

St. Anthony's Parish Words'

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th October 2020

Hymns

Entrance: Come now is the time
to worship

Offertory: Be Still

Communion: Eagles Wings

Recessional: Blest be the Lord

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.

Readings:

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Psalms 95

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:1-14

Response to Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and power

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

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



Communion Reflection

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'.

Jane Mellett

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Registrations for 2021

Registrations will take place in the Church Hall on Sunday 18th October from 14 - 16h. Registration after this date will be possible until December 2020 by contacting the Parish Office. Classes will commence in January 2021.

Please see website for further details.

<https://www.saint-anthony.be>

If you have some news you would like to share with the rest of the community through the newsletter, please get in touch with us on

stanthonyparish@telenet.be

Celebration of the Eucharist at St. Anthony's

Dear Parishioners

It has been many months now since we last had a public Mass in our church.

However, during that time, the parish has continued to function, in most part through the live streaming of the Mass on Sunday morning. Recently we celebrated First Communion (4 services of approx. 10 children & their families at each service) and Confirmation of our young parishioners (2 services of approx. 16 young adults and their families in each group). In addition, there have been several private services for baptisms, marriages and, sadly, funerals.

Our community is blessed with high attendances despite the relatively small size of our church building; many local parishes have a smaller congregation and a larger church. Given the

Covid rules on social distancing, this poses a dilemma for our situation.

However, we are exploring how we can again welcome back parishioners while staying safe and respecting all the rules imposed, not by the Church, but by the State.

In order to get an idea of the level of demand among parishioners to return to celebrating the Eucharist in a confined space we would like to get your response to a couple of questions.

Please also bear in mind that it is our intention to continue to stream a Mass live on Sunday mornings to accommodate the many parishioners who are not yet ready to return to weekend celebrations of the Eucharist.

In the event that we can safely open our church for weekend celebrations of the Eucharist, could you please respond to this survey, if you have not already done so.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaNzh5DHBW4I1LS3WfAtw4XfU_dv45jEGSeKZBOKz4KE5cBw/viewform?usp=sf_link

This feedback should give us a good idea of the numbers that we would

expect at weekends and whether that number exceeds our 'social distanced' capacity. If that were the case, we may have to offer the possibility of a bi-monthly attendance at our celebrations of the Eucharist.

We would ask you to please be patient with us as we try to find a way through these difficult times.

We do realise, of course that, as the saying goes 'you can please some of the people, some of the time but you cannot please all of the people, all of the time'.

Fr. Pat and Fr. Michael



MASS TIMES

**St Anthony's Parish -
Live Streamed Mass
Every Sunday @ 10.30h**

**St Nicholas at the Bourse :
Sunday - 10.00h**

**St Joseph's Community, 203
Chaussée de Wavre 1150 Ixelles
Sunday at 11.30h**

**Rue Le Correge
Sunday at 19.15h**



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