l'adorazione e il culto, e né lo Stato né alcun'altra realtà di questo mondo possono pretendere ciò che è dovuto esclusivamente a Dio. Il martirio è l'espressione suprema della resistenza cristiana di fronte al tentativo assolutistico del potere temporale di usurpare il posto di Dio (Ap 20,4).
A Dio ciò che è di Dio! Ma tutto appartiene a Dio, che è il creatore. Ed è per questo che non si può astrarre Dio durante la costruzione della città terrena, "quasi che Dio non meriti alcun interesse nell'ambito del disegno operativo ed associativo dell'uomo" (Reconciliatio et paenitentia, 14). L'uomo può realizzare la pretesa blasfema di costruire un mondo senza Dio, ma "questo mondo finirà per ritorcersi contro l'uomo" (ivi, 18).

This was an interesting question posed to Jesus. Given the political and religious structures of the society in which he lived, this was a no-win situation!
Jews were required to pay a denarius (a day's wage) to the Roman overlords and were also required to pay a half-shekel (a standard silver coin) tax towards the running of the temple.
If Jesus had answered 'yes', he could have been accused of betraying his religious duty. If he had answered 'no', he could have been reported to the Roman authorities for inciting others not to pay their taxes. This was a trick indeed.
Jesus' answer makes clear that there are obligations to the state for any citizen but also makes clear that there are obligations to God. The coin bears Caesar's image and therefore belongs to him, but the whole of creation bears the imprint of God. The first loyalty of all created things is therefore to God.
(the summit)

Air conditioners in the church

Work on the removal of the existing split systems and the installation of the new systems has been completed. Thank you to S&J Mechanical Electrical P/L who were assigned the responsibility of the project. The systems are now fully installed and running. Thank you to all parishioners and friends of St. Matthew's Parish. This project could not have been completed without your great generosity/

Joke

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom," he reported, "our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he ordered his engineers to build a pontoon bridge, and all the people walked across safely. He used his walkie-talkie to radio headquarters to call in an air strike. They sent in bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.

"Now, Joey, is that REALLY what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom," Joey admitted, "but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"
(frtonyshomilies)

The sick in our parish: Teresa Lamonaca, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Monica Zahra, Cathy Tavian, Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Meldon Richardson, John Bussutil, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio, Claudette McAllister, John Pannunzio, Maria Lester, Robert, Richard, Alice Abella, Estrelita Flores, Anna Boscaglia, Cleo Mallia, Remi Infanti, Christine, Vic Usher, Nidal, Peter, Sam Brady, Rosario Galati, Venia Tanjay, Giovanni Inchincoli, Charles Dibella, Beverly Cook

Upcoming funerals: .

Recently deceased: Val Kopasz, Seda Guclu, Elena Sankovic, Domenico Garoffolo, Giuseppina Panzera, Angela Bono, David Galea, Elizabeth Comito, Neta Mayer, Jacques Bodourian, Pietro Leone, Nicola Pardea, Filippo Rizzo, Bernice Di Biase, Vincenzina Dispenzeri, Val Kopasz, Seda Guclu

Anniversaries: Silvio Iera, Luigi Giuliano, Sebastiano Guglielmino, Louise Munivrana, Guida Leonardo, Filomena Biondo Di Felice, Percy Tinker, Audrey Tinker, Garry Tinker, Brian Miller, Margaret Miller, Noeline De Zilva, Mary Attard, Dasnavis Fernando

Mass times	Rosters for weekend masses (October 24/25)
Weekday:	Lectors:
Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am mass.	Saturday: 5.30 pm. J. George Sunday 9.00 am: L. Iaria 10.30 am: L. Iaria
Wednesday: Novena mass 6.00 pm.	Bus driver: F. Inchincoli
Weekend:	
Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)	
Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office	



Melbourne Synod 2026

On the third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis' vision of a 'listening Church' (*Evangelii Gaudium*, §31). Informed by Vatican II's teaching, the Church is 'a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit' (*Lumen Gentium*, §4).
The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026.

Further information is available at : <https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026>

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro	St. Matthew's Prayer
Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.	God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.
Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.	Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.
Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen	Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.