



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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FIRST READING

Isa 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. R. Isa 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

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

A RICH ALLEGORY

Jesus continues from last Sunday to question
the attitudes of religious leaders of his day
and, by inference, those who assume religious
leadership and authority in Matthew's day.

Jesus' teaching looks like a parable, but it is
an allegory, where each element of the story
represents historical events or figures. Its
focus is another landowner (God) who plants
a vineyard (the image of Israel), cares for it
and leases it to tenants. At vintage time his
servants (the prophets) go to collect the
produce. But the tenants maltreat all those
sent to collect the produce, even to the point
of finally killing the son of the viticulturalist
(Jesus), the last emissary sent.

The parable is an allegory of salvation history,
the story of Israel, the action of God to
cultivate Israel's goodness with the eventual
rejection of God's final emissary, Jesus. The
allegory is not anti-Jewish. Matthew writes for
a Jewish audience. The evangelist reflects on
the mystery of Israel's history and the failure
of the Jewish leaders' intent to do away with
God's final prophet and emissary, Jesus.

To repeat, Jesus' death was the action of the
religious leaders of his day and not the deed
of the Jewish people. What happened to Jesus
finds its parallel in the way the prophets of
the Old Testament were treated. The key
point of the story comes at the end: the Kin-
dom of God will be 'given to a people who will
produce its fruits.' That people is us.

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Ordinary
Time

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – 6.00pm @ Sacred Heart

Sunday – 7.30am @ Our Lady of
Good Counsel, Chidlow
– 9.30am @ Sacred Heart

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 8.00am

Thursday 8.30am

7.00pm Men's prayer group

1st & 3rd wk of the month

Friday 8.30am

9.00am Adoration, Confession

Saturday 8.30am

9.00am Rosary & Cenacle

Reconciliation:

Friday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

1st Wednesday of the month 12-1.00pm

(Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)

Or any time by request

Parish Cuppa:

Mundaring: 1st Weekend of the Month

Chidlow: Following each Sunday morning
Mass ALL WELCOME!

For information about Baptism or other
sacraments please visit our website,
email or phone the parish.

Weekday Mass Feasts:

Wednesday Our Lady of the Rosary, p2058

Saturday Votive Mass of the BVM, p2224

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA *This weekend*

Connection is part of the mission and vitality of every parish.
All are welcome! Thank you to all who generously bring a
plate to share for our community fellowship! 😊

"Go to regularly meet other
devout souls, and together
you will learn to love and
serve God better."

- St Frances De Sales
Introduction to the Devout Life



PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS:

1st Collection: Priest upkeep

'The Roman Catholic Archbishop'

BSB: 086006

A/C #: 985196641

2nd Collection: Parish upkeep

'The Roman Catholic Archbishop'

BSB: 086006

A/C #: 673418807

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Intentions for the sick

Trevor Clark

Eric Nordberg

Bonnie Brown

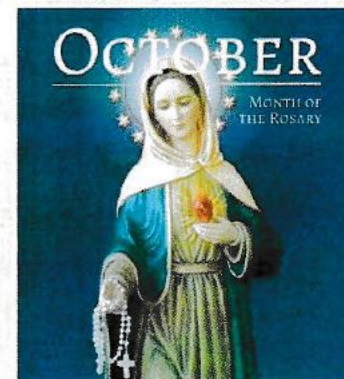
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Nancy Dawes

Andrew Azzaro

Tess Howden

Bill Makely

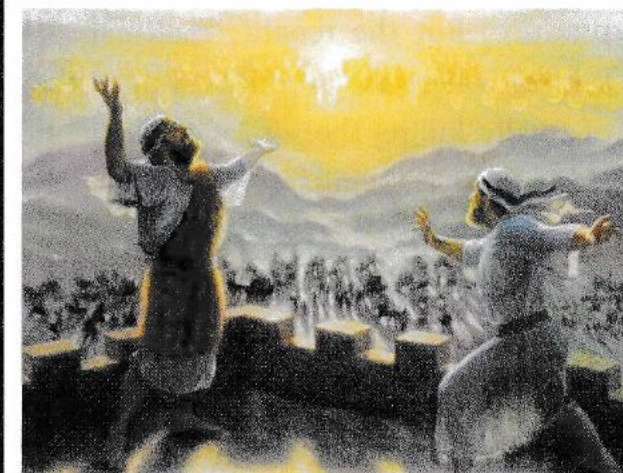


Take up the Rosary!

NEWS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS 9AM MASS THURSDAY OCTOBER 15th

The bible reminds us it is "a holy and wholesome
thing to pray for the dead." (2 Maccabees 12:46).
Thursday 15th of October, is a national observance
of the miscarried, the still born & young infants.
Our morning weekday Mass will specially
commemorate these precious lives, and remember
their families too. Whether its your child, that of a
family member or friend, **all will be welcome to
light a candle in memory of a loved one** at the
beginning of Mass at the steps of the altar. **You are
also welcome to submit first names too, if
applicable, to be read out at the beginning of
the Mass.** If you are unable to attend but would
like a candle to be lit or a name read out, please
submit this into the box of intentions near the
statue of Mother Mary. There will be a cuppa after
this Mass.



Feeling under siege?

The prophets of God knew they had "air
support"

"When Elisha got up and went out early the next
morning, an army with horses and chariots had
surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall
we do?" the servant asked.

"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those
who are with us are more than those who are with
them." And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so
that he may see." Then the Lord opened the
servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full
of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." 2
Kings 6:15-17

"For he will command his angels concerning you to
guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will
bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a
stone" (Psalm 91:11-12).

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION gathering at 1045, after the 930am Sunday Mass:

We're exploring the sacraments of service:
marriage and holy orders, the ways in which we
encounter the most powerful graces that enable us
to experience and live our close relationship with
God. All are welcome to come discuss and learn,
and your participation is a concrete support and
aid in the work of evangelisation.

LOOKING TO BEGIN A HABIT OF PRAYER? Grab
a **prayer starter kit bag** and **A5 prayer booklet**
of common prayers. Make room in your life for God
by making room on a bookshelf or bedside table for
the Lord. Want to get started on a decade of the
Rosary? We have a few blessed rosaries available
with a guide on how to pray it and meditate on
Christ's works of salvation. There are a few **New
Testament Bibles** to better hear God's Word in
your life. "Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a
light for my path". Ps 104

*"Behold, I am sending an angel before you to
guard you... Pay attention to him..." - Ex 23:20-23*

If Christ was ministered to by angels at various
moments of his life, then for those who seek to
imitate Christ, how much more should we avail the
aid of the angels? The Church seeks the
intercession, accompaniment and protection of the
angels in the divine liturgy. We should not fail to
put into practice what the Mystical Body of Christ
does universally each day...

*"from infancy to death human life is surrounded by
their [angels'] watchful care and intercession. Beside
each believer stands an angel as protector and
shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth
the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed
company of angels and men united in God"
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 336)*

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's
love commits me here, ever this day be at my
side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Prayer to St Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defence against the wickedness and
snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.