



LITURGY

First reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Response to the Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



Dear Parishioners

It would be a mistake to listen to the parable of the vineyard in this week's Gospel and let it flow past us as a story of rejection by a people in a different age. There is always the danger of thinking it has no relevance for our time and is not applicable to our lives.

God is the landowner and the world we dwell in is His vineyard. For a few brief years we are tenants and have a lease on our lives, which is not our own property. To pretend otherwise and to maintain that we are not answerable for our actions is complete foolishness. The notion that we really own nothing, not even our lives or the material possessions that give us status may upset our pride, but it just happens to be true.

In a world dominated by the internet, e-mail, and digital TV, it is important to reflect on the things that really matter in the eyes of God. Too often we find ourselves following the fashions and values of the culture around us and neglecting the things of the spirit. In our scramble to be happy and fulfilled we have become part of an age that is prepared to go to great lengths to exercise the body and educate the mind but neglect the soul which is the centre holding everything together. We are forever on the move, in search of meaning, contentment and a purpose to life but go looking for them in the wrong places. The readings make it clear that, as tenants in the Lord's vineyard there are demands placed upon us. We are expected to yield a harvest of kind thoughts and good deeds. In order to become the very best people that we can be, we are challenged to give our minds and our hearts to spreading love, showing mercy, promoting justice and displaying forgiveness. The essence of good living is achieved in doing the ordinary things well.

**God Bless,
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Week 27 Year (A)

Week commencing Sunday 4th October 2020

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Masses

Sat 3 rd Oct		27th Sunday (Year A)	Hilda & Pat Tenten RIP & Deceased Relatives and Friends
Sun 4 th Oct		27th Sunday (Year A)	Acquaintances from St. Mary's of Hilda & Pat Tenten
Mon 5 th Oct			
Tue 6 th Oct		St. Bruno (m)	People of the Parish
Wed 7 th Oct		Our Lady of the Rosary (m)	
Thur 8 th Oct			
Fri 9 th Oct		St. John Henry Newman (F)	Private Intention
Sat 10 th Oct		28th Sunday (Year A)	Danny Scally RIP
Sun 11 th Oct		28th Sunday (Year A)	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers: Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Pamela Young, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross.

Those who have recently died:

Jennifer Harvey, Anne Nora Finnegan, Mary Hadley, Barbara Flowers, Gerald Clarke, Alma Clarke, Eric George Dunton, Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney, Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans.

Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Gemma Holdsworth

Information and Prayers

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

**A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers.
God Bless you.**

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There has been a definite change in the weather and autumn is certainly on its way. We are required to have the windows open in the church during Holy Mass & Sacramental Services to allow for adequate ventilation. Unfortunately, this does mean that the church may be a bit chilly. I would, therefore, encourage you to come prepared! If it is chilly outside – it will probably be chilly in the church – and a coat will help to keep you warm. There will be little point in putting the heating on, if the windows are open. If, and when, this advice from the Government and the English Bishops' conference changes, I will let you know.