



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 21:33-43



Dear Parishioners

It would be a mistake to listen to the parable of the vineyard in this weeks 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 mat 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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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



27th Week of (Year A)

Week commencing Sunday 8th October 2023

Masses

Sat 7 th October	5.00pm	27 th Sunday Year (A)	Catherine Watts RIP
Sun 8 th October	10.30am	27 th Sunday Year (A)	People of the Parish
Mon 9 th October			
Tues 10 th October			Private Intention
Wed 11 th October			
Thur 12 th October			
Fri 13 th October		St. Edward the Confessor (mem)	
Sat 14 th October	5.00pm	28 th Sunday Year (A)	Keith Cotterell RIP
Sun 15 th October	10.30am	28 th Sunday Year (A)	Norah Clarke RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

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, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn, Jackie Gannon.

Those who have recently died: ,

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker.

INFORMATION

.Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass near the end of each month. **The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 29th October.** There will often be a small tabletop sale of priced items. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for coffee, cake and biscuits.

Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

Diocesan Levy	£5,500 p.a.
Buildings and grounds upkeep	£24,000.00
Insurance	£3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Helen Woodhouse. They can be contacted at: sg.simarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern