October 30th 2011 31stSunday Ordinary Time – Year A – Matthew 22:15-22

Today's gospel contains teachings which are very relevant for us today. Jesus re-assures his people and tells them not to be awed or put off by those in authority who do not practice the noble things they proclaim.

Are there times in our lives when we lay heavy burdens on peoples shoulders and are not willing to lift a finger to help them?

Lord we thank you for the people in our lives who teach us about our own dignity and truth. Thank you also for the people who help us to lighten our burdens.

Forgive us for the times that we put ourselves above other people thinking we are better in education, class or creed.

Help us to be humble and realise that we are all brothers and sisters in your eyes and to be a means of helping all to walk light and believe in themselves.