

PENTECOST 21 / ORDINARY 29

St Paul's Ashgrove, 18 October 2026

HYMNS: TiS 642; TiS 628; TiS 473; TiS 658

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY *Matthew 22.21*

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

<u>READINGS</u>	<u>THIS WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 21</i>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u> <i>Pentecost 22</i>
FIRST READING	Isaiah 45.1-7	Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-8
PSALM	Ps 96.1-9	Ps 1
SECOND READING	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	1 Thessalonians 2.1-13
GOSPEL	Matthew 22.15-33	Matthew 22.34-46

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH *45.1-7*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

PSALM *96.1-9*

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song:

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations:

and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:

he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:

it is the Lord who made the heavens.

⁶ Majesty and glory are before him:

beauty and power are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:

render to the Lord glory and might.

⁸ Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:

bring offerings and come into his courts.

⁹ O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 1. 1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available (please ask).

For the safety of all in the community we ask you to:

- *NOT intinct (dip the bread in the wine)*
- *Take wine only if you are free from symptoms and free of anxiety about drinking from the common cup.*

PRAYER FOR CHOOSING A NEW PRIEST TO LEAD US

Bountiful God,
Give to this Parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfil our calling.
Give to David, Gillian, and Sarah wisdom, discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts,
for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

ST. PAUL'S NOTICEBOARD

 Call out for **plants in small pots and/or small pots** to be donated to the Green Corner Community Garden! Drop off at 300 Waterworks Rd or contact Natalie in the parish office
Wednesdays & Fridays 9.30 to 1.30pm 

 Parvin and her son are desperately looking for a place to rent. Please contact Robyn 

- 19 Oct **BOOKCLUB MEETS AGAIN!** – Monday, 7:30pm. Meeting in the Crypt. The chosen book is “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi.
- 06 Nov **TAIZÉ** – Friday, 6:00pm in the Church followed by dinner. RSVP to Rev'd Pam or John Hynd.
- 07 Nov **PRACTICALLY SPIRITUAL** – Saturday, 8:30am. Meeting in the Crypt.
- 14 Nov **TRANS CHRISTIAN ALLY BREAKFAST** – Saturday, 8:30 to 10:30am at Christ Church. Tickets (\$45) required. Please contact Natalie in the parish office for further information.
- 05 Dec **THE WESTSIDE ORCHESTRA** – Saturday, 5:00pm. Celebration! Tickets available through Humanitix.

JUBILEE TERRACE PLAYGROUP – Weekly on a Friday from 9:30-11:30am during school terms. \$4 per week to cover cost. Registered Playgroup with Play Matters.

BIBLE STUDY AND MORNING PRAYER – Prayer at 9:30am and Bible Study at 10:00am during school terms. Currently reading Hebrews. Everyone welcome!

THRIFT SHOP – Open Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm. New volunteers are always welcome. Donations of clothing and kitchenware (no electrical goods, furniture baby carriers or knives, please) are gratefully received.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the people in Iran, and all in the Middle East, for those in Nepal and Tibet, and those in Australia concerned for their family and friends living there. We give our thanks for the life of Denise, and pray for John and family. Please pray for Jack and Kathy, Tony P, Vanessa, Macey, Bill; Matthew (and mother, Sue), Rob and Andrea, Georgia, Sue J, Ian and Jill. Please pray for our friends at LAMB and surrounds, and for the country of Bangladesh. Pray for Sarah, Gill, and David as they begin the process of looking for a new Parish Priest.

St Paul's bank details are:-

Name: Ithaca-Ashgrove Anglican Parish | **BSB:** 704901 | **Acct No:** 0000 4420

Parish Office: parish.office@stpaulsashgrove.org.au (07) 3366 2320 (office attended Wed and Fri 9:30 – 1:30pm)

St Paul's website: stpaulsashgrove.org.au

RECTORY UPDATE

REQUEST FOR OLD NEWSPAPERS

If you have a collection of old newspapers, we need them under the mulch in the Rectory. Please leave bundled up and through the back gate to the Rectory in the lower carpark

1. Donations
2. Ithaca Ashgrove Anglican Parish – **BSB:** 704 901 **Account:** 0000 4420
3. Please note – “Rectory”

 **YARD CHAMPIONS** – Christian (0488 469 355) and John Hynd (0422 259 117)

4. Mulch
5. Pressure washing
6. Other list items

 **FREE TREES CHAMPION** – Gillian Bristow (0417 005 253)

7. Please give Gillian or leave in Notice Box an old Rates Notice, writing on the Notice “I authorise Gillian Bristow to claim free tree vouchers on my behalf”
8. She will take to library to be endorsed and in Spring planting can begin.