



The water that I will give them will
become a spring of water within,
welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Parent Prayer Sheet – 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus famously says, "*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God*" (Matthew 22:21). Pointing to the coin, he noted that because it bore Caesar's image, it belonged to Caesar. But his message invites us to ask a deeper question: *What bears God's image?* The answer is us—and most especially, our children.

Balancing Daily Demands

As parents, so much of our week is spent managing the "things of Caesar"—work, school runs, schedules, and bills. While we must fulfil these daily responsibilities, Jesus reminds us that our true identity lies elsewhere. Our children are not defined by test scores or sports achievements; long before they enter the world of work, they carry the sacred image of their Creator on their souls.

Living Out Our Mission

Together with our Catholic school community, our shared goal is to help children recognise whose image they bear. Alongside reading and maths, we teach them kindness, prayer, and forgiveness—helping them to "give to God what is God's." This week, take a quiet moment to look at your child and remember that beneath all the busyness, they are God's precious masterpiece.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the precious gift of our children.
In the busyness of our everyday lives—amidst work, routines, and school runs—
remind us of what matters most.
Help us to remember that our children bear your sacred image and likeness.
Guide us, alongside our school community, to nurture their faith,
teaching them to love, forgive, and follow you.
May our family always serve you with joyful hearts, giving back to you all that
you have generously given to us. Amen.

