

NEWSLETTER

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Monday 19th October – Sunday 25th October 2020

Monday	10:00am	Intention of Mary
Tuesday	10:00am	Michael Burke R.I.P
Wednesday	7:00pm	Fr Tom Smith & family R.I.P
Thursday	10:00am	Sean Smith R.I.P
Friday	10:00am	Bernadine's mum R.I.P
Saturday	6:00pm	Brid Mills R.I.P
<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
Sunday	8:30am	Political Truth
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	12 noon	Peace in the World

Fr Jack

Today's gospel is a classic approach of a non-genuine person.

I'm sure we have all met them. They come and patronise Jesus

"We know you are an honest man....." Then they lay their trap.

But Jesus can see their skulduggery. So he more or less ignores their question.

The Pope sums up beautifully the answer:-

"Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in the human and social spheres without comparing "God `` and "Caesar ``; comparing God and Caesar would be a fundamentalist approach.

Christians are called to commit themselves concretely in earthly realities, but illuminating them with the light that comes from God. The primary entrustment to God and hope in him do not imply an escape from reality, but rather the diligent rendering to God that which belongs to him. ... To live earthly life to the fullest, and to meet its challenges with courage.

Pope Francis, The Angeles, Oct.22, 2017.

The image of Cesar may be stamped on the coin, but the image of God is stamped on each one of us. Be confident and hold your head up high, "You are worth more than many coins."

Healthy religion is an enthusiasm about what is; not an anger about what is not.

FROM THE POPE

Peter's Pence acknowledgement – I have received a letter from the Vatican on behalf of the Holy Father thanking the Archdiocese for its contribution of £24,426.64 to Peter's Pence for 2019. This supports the mission of the Holy Father and I am very grateful for the contributions of your communities towards this.

FEAR

F....false

E...evidence

A..appearing

R..real

International Publishers (La Croix)

The expression "developing countries" was used often in the past. It had the strength of conviction. The optimism of the time was great.

Development was a promise that was valid for all nations. This was until an economist remarked that a country could very well be "underdeveloped". It was in reference to Argentina.

By analogy, that's how we feel about democracy in America today. This great nation is grappling with a presidential campaign so degrading that it makes us fear the worst for the ability of US citizens to live together.

The concern, of course, does not stem only from recent months. It emerged four years ago when Donald Trump surprisingly won the 2016 presidential election.

However, at that time, many were convinced that the strength of American democracy and the effectiveness of its checks and balances would be enough to maintain the balance even with, shall we say, an excessive president.

It is clear today that Trump has dismissed or scared the moderate spirits around him and in American institutions, including the justice system. Surprisingly, only the military has been able to resist his manipulation.

The tragedy is that Trump's electoral cynicism has left the field open to all types of extremism, right-wing as well as left-wing. These are somehow short-sighted and make moderation much more difficult. Dictators around the world can rub their hands while watching such a political ideal self-destruct. But the worst is not certain. The forces of reason may prevail on November 3. However, all democracies must be aware of this: they are mortal.