



# PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

**Fr Benjamin writes ...**

Tax and taxing is always a contentious topic. When Our Blessed Lord is confronted with the question “Is it permitted to pay taxes to Caesar”, He is facing a classic case of entrapment. To say yes would make Him a collaborator, to say no, a rebel against the Roman state. To give to Caesar a few Denarii (pounds in our money) is to give him something that is passing and finite. To give to God our allegiance, obedience and love is to give Him something that is infinite in value and which can belong to no other person – our souls.

The problem is that we sometimes give too much to people which does not belong to them. We can even give to the state what does not belong to it. Can the state say where and when I can pray? Certainly not! Does the state say to whom my ultimate allegiance and following belongs to? In no way.

“Give to God what belongs to God” is the Lord’s way of saying that as long as we live according to the Father’s Will we can meet our social and civic obligations. But anything that compromises that following of the Divine Will should be seen for what it is, which is a trespass against what belongs to God. Ultimately, we are being challenged to acknowledge to what or whom our love and allegiance belongs, which is either to the things of the world or to God. Whilst the state should look after us, it cannot save us. God does both.

**God bless you all this Sunday, and always**

## **Adoration—An Hour with Our Lord**

We are looking for “permanent” adorers to spend an hour with Our Lord on

**Fridays from 11am until 12 noon and  
Fridays from 12 noon until 1pm**

Please give prayerful consideration to this request and contact Angela  
[ministry@holysouthampton.org.uk](mailto:ministry@holysouthampton.org.uk) or Catherine if you feel able to help.



## **October is the Month of the Holy Rosary**

*Make a special effort to pray the Rosary every day this month*

**Rosary, Vespers and Benediction—Sunday 4pm**

“Give me an army saying the rosary and I will conquer the world” Pope Pius IX

**First reading****Isaiah 45:1,4-6****I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him**

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.'

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10****Give the Lord glory and power****Second reading****1 Thessalonians 1:1-5****We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope**

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.

**Gospel****Matthew 22:15-21****Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar**

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.'

**SECOND COLLECTION—21-22 OCTOBER—WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Donations and prayers on this day have a direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. Donations help build the Church, support vocations, and enable missionaries to carry out their mission often in dangerous and remote places. Thank you for your ongoing support of Mission through prayer and charity. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit <https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday-2023/>

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

There are envelopes at the back of the Church for your contributions towards Family Fast Day.



## HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

### Parish Notices

**Let there be Light—Angels and Saints Party - All Saints' Eve 5-7pm.**

We shall be holding a party for the youngsters on All Saints' Eve. There will be food and games, followed by a candlelight procession and night prayers in the Church. All children are invited to dress up as their favourite saint and come to this Christian celebration. Parents are welcome to come along. Please complete a registration form so we know numbers (and allergies etc). The evening will be free, but any donations are welcome and please bring a plate of food to share.

#### All Saints' Eve

After the children's party we shall have Adoration from 7pm until midnight. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. This is an additional opportunity to spend an hour with Our Lord so please support this if you can.

#### Social and Fundraising

As you will realise, there are various parts of our Church which are in need of repair, which sadly costs money. We are looking at quotes for repairs to the Church roof and upgrades to the heating systems in the Church and Hall. Obviously a simple way to raise some funds is through **Gift Aid**, so if you are a taxpayer and eligible, please complete a Gift Aid form so we can reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations to the Parish.

We shall be hosting a **Christmas Table Top Sale** on **Saturday 25th November** in the Parish Hall (11am—3pm). Tables can be booked for £20 for you to sell your crafts, gifts and wares. The table fee goes to Parish funds; any funds you raise are yours to keep! Please contact the office 02380 778203 or [office@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk](mailto:office@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk) to book a table.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle, Tombola and Children's Toys** We would welcome donations of quality items for the Tombola, new children's toys and of quality items for our Christmas Hamper Raffle; (please bring items to the office or leave them, clearly marked, in the Louis Suite). Raffle tickets will be on sale at a later date.

#### November—Month of the Holy Souls

7-Day Memorial Candles are now available in the repository in the Louis Suite, and in the Office at £5. The candles will burn in front of the St Joseph Altar throughout November as a opportunity for everyone to pray for your loved ones.

**Thank you!**

**For your diligence in turning off lights**

# THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



## Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

Sun 22 Oct	<b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Brenda Theobald (RIP) People of the Parish
	<b>No Public Mass Today</b>		
Tues 24 Oct		9.15 am (OF)	Paul Jose (RIP)
Thurs 26 Oct	Feria	7.30 pm (EF)	Conversion—James T
Fri 27 Oct	<b>No Mass Today—Adoration all day</b>		
Sat 28 Oct	<b>No morning Mass—Adoration until evening Mass</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	6.30 pm (OF)	People of the Parish
Sun 29 Oct	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Anthony Redmile, Ann Redmile Shaji K Anthony (RIP)

### Please note changes to Mass times this week

**Fr Benjamin will be away for a few days—please note changes to Mass times this week. Thank you.**

<p><b>Confessions (when there is Mass)</b>                  Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm                  Monday &amp; Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm                  Tuesday &amp; Friday: 8.30—9.10 am</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>                  Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm</p> <p><b>Rosary, Vespers &amp; Benediction for Vocations</b>                  Sunday: 4.00 pm</p>	<p><b>Groups/Activities</b> all in the Louis Suite</p> <p><b>Sewing Group</b> Tuesdays at 10.30am  <b>Gardening Club</b> Tuesdays 1pm-3pm  <b>Mother's Prayers</b> Wednesdays at 2.00 pm</p> <p><b>Lunch Group</b> Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:  <b>NEXT LUNCH: FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER</b></p> <p><b>Youth Group</b> 1st Saturdays 3-6pm  <b>Catholic Men's Group</b> 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm</p>
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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<p><i>October</i>                  31st All Saints Eve—Let there be Light Party                  31st Adoration until midnight</p> <p><i>November</i>                  1st All Saints Day                  2nd All Souls Day                  6th Growing in Faith Talk                  25th Christmas Table Top Fete</p>	<p><i>December</i>                  4th Growing in Faith Talk                  8th Immaculate Conception (Mulled Wine &amp; Mince Pies)                  9th Parish Christmas Luncheon                  11th School Carol Service                  15th Carols by Candlelight                  16th Rorate Mass (followed by Bacon Butties)                  17th Bambini Blessing                  20th Caritas Holiday Club</p>
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