

The Living Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

4 October 2020

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.

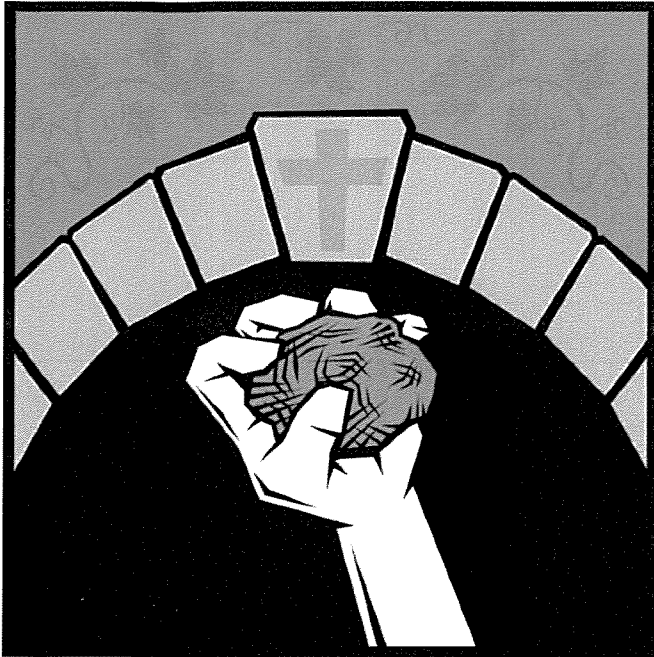
There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything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



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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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**** ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING ****

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



Anniversaries 4- October to 10- October:

Terre Rossiter, Mary Harrington, John Tige, Patrick Delaney Snr, Pasquale Bua and Ian James.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Arnie Bench, Peg Benham, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Willow Hanan, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Stuart Jarrett, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Nolty, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Pat Robinson, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Hugh Tighe, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter & Maris Williams.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember that face coverings or masks must be worn when out in public. This applies throughout the whole of Victoria.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

** NEWS & EVENTS **

**** Daylight Saving Time will begin at 2:00am this Sunday, 4th October. Please remember to adjust your clocks at home – forward 1 hour. ****

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Due to easing of certain restrictions in Regional Victoria, we have the possibility to restart celebration of public Masses – outdoors only, with strictly limited numbers of people attending.

Our Parish Pastoral Council is meeting this week to consider the way forward. Meanwhile, we continue our live-stream Mass every Sunday. For up to date information, please visit our Parish website.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or if you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

PARISH STREAMING SUNDAY MASS ONLINE (via YouTube):

- Website link: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/live-streamed-masses-videos/
- This is a FREE service.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

SUNDAY & DAILY MASS STREAMED ONLINE:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- www.youtube.com/archmelb
- www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

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Online resources for Prayers and Reflections, visit our website:

- <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/online-resources/>
- <https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/ministries-groups/rcia/prayers-and-resources/>

Dear Friends of Caritas Australia,

On behalf of Caritas Australia, our First Australia and international partners, we thank you for your ongoing support of the work of Caritas Australia through Project Compassion 2020 – Go Further Together. Through the generosity your parish community has shown in these difficult and stressful times we have been able to work with communities throughout the world. Your willingness to think of others is an inspiration to all of us striving to bring hope and a sustainable future to those we work with.

With gratitude and best wishes to you all,
Alicia, Gwen, Jim, Megan, Melissa and Nicole
Caritas Australia, Melbourne Team

Annual Collection for the Intentions of the Holy Father (Peter's Pence) – 04/10/2020: This special collection is normally held at the end of June with the Feasts of Sts Peter and Paul. If you are able to donate, you are welcome to drop off your donation to the Parish office or make a bank electronic transfer. The Parish bank details are below. As always, we thank you for your kind generosity.

BSB: 083-347 **Account Number:** 530 502 075
Account Name: Queenscliff Holy Trinity Parish Church Account
Reference: Peter's Pence

Praying with the Pope in October: Pope Francis' prayer intention for September is: *The Laity's Mission in the Church. We pray that by virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.*

Pope Francis, October 2020 – reflection of the month:
https://www.pathwaystogod.org/resources/centre-news-ignatian-insight/praying-pope-october-2020?mc_cid=dbb16a2613&mc_eid=021c67e747

Unite yourself with the Pope's Prayer Network throughout the year:
https://www.pathwaystogod.org/org/pop-es-global-prayer-network?mc_cid=dbb16a2613&mc_eid=021c67e747

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

- Monday 5th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27
- Tuesday 6th October – St Bruno (Memorial)
- Wednesday 7th October – Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)
- Thursday 8th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27
- Friday 9th October – Sts Denis and John Leonardi (Memorial)
- Saturday 10th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 27
- Sunday 11th October – 28TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

We turn not older with years,
but newer every day.

- Emily Dickinson

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