

to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, and the Eastern Orthodox Church. He upheld the Church's teachings on such matters as the right to life, artificial contraception, the ordination of women, and a celibate clergy, and although he supported the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, he was seen as generally conservative in their interpretation. He was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate.

As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 and canonised 483 people, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated or co-consecrated many of the world's bishops, and ordained many priests.

John Paul II was the second longest-serving pope in modern history after Pope Pius IX. He was the first non-Italian pope since the 16th-century Pope Adrian VI.

He was canonised on 27 April 2014 (Divine Mercy Sunday), together with Pope John XXIII.

It is traditional to celebrate saints' feast days on the anniversary of their deaths, but that of John Paul II (22 October) is celebrated on the anniversary of his papal inauguration.

Pope John Paul II (18 May 1920 – 2 April 2005) was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 1978 until his death in 2005. He was born Karol Jozef Wojtyła in Wadowice in southern Poland on 18 of May 1920 and moved to Kraków in 1938. After suffering under the German occupation of Poland he was eventually ordained priest on November 1946 and in July 1956 he was appointed auxiliary Bishop of Krakow. On 13 January 1964, he was appointed Archbishop of Kraków and on 26 June 1967, Paul VI announced Archbishop Karol Wojtyła's promotion to the Sacred College of Cardinals

He was elected pope by the second papal conclave of 1978, which was called after Pope John Paul I, who had been elected in August to succeed Pope Paul VI, died after 33 days. Cardinal Wojtyła was elected on the third day of the conclave and adopted the name of his predecessor in tribute to him.

John Paul II is recognised as helping



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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17th Oct 6pm Mass:-

Eileen O' Neill (1st Anniversary.)

Sun 18th Oct 11.30 am Mass:-

Patrick Burke (Months Mind)

Gerry Griffin (Anv)
Kieran Dunphy (Anv)
Fr. Patrick Mc Govern (Anv)
Philip Mc Govern (Anv)
Killian Fenlon (Anv)
Josephine Fenlon (Anv)
Mary Kilmartin (1st Anniversary)
Kathleen Brangan (Anv)
Tony Smyth (Anv)

Ita & Barry Lederman
50th Wedding Anniversary.

Recently Deceased

Tom Gallagher
Jim O' Donnell

Joseph & Alice Payne (Anv)
Peter & Agnes Byrne (Anv)
Nora & Jim Lawless (Anv)
Alan O' Brien (Anv)
Mark Begley (Anv)
Frank Kelly (Anv)
Kathleen Quinn (Anv)



October 18, 2020
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labours exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

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Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What

I see His Blood Upon the Rose

By Joseph Mary Plunkett

I see his blood upon the rose
 And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
 His body gleams amid eternal snows,
 His tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in every flower;
 The thunder and the singing of the birds
 Are but his voice—and carved by his power
 Rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn,
 His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
 His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
 His cross is every tree.

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FIRST READING

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him. (Is 45:1.4-6)

PSALM

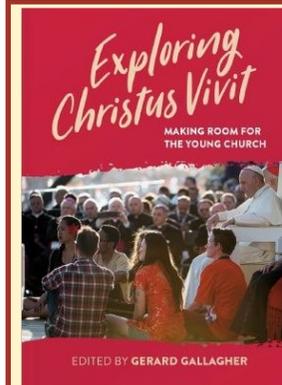
O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the Earth. (Ps 95:1.3-5.7-10)

SECOND READING

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Th 1:1-5)

GOSPEL

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. (Mt 22:15-21)



Exploring Christus Vivit – Making Room for the Young Church, Veritas
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Wednesday,
21 October at 6,30 p.m.
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Saints of the Week

- Mon 19 Ss John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, priests, and Companions, martyrs
 St Paul of the Cross, priest
- Thurs 22 St John Paul II, pope
- Fri 23 St John of Capistrano, priest
- Sat St Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

“The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish.”

St John Paul II