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Community Information

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***"Repay to Caesar what is Caesar's
and to God what is God's"***



*"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin that pays the census tax."
Then they handed him the Roman coin.*

What's the problem?

The Emperor Augustus and his dynastic successors were the first to use coinage as a form of propaganda about the imperial family and its achievements. Part of this propaganda was an unacceptable blasphemy to Jewish people. The Emperor Augustus deified his adoptive father Julius Caesar. In turn, Tiberius, the following Emperor, made his adoptive father Augustus a god as well. Roman coinage declared that both Augustus and Tiberius were each 'a son of god'. Of course, this sort of designation was both unacceptable to Jews and Christians.

In addition, the engraving of a human form or image was also against the Law of Moses. So the Jewish leaders are trying to entrap Jesus into treason, or disloyalty (Don't pay the tax – treason. Pay the tax – disloyalty to the Jewish people). Yet Jesus manages to entrap the entrappers! He simply asks for the Roman coin, with its blasphemous engraving and its illegal image. One of the righteous entrappers pulls the unholy coin out of his purse – and in that simple gesture becomes a participant in the sin and blasphemy of the coin. Suddenly the tables are turned and Jesus becomes the master of the situation. But now he takes it to another level where he teaches something quite profound about our identity. The mere coin carries the image of the Caesar – so it must belong to Caesar – but we are the image of God and we belong to God and we must pay to God what is his – our life and being.

*Caesar,
did you create the stars
and hurl them to the reaches of the universe,
do you construct the rules that keep planets in place?*

*Can you make blood course through our veins?
Or craft an otter or a moonflower?*

*Then, keep your coins.
They can't buy what we really need.*

*God,
It is your face we see
in our world, our very selves, our breath and love.*

We owe every single thing to you.

*Claim it all. Claim us.
Please take us
as your
own*

Financial Crisis

From The Archbishop about ANFIN

The General Manager of Anfin has asked me to advise as follows:
In light of the current financial situation, Anfin can reassure all depositors with ANFIN that their deposits are safe.

ANFIN has had an excellent year this year, with profit performing to budget, growth in deposits and strong improvement in liquidity. It is important to remember that:

1. ANFIN has no direct exposure to the financial crisis that is affecting overseas and remains profitable. **2.** ANFIN does not invest in shares or other forms of market based investments. **3.** ANFIN's liquidity is currently the highest it has been for many years due to strong deposit growth. **4.** ANFIN has bank facilities in place to ensure all personal investors can be repaid on demand.



Give them Eternal Rest Lord

All Souls Day Requiem Mass

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

10am & 7.30pm Tuesday 4 November

*Record names to be remembered in the
folder provided*

All Souls Day 2008 falls on a Sunday and in the Anglican tradition we do celebrate Requiem masses on a Sunday, as that is always the Lord's Day when we hold our weekly celebration of his resurrection. Therefore, All Soul's day will be transferred to Tuesday 4th November. Two services are available on that day.

This Sunday: Collection for the Camp Hill Primary & Infants School Chaplaincy

So far we have collected \$533, and for a small church community this is a great contribution to the local community. Your personal contribution is part of the total effort of our church – so every contribution counts towards a great result.

Next Julian Meeting for Christian Contemplative Prayer

At the Norman Park Centre, 40 Agnew Street.

7.30pm Wednesday 19 November

Lectio Divina – Divine Reading



Eastern Hills Community Walking Group

Toohey Forest Tarragindi

Anna Mullins has a new location for the walking group: Toohey Forest Tarragindi. We will be walking on Toohey Ridge track which extends from the picnic area to the South East Freeway (won't travel full distance). Graded as an easy track suited to bushwalking, with surrounding habitat of eucalypt forest. As head outbound on Toohey Road turn left into Toohey picnic area. See Brisway map 560 A3 (which clearly marks the track) & UBD map 200 E1

3pm sharp Sunday 2 November and of course another picnic.

This Week:

Norman Park Centre Public & Parish Meeting

At Norman Park, on **Tuesday 21 October at 7.30pm** the Archdeacon will chair a public meeting, which will be advertised in the local papers, followed by a parish meeting to discuss the Parish Council's decision to close the Norman Park centre. These meetings are in accordance with the requirements of Diocesan regulations



Financial Crisis & Planned Giving

There is no doubt that all church communities and charitable organisations will be hit hard by the dramatic shifts in the world economy. For this reason a regular and consistent contribution will be important for the months ahead. This request is not for huge amounts of money but for consistency and faithfulness. You can do this by either the envelope system or direct debit. You can speak to Lyndal the treasurer about direct debit, who can help you with details: 3398 6680 or damien_and_lyndal@iinet.net.au



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Regular Sunday Services

8am Family Service

Easy to follow PowerPoint Service with Crèche & Sunday School

9.30am Sung Eucharist

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