

ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY & ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPFIELD

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Before you begin find:

the reading for this Sunday (in the Newsletter)

a bowl of water

Liturgy

Prayer:

Loving God, help us to feel safe in your love and help us to know you more

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

Reading:

Matthew 22: 15 - 21

Questions:

1. Why did the disciples of the Pharisees ask this question?
2. What did Jesus ask for?

3. Whose picture was on it?
4. So what was Jesus' answer to the question?

Reflection:

Taxes are money paid to the government or rulers of a country to pay for things like libraries, schools, roads, fire stations, hospitals and things we all need together

At the time of Jesus, the Mediterranean world was ruled by the Romans. The Romans thought their king was a god, and this was a problem for the Jews who knew that there

is only one true God. Our money has the Queen's head on it, but this is not so controversial as she does not think she is a god. Some Jews did not even like using this money at all, to show that they did not believe Caesar was a god

Jesus says that we must pay taxes, but that we must also give to God what belongs to him

In the book of Genesis in the beginning of the Bible, it says that people are made in God's image. So whose image is on me?

Who do I belong to? If we are to 'Give to God what belongs to God,' how do we 'give' ourselves to God? What difference should this make in our lives?

Activity:

When we come into the church we normally dip our fingers into the holy water in the font and make the sign of the cross, reminding us of our Baptism. This sign shows that we belong to God. Have a bowl of water ready. Sit down with someone in your family at home. Now each of you should dip your finger into the water and make the sign of the cross on the forehead of someone else

Prayer:

We pray for the leaders of all countries, that they may use taxes to do good works. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for people who don't have enough money to buy the things that they need to live. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Lord, help us to stand up for what is right and show Jesus' love to all. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord, **Amen**



We can show that we belong to God by helping others

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Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21*



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