

Gospel Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

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.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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The Living Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

8 October 2023

First Reading Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) 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 Phil 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

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.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.**

Alleluia!



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MASS TIMES (English):
Vigil Mass 5 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 8.00 am & 10.00 am
Weekdays: Wednesday 6 pm
Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. Sat. 9.00 am

VIETNAMESE MASS
Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Saturday)
Sunday 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4.30pm-4.55pm
or anytime on request

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
Wednesday 5.00pm—6.00pm
Friday after Mass 9am-10.30am

**SACRAMENT OF THE
ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Offered to those in need on
1st Tuesday at 9.00am Mass

Baptisms: Sunday 11.00am
Bookings are necessary

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COVID-19 is still around, Please use sanitiser when you enter the church.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES If you are interested in any diocesan events, please collect a copy of additional bulletin at the back of the church.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF MARY
During October a decade of the Rosary will be recited before every Mass and one Hail Mary after the Mass.

7TH OCTOBER—FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY On Saturday October 7, after 5.00pm Mass there will be a procession out of the church where we will gather around the statue of Our Lady at the front to pray the Rosary.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MERCY OF JASNA GORA, PENROSE PARK - Friday 13 October 2023 - Our next bus trip will be held on Friday 13 October 2023. We will leave from the church at 8.30am and head to Penrose Park where we will attend Mass at 11.00am. Time permitting we will have a short stop on the way... please bring your own picnic lunch too. After Mass, there will be time to explore the shrines in the grounds before we depart for home at about 2.30-3.00pm. To secure your seat on the bus please place \$25 in an envelope and put it in

the collection box near the sacristy. Enquiries: Lorraine 9724 9519

13TH OCTOBER Due to our parish trip to the Pentose Park, departing at 8.30am, there will be Mass offered in our parish church at 8am instead of 9am. Please let all usual Friday attendees know. Thank you.

2023 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Lessons will begin on 16th and 17th October and will run weekly. Please send all enquiries via email: nehme.elaine@yahoo.com.au

BIBLE STUDY All young adults are invited to join us in the Church for Bible study! Next session on Thursday 12th October at 6:30pm. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Grace at gracemokdassi@gmail.com

CHOIR PRACTICE - There will be choir practice on Thursday 12 October, at 7.30pm, in preparation for the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 14 October. New members are always welcome. Please ring Pat Falvy on 0425 219 660.

PARISH CENTRE The survey data by LTS Lockley was received last week. We are still waiting for communication from our Architect as to what is the next step we are aiming to undertake using the survey data.

Perhaps it is an orientational spatial design to give us an idea about the elevation, rooms and sizes that can fit into our building site.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - the next Children's Liturgy will be held on 15 October during the 10am Sunday mass. We encourage all primary school-aged children to attend.

FAMILY MASSES 2023: 10am Sunday 22nd October - Year 2. *This will be the final family mass for 2023.*

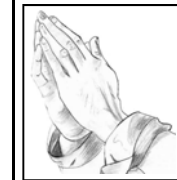
CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY Rehearsal for the Children's Choir will begin upon commencement of the school term. This act of service is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in our Mass and beautiful community. If you are interested and would like further information please message Jess on 0414 187 081 or Natalie on 0431 102 408.

BEWARE OF SCAMS Number of our parishioners have received a scam email or SMS soliciting money/gift cards in the name of Fr. Peter. Please note Fr. Peter will never ask you for money. If in doubt always check with Fr. Peter personally. Simply ignore any such requests without responding to them.

PARISH EMAILS - a recent upgrade to our parish webmail has resulted in our email distribution lists not carrying across correctly. If you want to receive email notifications from the parish re the bulletin and other matters please email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com and request to be added to the distribution list.

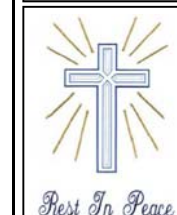
JESUS LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY - Prayer Gatherings: Rosary, Praise & Worship, Talk, Fellowship. Speakers: Saturday, 7 Oct – Fr Rey Sentillas MI

Date/Mass	Greeters	Commentator	Proclaimers	Extraordinary Ministers	Acolytes	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
October 7/8 - 27th Sunday A							
5.00 pm Sat	Chris Lockart	Yvette Nehme	Elaine Nehme	Barbara Kains Zenna Azar	Chaben Azar	Gabriel Azar Charlie Delfino	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Goetz Family	Jenny Freeburn	Carmen Heredia Jenny Freeburn	Bernie Freeburn	Lucas Ross Harry Ross	Nicholas Coorey
10.00 am Sun		Maurice Gilli	Rosemary Lim	Gill Cramp Alex Driessen	Andrew Driessen	James Ghanem	
October 14/15 - 28th Sunday A							
5.00 pm Sat	Lorraine Impala	Brian Kurrle	Abraham Family	Barbara Kains Annette Simpson	Laurie Simpson	Gabriel Azar Charlie Delfino	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Danuta Maka	Carmen Heredia	Nat Goetz Ted Goetz	Bernie Freeburn	Lucas Ross Harry Ross	Nicholas Coorey
10.00 am Sun		Cramp Family	Alex Driessen	Maurice Gilli Gill Cramp		James Ghanem	



Please Remember in Your Prayers Our Sick

Lucia Zenere, Joseph Akkary, Paul Tonkli, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Paul Evans, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Christine Hughes, Sue James, Barbara Kains, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk



Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died

Nina Gattoni, Mary Chapman, Franco Basso, George, Angela, Kayrouz, Ezma, Tom Counihan, Beryl Moran, Rev John O'Keefe, Josephine and Thomas Pientka, Elias Lattouf, Zarifi Lattouf, Joe Lattouf, Eddie Counihan

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Saturday 21 Oct – Ron Maldigri
Saturday 28 October – Marina George
All commencing at 2:30pm
St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz Street, Rockdale (parking entrance via Parker St). Enquiries: Helen 0433 455 114 or Ida 0424 267 500

IN THE FOOTPRINTS OF MARY MACKILLOP
The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. Enquiries: please contact Sr Anne Bond: 02 8912 4818 or email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

MINISTRIES ROSTER is now also printed in the bulletin for the current and the following weekend. We can have up to 4 Altar Servers for each Mass. To get on the roster children need to have received their First Holy Communion and undertaken initial training. Please see Fr. Peter or Bernie Freeburn to organise training.

SAFEGUARDING OUR PARISH - Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 02 9390 5810 or Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Our parish** has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church for parishioners to view. Check out the latest safeguarding newsletter. A link to the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding Policy is available from the homepage of our parish website and on display in the folder. Enquiries: Veronica via email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com