

Reflection Wednesday Week 20 – 2022

The parable of the vineyard supposes that everyone working in it is only there for the money or for their wages, hence the discontent. However, if we think of the vineyard as a family enterprise, we will work in it for each other so that we and others can benefit from its produce. Those who work longer in the vineyard will have deemed it a great honour to have done so, while those who came last will feel they have missed out. The more we give to something the more we will feel part of the end product.

This is so true for a parish where many offer their services to make it a welcoming and enterprising family that loves and cares for all, especially the neglected and forgotten, the weak and the excluded. Grace not only refers to the spiritual nourishment from God but of a sense of dignity, honour and wellbeing that feeds those with whom it comes into contact. We are a grace-filled family here at Our Lady Immaculate. The grace we share speaks of a tangible presence of God. The tabernacle is a concrete reminder of the grace-filled presence of Jesus in our midst and in our hearts. The parable of the vineyard shows that God wants the best for everyone with out exception. God wants everyone to be grace-filled as do we all.

From **Grace and Blessing** Sue O'Donnell

We are drawn to our Father of mercy,
through the love of the Lord Jesus our Saviour,
according to the working of the Spirit of unity.
We are invited to live within the Trinity,
no more to be the scattered children of God.
No longer must we live for ourselves independently,
but to live for God, within love's family.

A six-year-old said grace at family dinner one evening. "Dear God, thank You for the pancakes." When she concluded, her mother asked her why she thanked God for pancakes when they were having chicken-pot-pie. She smiled and said, *"I thought I would check to see if God was paying attention."*