First Reading
Isaiah 45:1-4
Thus, says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the kings of their garments before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name; conferring on a title you though do not know me. I am the Lord, uninvolved; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I am you that men may know from the rising of the sun, and apart from me, all is nothing.

Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 1:5-8
From Paul, Silanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonica which is in Christ Jesus, the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, we were sent to Australia 1848 by John Lalor, as a brother and a soul brother. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar, and to God the things that belong to God.’ They handed him a denarius and he said, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you pay taxes to Caesar and do not know the things that belong to God?’

The Word of God is love. The word is truth, O Lord, Your word is truth, O Lord, it is the way of God in an honest work, the way of Yahweh in all its ways. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, we were sent to Australia 1848 by John Lalor, as a brother and a soul brother.

Gospel
Matthew 22:15-21
The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are honest and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not? But Jesus was aware of their malice, and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius and he said, ‘Whose head is this?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.’

Mass for the Deceased of the Year in the Cathedral on Friday November 3 at 8pm during which a Family Vigil Mass for Bridget Cawley & Deceased will take place at St. Muredach’s Cathedral. Please let us know which date suits your group by telephoning the Parish Office at 096-705555.

Annual Blessing of Family Pets will take place at St Muredach’s Cathedral this Sunday October 22 at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Keeping Children Safe: The diocese of Killala is fully committed to keeping children safe. If you have any concerns around the safety of children, please telephone the Diocesan Liaison Person, Mr. John Cummins, Diocesan Liaison Person, Child Safeguarding Office, The Newman Institute, Ballina 096-726655 or the Diocesan Helpline: 087-1003554.