

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

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

KEYBOARDIST FOR SUNDAY MASS

The Sunday Mass choir would greatly welcome someone to play the keyboard to assist with Sunday Mass. The task would not be onerous. If you have the skills and are willing to help, please contact Parish Secretary Pat Kwok on 8431 6932 or by email info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au.

Thank You

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel follows directly after last Sunday's Gospel in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

WORKING BEE Saturday, 21st October 9-11:30am

The gardens and car park areas are in need of a Spring Clean as well as some sections of the church interior. Can you help? It would be greatly appreciated! Please bring your own tools/equipment.

"Many hands make light work"

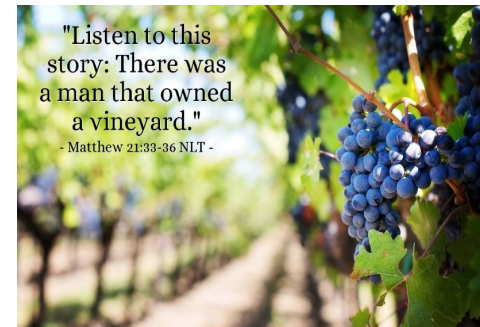


Parish Bulletin

27th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A

7-8 Oct 2023

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.



"Listen to this story: There was a man that owned a vineyard."
- Matthew 21:33-36 NLT -

THE FRUITS OF THE KINGDOM
The tenants in today's Gospel had received much from the landowner who had established the vineyard. It was only fair that he should receive a share of the fruits of the crop. Likewise, we have received much from Christ whose grace produces in us the fruits of truth, goodness, purity, love, honour and virtue. We pay our dues to Christ when we share these fruits with others.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Esth 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

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

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R**

SECOND READING
Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary School

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Vinnies Assistance Hotline

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—14-15 Oct 2023 27th Sunday Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Fil Ciancio Bronwyn Gleeson
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Saveria Librandi Shane Foley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	Sept/Oct 2023
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$613.00
Open Plate	\$212.50
PARISH TOTAL	\$825.50

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$480.00

PUBLIC ROSARY
PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR
First Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady (Saturday October 7) and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, **to pray for peace** in Mary MacKillop Plaza (adj St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). **All welcome.** For more information please contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod, Legion of Mary, 0414 769 635

MORNING TEA
After Sunday Mass
8 Oct 2023
Please come and join us!



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.
Martin Koo

Death Anniversary:
Peter Catrall

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
"Praise God" is the title of this letter. For when human beings pretend to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies.

Ladies Lunch
RESCHEDULED
to Sunday 12 Nov 2023
Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Birkinshaw Ave

The Knights of the Southern Cross, Hectorville-Tranmere Branch, is inviting all ladies to join the Ladies Lunch. The Cost is \$25 each. The funds raised will go to the Vinnies. Please write your name on the sheet at the door if you are attending.

Michael Boyle 8337 3270
Otto Moscon 0437 927 837

Parish Announcements

THE VOICE REFERENDUM

On October 14 2023, Australian citizens will vote in the Referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan is encouraging Catholics to prayerfully reflect on the upcoming referendum and inform themselves from reliable sources such as www.indigenousvoice.church, www.voice.gov.au.

Please Note
A polling station will be run in the Parish Hall at the St Joseph's School

EARTHQUAKE IN MOROCCO

Caritas agencies are responding to the 6.8 magnitude earthquake in Morocco where more than 2600 lives have been lost and thousands have been injured. Search and rescue efforts are ongoing. Immediate needs include getting essentials like food, clean water, emergency shelter and medicine to families affected by the earthquake, while preparing for the long-term needs of people who no longer have homes to return to. Your support to help those affected by this catastrophe is invaluable.
www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/morocco-earthquake/

ANNUAL MOTHERS AND CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE MASS— IN HONOUR OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

Friday October 13 – Holy Rosary 6.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 7pm with 'Blessing of Expecting Mothers' at St Francis of Assisi Church, 59 Newton Road, Newton. After Mass veneration of St Gerard 1st class relic. Religious books, medals etc. will be on sale in the Church foyer. Enquiries: Helen Tyson 0400 364 403.

HEART ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE
CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH

October is Mission Month and Catholic. Catholic Mission provides project support to critical church-run initiatives in remote diocese within Australia, Africa, Asia, Oceania and South America. Donation envelopes are available from the foyer of the church. Thank you for your support.

UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

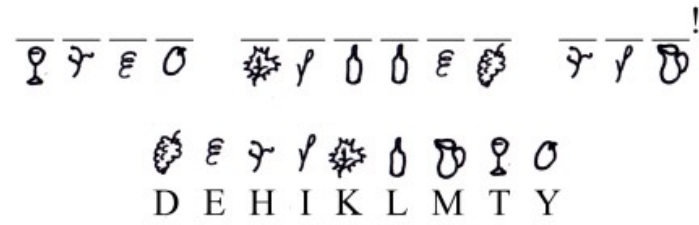
- 1** **DEFINITION OF A CHILD** (-18)
- 2** **NO DISCRIMINATION**
- 3** **BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD**
- 4** **MAKING RIGHTS REAL**

The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 8th, 2023

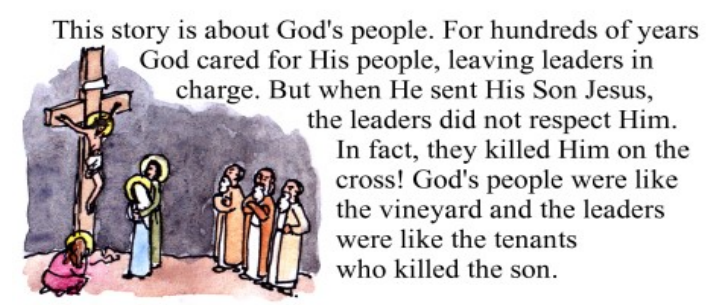


What did the bad tenants do when the owner's son came to get the produce? Use the code below to find out.



Tenants of the Vineyard

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the vineyard that was leased out to tenants. When the owner's servants came to collect the pay, the tenants beat them. When the owner sent his son, they killed the son because they thought they would be able to take the vineyard if the son was dead.



This story is about God's people. For hundreds of years God cared for His people, leaving leaders in charge. But when He sent His Son Jesus, the leaders did not respect Him. In fact, they killed Him on the cross! God's people were like the vineyard and the leaders were like the tenants who killed the son.

In a way your life is like a vineyard too. God has given it to you and cared for you all your life. When God wants you to do something for Him, you have the choice of doing what He asks or being like the bad tenants and refusing. Whenever we don't do what is right, we are offending Jesus. But you don't want to be like those bad tenants, do you? Make sure that everything you do is for God!

GOD GAVE ME TALENTS TO HELP OTHERS...

Answer to Word-Find: God sent His Son. Answer to front puzzle: They killed him.

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