



Sunday 4th October 2020

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

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sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 4th Oct **27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm (Sat) Richard O'Dwyer RIP (7th anniv)
8.30am Private intention
9.45 am Bertie Hanly RIP
11.15am Peter Golden (Jnr.) RIP
5.30pm People of the parish

Mon 5th Oct **feria**
9.30am Mary Aseervatham RIP

Tues 6th Oct **feria**
9.30am Private Intention

Weds 7th Oct **Our Lady of the Rosary**
9.30am Jacqueline Waddington RIP

Thurs 8th Oct **feria**
9.30am Baptiste Fernandes (special
Intention)

Fri 9th Oct **St John Henry Newman**
Catherine Calnan RIP (1st Ann.)

Sat 10th Oct **Of Our Lady**
9.30am Baptiste Fernandes (special
Intention)

Sun 11th Oct **28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**
6.15pm (Sat) Sherwin Seguiera RIP
8.30am Baptiste Fernandes intentions
9.45 am People of the Parish
11.15am Edward Johnstone (Snr.) RIP
5.30pm Jim Ruane RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Our parable this Sunday richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. It tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many

times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

First Reading: *Isalah 5:1-7*

The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Second Reading: *Phillplans 4:6-9*

St. Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The soul that is united to God is feared by the devil as though it were the devil himself"

St. John of the Cross

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Ellen Kelly.

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Emila Vasquez Fuentes, Vanica Ferrao, Tommy Bell

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Anne Leydon, Patrick O'Shea

RECENTLY MARRIED: Billy Ross & Danielle Woznack

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Peter Golden Jnr., Catherine Calnan, Richard O'Dwyer (7th ann.), Jacqueline Waddington, P J Neylon

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

- ◆ Our Parish and its renewal;
- ◆ Our young adults receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend and next weekend;
- ◆ For all preparing for baptism;
- ◆ For our school, teachers, children and staff;
- ◆ All who have been made redundant and are looking for work;
- ◆ All who remain housebound or in quarantine; and maybe fearful;
- ◆ For all in government who have to make difficult decisions;
- ◆ For the terminally ill;
- ◆ For the sick and those who care for them;
- ◆ For the faithful departed.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS 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.

SANCTUARY LAMP

has been sponsored this week
Baptiste Fernandes (intentions)

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week
Baptiste Fernandes (intentions)

"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle."

St. Francis of Assisi

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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 neighbours 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?

NEWS UPDATE



WELCOME BACK TO ANYONE WHO IS RETURNING TO MASS AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER THESE PAST MONTHS. YOU'LL NOTICE THINGS ARE A BIT DIFFERENT (BUT NOT TOO DIFFERENT!). TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE STEWARDS AT THE DOOR AND TO SIT WHERE DIRECTED. PLEASE ALSO WEAR FACE COVERINGS.

We are now keeping our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Sat 6.15 (Vigil), Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am & 5.30pm.

The church will open on:

Saturday Open at 5.45pm close at 6.45pm
Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am
 Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am
 Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am
 Open at 5.00pm close at 6.00pm

Weekdays:

Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned.

Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. **Could you help?** Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

CONFESSIONS on Saturdays from 5.45pm-6.15pm.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

FUNERAL MASS of Anne Lydon on Tuesday 13th October followed at Pinner New Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

FUNERAL MASS of Anne Hull on Thursday 15th October followed by Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

NHS COVID-19 APP/QR CODE. Since churches have been allowed to open for public Masses in July, Test and Trace has been used to help stop the spread of coronavirus. Those who enter the church have been asked for their names and contact details or contact card number as they enter the church. From this weekend, we will

introduce another way to register your visit, using the NHS COVID-19 app available on App Store for iOS devices and Google Play for Android devices. Once the app is installed on your device, you can scan the QR code you will see displayed as you enter the church using the app. Your visit to the church will be recorded and you will get alerted if you've visited a venue where you may have come into contact with coronavirus. Anyone aged 16 or over who lives in England or Wales can use the NHS COVID-19 app. For more information please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhscovid-19/>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Thank you to all for enabling the 'Handing on our Faith' session to go ahead safely and fruitfully last week. This week just the Catechists will be meeting on Tuesday evening to speak about how best to facilitate the children only sessions in the light of the clear guidelines received. We are planning for the next FHC Session, for children only, to go ahead in the separate Catechist groups on **Tuesday 13th October at 7pm.** An email will be sent to Parent/Carers via email beforehand with details of their child's entry/exit point. [Enrolment for the FHC Programme 2020-21 is now closed.](#)

CONFIRMATION MASSES 2020 - The Parents/Carers of those being confirmed this coming week should have received an email reminder with full details of their son/daughter's Confirmation Rehearsal & Confirmation Mass last week. Please note both the Rehearsal & Mass begin at 7pm. All are reminded to bring along a **face covering.** Participation at the Confirmation Masses will only be permitted for the household of the young person being confirmed, sponsors (or proxy-sponsors), catechists, stewards & cleaners. If you would like to book family photos, before or after your son/daughter's Confirmation Mass, please contact **Papillon Photography** on either 07939722198 or 07712 183 744.

IF YOU HAVE NOT HEAR ALREADY WE ARE SAYING A SAD GOODBYE: It was announced this week that Fr John would be moving at the end of October to St. Josephs, Carpenders Park. We are genuinely sorry to see him go so soon especially as he has had to spend a large part of the time under lockdown. We wish him well as he prepares to take up this new appointment. In his place the Cardinal has placed Fr Julio Albornoz who is at present an assistant priest at the Cathedral. More news on all this in the next couple of weeks.

SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE for entry to schools. For Secondary & Primary School entrance for Catholics. Due to the current restrictions we are asking everyone to

pick up two forms from the church (Certificate of Catholic Practice and a questionnaire). These need to be delivered to the presbytery together with a SAE (Stamped addressed Envelope). We will NOT give out forms at the door nor will we sign forms at the door. Please do follow the instructions in this regard so as not to be disappointed.

UPDATE ON HALL BOOKINGS: Sorry, we still have no start date as yet regarding the resumption of meetings for hall groups. Of first importance will be the use of the halls for preparing our young for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The Covid Secure requirements for halls have been published but they are complex. Some of the activities of our hall users involve physical exercise, so this is an additional complication. Like other churches the loss of revenue from hall rents and hire is having an impact on our parish income but we can only open when it is safe to do so for all. Please bear with us.

CAFOD There will be no formal Harvest day collection this year but there will be envelopes for those who wish to contribute available at the door. If you take one please don't leave it unattended in the pew!! **FAMILY FAST DAY ONLINE MASS THIS FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 6PM:** You are invited to join CAFOD online this Friday 9th October in prayer for those affected by COVID 19 in developing countries and in thanksgiving for our supporters here in the UK. For further information see our web page <http://cafod.org.uk/fastday>

AN OFFER: Keyboard Yamaha PSR 300 Keyboard with stand will suit a beginner or intermediary standard player 'buyer' to collect and also Gibson Ripper bass guitar copy maple neck and body Buyer to collect. A contribution to the church would be appreciated. Contact Eddie 07958 678167

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

THANK YOU to all those who generously given flower donations in the past weeks. It's wonderful to have such lovely flowers and thanks to all those who arrange them.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING IN CHURCH



SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Est 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.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Isalah 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: *Ps 79:9,12-16,19-20*

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: *Phillipians 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.

Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 15:15*

Allelula, allelula!

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

Allelula!

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.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your
Commands and, through the sacred
mysteries, which we celebrate with
dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are
pleased to redeem us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Lam 3: 25*

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have
received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.
Through Christ our Lord.