

Sentences, for the twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sentence:

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.
(Matthew 22.21)

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God,
in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
grant that your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith
in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal;
through, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

Readings for this week, the twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33.12-23
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Psalm 99
Matthew 22.15-33

Readings for next week, the twenty first Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34.1-12
1 Thessalonians 2.1-13

Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17
Matthew 22.34-46

This Week ... St John's Wollombi

8.30am Service of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation

10.00 am Holy Eucharist

Celebrant: Rev. John West

Next Week ... St Mark's Laguna

10.00am Service of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation

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Trying to Trap Jesus.

People today often talk about what Jesus either did or didn't teach. Usually Jesus' words are cited to support one's argument about how society should behave or respond ethically and morally. Much of the time the words are quoted out of the context of Jesus' overall teaching. Wrong conclusions can be drawn because people know a saying or a verse but do not have a broad knowledge of the Gospels, let alone the whole Bible. Although the Bible is always the best-selling book year after year, most people have not even read it through once!

Jesus accused the Sadducees (a religious sect of his day) of not knowing the Scriptures, when they asked him a question about a woman whose husband had died and then she had remarried. This kept happening until she had had seven husbands. "Whose wife will she be in the next life?" the Sadducees asked (not actually believing that there is a next life). I wonder what would you have answered?

Jesus' answer highlights, for me, just how ignorant our culture often is about his teaching. How often we think emotionally and not logically. How easy it is to respond sentimentally instead of truthfully and how earthbound and temporarily centred our hearts really are.

Hear how Jesus answered this question, and another about paying taxes, on Sunday at 10am at St John's Wollombi.

John

St Michael's services

The Anglican Church group is invited to the Bishop's Mass on Saturday 30/9 at 6pm

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