

08TH OCTOBER – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

First reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Israel is the vineyard God has tended. It is expected to bear fruits of holiness

Responsorial: Psalm 5:7

℟: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second reading: Philippians 4:6-9

We should do “what is true, honourable, just and pleasing.”

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

God is master of the vineyard and expects a proper return from the tenants

‘It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone’ (Mt 21:42)

The parable invites us to turn to Christ again. It urges us not to reject Christ in our lives simply because we dislike the challenge of his message. He is the keystone who establishes and maintains our relationships with God.

Fewer things are more disappointing for any of us than discovering that our efforts and love go unaccepted or unappreciated by others. The same is true about God. Let us, therefore, allow Christ to become and remain the keystone in our lives so that, through us, he may once more become the keystone in the lives of those who have rejected and despised him because they do not accept the challenging but life-giving message of his word.

- Looking at the gospel vision, we can ask how the vineyard is nourished.
- We find that the cornerstone of the Christian way of life is love, and the love is a person in Jesus. He is the one who will invigorate the vine... Some will ignore him, some will follow.
- All of us are probably a bit in between.
- God sent his own Son into the vineyard of human life, not because life is perfect, but because love is.
- Jesus comes among us because we need him.

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SUNDAY, 08-Oct **27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

MONDAY, 09-Oct **ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest**
Mass: 9.30am

TUESDAY, 10-Oct Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY, 11-Oct Mass: 9.30am

THURSDAY, 12-Oct Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

FRIDAY, 13-Oct **ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, Patron of the Diocese:**
Mass: 12.00noon & 6.30pm

SATURDAY, 14-Oct Mass: 9.30am
6.30pm – Sunday Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, 15-Oct **28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm
4.00pm: Tamil Mass

POPE'S INTENTION - OCTOBER 2023

For the Synod -We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Paule Szczech, Martin Mongan, Louis Gabriel and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

PARISH GET-TOGETHER SUNDAY

The Justice and Peace Ministry warmly invites all parishioners for the Parish get-together on 22nd October at the Pastoral Centre from 9.00am to 2.30pm. Begin with breakfast favourites and then delve into variety of lunch delights including kids' menu, cakes, face painting, henna and raffle. Let us all cherish this day in fellowship in reconnecting, sharing memories and strengthening our parish family.

ALL SAINTS DAY CHILDREN PARTY

To celebrate the All Saints Day, the Parish will be organising All Saints party for the Children on Saturday, 4th November 2023 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm at the Pastoral Centre. Children can dress as any Saint and come for the party. Registration forms are available at the Porch. Last date of submission is 29th October.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISM (CATHOLIC SCHOOL): The Catechism classes will start from Saturday 4th November. The parents meeting will at 5.15pm on Thursday 2nd November at the Pastoral Centre. Attendance is mandatory for at least one parent attending the preparatory meeting. There is no need to bring your child for the meeting.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

With effect from 3 December 2023, the 7.30 pm Sunday Mass will be brought forward to 6.30 pm at the request of parishioners.

On Friday 13th October, we will have Masses at 9.30am and 6.30pm in our parish.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL - HARVEST COLLECTION AT MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast - so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed.

Donate to CAFOD this weekend so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope available in church porch or give online at cafod.org.uk.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The Rosary will be recited, in the Church, before the 9.30am Mass on weekdays. A plenary indulgence may be gained by reciting five decades of the Rosary in Church, as a family at home, as a religious community, as a pious fraternity or in general whenever several persons have gathered for a good purpose, in other circumstances a partial indulgence may be gained.

REFURBISHMENT OF PRESBYTERY

Due to the most welcome growth in the number of parishioners in our parish in recent years, we are finding that our administration facilities are limited by our office space and accordingly, we are seeking to expand this section of our presbytery. At the same time, the residential accommodation in the presbytery has seen only limited modification since being constructed in 1915 and an upgrade to approach modern standards sought. These two elements have been the subject of design and are being costed.

The important step will be the transfer of all office personnel and activity to the Marian Centre during September leading inevitably to a level of disruption and delay for which we apologise in advance. Progress of the project will be updated in the newsletter routinely.