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**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A**

**3RD & 4TH OCTOBER,  
2020**

### WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

### WEEKEND MASSES

You are now invited to attend Mass every week at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

**THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP.**

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell  
you are advised not to attend Mass.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)**

**THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM**

*You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.*

*Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.*

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS  
PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

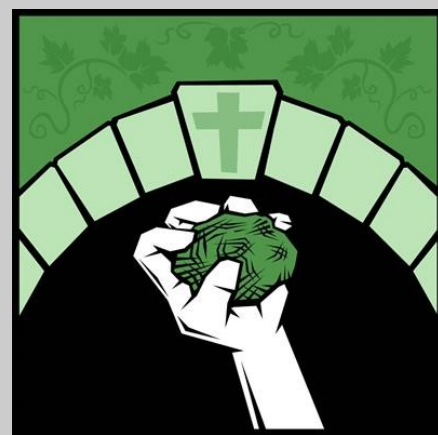
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# The Living Word

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th October, 2020

## First Reading

Is 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*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.*

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.)*

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.)*

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.)*

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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

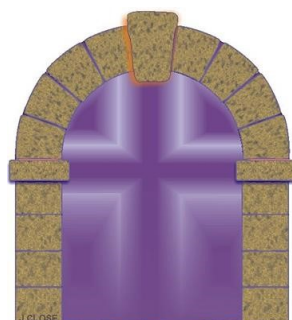
There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything 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!



## Gospel

Mt 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*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.'



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## REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

### Good Wine requires Hard Work

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God *will* find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to as new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub-Sahara Africa, Nigeria, the Philippines, Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. This is a challenge for us. It is wonderful to see the energetic work of the new immigrants and refugees in our parishes (including the Bishop of Parramatta!).

We could pause for a moment to commit to taking up the privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church.

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## 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.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October



### *The Laity's Mission in the Church*

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



## REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* Why does the landowner in the story keep sending messengers and even his son to the tenant farmers?
- \* In what ways is Jesus like the landowner's son?
- \* What is the message of this parable for a modern audience?
- \* In what ways do people of the world today act as though God is not the 'landowner'?
- \* Jesus refers to another psalm, 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.' How can we apply this message today?

### Questions for Adults

- \* What made the vineyard image so relevant for Jesus' audience?
- \* In what ways has God shown the patience and benevolence of the landowner in the story?
- \* In what ways do people of the world today act as though God is not the 'landowner'?
- \* How do you think you need to respond personally to the message of this gospel?

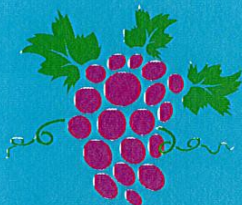
***This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.***

- \* Who looked after the vineyard in today's Gospel when the owner left the country?
- \* What did the people who rented the vineyard do to the owner's servants at harvest time?
- \* What did they do to the owner's son?
- \* Jesus says the vineyard is like God's kingdom which has been given to us. What does he mean?
- \* We have been given the kingdom. How should we work for God in the kingdom?

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# God's kingdom will be given to those who do right

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



## Working for God

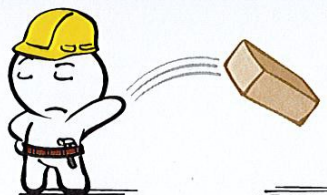
Jesus says that we shall be given God's kingdom if we work hard to do right. How can we be good workers for God?

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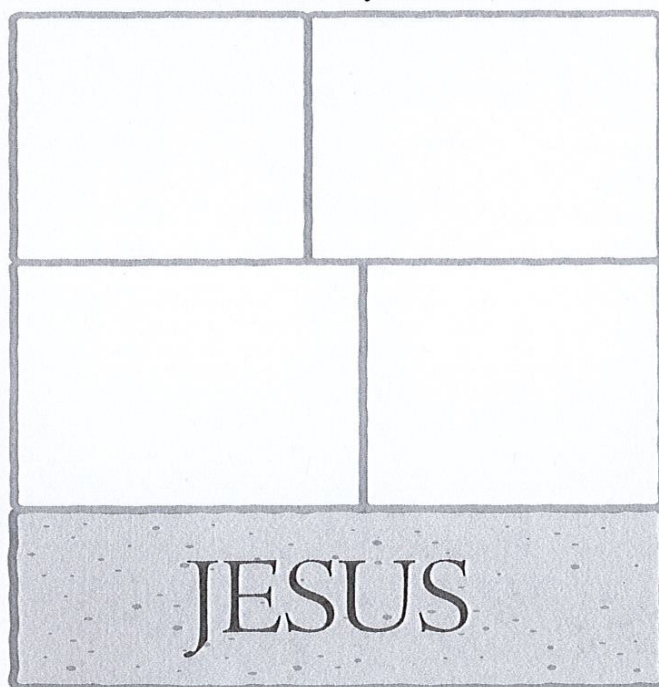
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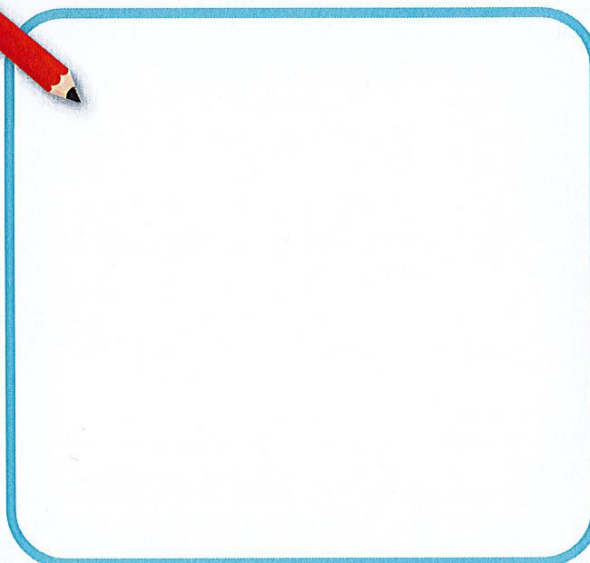


THE STONE REJECTED BY THE BUILDERS HAS NOW BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT STONE OF ALL.

With Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith, fill in the other stones with pictures of the people in our world who are rejected and outcast.



Jesus used parables to help explain his teachings to his disciples. Draw a picture from any one of the following parables...



**Thank You dear parishioners for your ongoing financial support to the parish. Your generosity is helping with the ongoing running expenses of our parish.**

### Planned Giving Envelopes

All Planned Giving Envelopes dated for the next 6 months have now been distributed. If you are a part of the Planned Giving Program but have not received your envelopes or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, please contact Marie at the Parish Office.

### Planned Giving...

*Could you please contact the Parish Office if you are:*

- ♦ contributing to the Planned Giving Programme via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ♦ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme.

*Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.*

### Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

#### Anniversaries:

Richard Savill (22/09/97), Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey, Margaret & James Vella,

#### Recently Deceased:

Renato Rosales Snr, Paul Xiberras

#### And for those who are sick:

Pauline Ann Rugg, Mary Pilley, Joan Schneider

*If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.*

### Parish Office Hours



Parish Office operating hours have not yet returned to normal. If you need to visit the office please call first to ensure that someone is there. Please leave a message if we don't answer and we'll get back to you. You are also welcome to email. In the case of an emergency please contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

### Parish Gardening

Just a reminder to the people who have agreed to look after a section of the gardens around the church and parish grounds... can you please inspect your area for weeds, etc. If access is needed to work on the garden area please contact the parish office to arrange for the gate to be opened to gain access to the area.

If you require access outside of parish office hours you are welcome to contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

### The Parish Pastoral Council invites parishioners to submit suggestions in any of the following ways:

- In person with a Parish Pastoral Council Member
- Email to [corpuschristippc@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristippc@gmail.com), a direct email address to the Secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council
- Letter mailed or hand delivered addressed to: The Secretary, Parish Pastoral Council  
Corpus Christi Parish  
PO Box 21, Cranebrook NSW 2749
- Suggestion Box, located in the foyer of the Church.

*Please remember to include your name and contact number in case we need to contact you for any clarification or update.*



### PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE WHO ARE STREAMING MASS

PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/">https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/</a>
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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/">https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/</a>

### Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment, receive you sacramentally,  
please come spiritually into my heart.*





# Parramatta Diocesan News

## Blessing of the Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral

The 167-year dream of a peal of bells in St Patrick's Cathedral has been realised. On 8 September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv blessed the bells in a pontifical ritual from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. You are invited to re-watch the momentous occasion via [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal)

## Catholic Outlook Magazine September Edition

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early September. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

## Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

## Diocese of Parramatta celebrates the Season of Creation

The Diocese of Parramatta is celebrating the Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October) by creating a video to be released on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We invite all parishioners to be involved. Send your photograph, video, art or poetry of your favourite nature spot in the Diocese to [comms@parracatholic.org](mailto:comms@parracatholic.org) by 25 September. Details can be found at <https://www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice/>

## Catholic Youth Parramatta

### Engaging Young People in New Ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

## Office for Worship Resources available

The Office For Worship has a range of resources available for purchase for individuals and parishes. Resources such as parent material for a child's baptism and a collation of prayers can be purchased from the Office For Worship by contacting (02) 8838 3457.

## Social Justice COVID-19

### Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au) or JRS [amelia.savage@jrs.org.au](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.org.au)

## CatholicCare is still open and operational

CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains services remain open and operational during the current COVID-19 outbreak. Individual offices have been closed to clients, but the service continues to operate with care and support offered via phone, video conferencing/telehealth and online. Some programs are continuing to run groups via video conference. To make a referral, call (02) 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email – [enquiries@ccss.org.au](mailto:enquiries@ccss.org.au) or visit [ccss.org.au](http://ccss.org.au).

## Natural Fertility Services is still open

Following COVID-19 restrictions, Natural Fertility Services has reintroduced face-to-face instruction. We will, however, continue with Zoom meetings as this has enabled more couples access to information. We have educators available to teach any of the three methods of Natural Family Planning. If you would like more information, or to book an appointment, please contact Catherine via email [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605.

## Diocese of Parramatta Tribunal

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone who has questions regarding marriage annulments. Please direct all enquires to the Tribunal office on 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org). The office is open Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

## ACBC Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020)

## Online Discernment and Prayer Afternoon

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Schoenstatt Sisters and the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters warmly invite women aged 18-35 for an enjoyable afternoon of sharing and prayer on Saturday 10th October from 4pm. Each congregation will share who they are and impart wisdom on how to discern and pray. For more information and to register, contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com)


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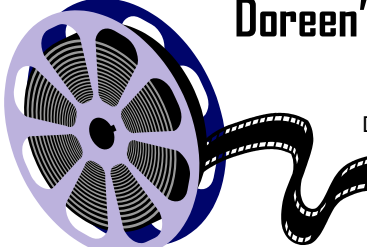
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