

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.

Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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THE SONG SUNG OVER THE CHURCH

Jesus probably told the parable of the Tenants against the religious leaders in Jerusalem in his day. Having resisted the prophets sent by God, they are now resisting the last of them, namely, himself. As such they have shown themselves to be usurpers, retaining for themselves the 'vineyard' (Israel) and its 'produce' (the life of the people). For them, the arrival of the Kingdom (of God) will mean dispossession and retribution.

The early Church retold the parable in the light of Jesus' death and resurrection, and a belief in his status as God's Son. Also present is a bitter awareness of the *No* given to the Gospel by the bulk of Israel and a sense of the Church itself, made up of Jews and non-Jews, as the community of the Kingdom. Through the continuing presence of the risen Lord (Matthew 28:20), the community can and ought to produce the 'fruits' that God desires.

The long and tragic history of Christian intolerance and persecution of Jews calls for sensitivity in handling texts like this that reflect the early Church's disappointment with Israel. Today we should move on from Christian triumphalism at Jewish expense to concentrate upon the 'fruits' that God looks for from us. God has made the 'rejected stone'—the crucified and risen Lord—the 'cornerstone' of the Church. The question for us is whether the 'song' sung by God over this new vineyard (cf. the First Reading) is one of delight or disappointment. Inevitably, perhaps, a bit of both. In either case it will be a song of love.

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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



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THIS IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF DAYLIGHT SAVING
PARISH MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church Inverell

Saturday 6.00pm
 Sunday 9.00am

Monday, Tuesday and 1st Saturday 9.30am
 Wednesday and Thursday 12 noon
 1st Friday Mass and Benediction 12 noon
 First Wednesday Anointing Mass (suspended) 12 noon

McLean Village Each Friday except 1st Friday (suspended) 11.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8.15am - 9.15am
 Sunday 8.00am - 8.30am

Tingha St. Francis' Church Saturday 4.00pm
Ashford St Patrick's Church 1st & 3rd Sunday 11.00am

Bundarra St Mary of the Angels 2nd & 4th Sun 11.00am

Yetman St Joseph the Worker 5th Sunday 11.30am

Baptism (Saturday only) 11am;
Marriages and Funerals by Appointment
For emergencies please phone 0428-126703



PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

THE HOLY MONTH OF THE ROSARY

MON 5th Oct	Rosary Mass	9.00am 9.30am
TUE 6th Oct	Rosary Mass	9.00am 9.30am
WED 7th Oct	Rosary Mass (Feast of our Lady of the Rosary) (Patroness of Armidale Diocese)	11.30am 12 noon
THUR 8th Oct	Rosary Mass	11.30am 12 noon
FRI 9th Oct	Rosary Mass	9.00am 9.30am
SAT 10th Oct	No morning Mass	

During Covid 19 restrictions, attendance at weekday Mass fulfils your Sunday obligations.

OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION
 We as a PARISH, try to live out our
VISION: To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.
MISSION: To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and blessings we have and to be instruments of the Gospel message.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Souls in Purgatory, Geoff & Peg McCosker, Leigh & Chris Walsh, Elizabeth Khoury (niece of Eileen Hanna), Richard Neilson, Patricia Durkin.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK
 Wayne Jones, Emma Donaldson, Wayne Lackey, Tony Starr, Mary Kramer, Leo Germany, Baby Isabel Akhil, Terry Hopgood, Joan Hiscox, Paul Saint, Kerrie O'Keefe, Carmel Hooper, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nichols) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp, Brian Barker, Dorothy Ball, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Agnes Hannigan and the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.

We Pray for the Recently Deceased & for the Anniversaries of
 Ron Hedley (brother of Sister Coral), Sister Jan Cetta RSJ, Elizabeth Khoury (niece of Eileen Hanna), Barbara Haefey, Kevin William James, Peter Koch (brother of Pat Bailey), Valerie Beveridge, Malcolm John Lane, Sister Kathleen Price RSJ, Theresa Fitzpatrick (niece of Eileen Hanna) Jeremy Norman Campbell.
 Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER
 Pat Mather, Judy Harris and Yvonne Campbell

COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR OUR PARISH
Mass attendance and Weddings: One person per 4 square metre distance. The Sacred Heart Church can accommodate 100 worshippers at a time.
Funerals: up to 50 attendees without the 4 square metre rule, provided 'non-household' contacts can maintain 1.5 metre physical distance. Maximum 100.
 Please sit in the **Allocated Seats** to observe Social Distancing regulations.
Contact Sheets: placed at each opened entrance to the Church. Parishioners attending the Church are required to record their full names. Visitors are required to record their name and contact details. This is a health tracing requirement in case of a Corona Virus outbreak. The sheets will be removed after each Mass and kept confidential.
If you are unwell please stay at home.
If you require Home Communion contact the office.

4TH OCTOBER 2020 – 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A
HOLY MONTH OF THE ROSARY & CATHOLIC MISSIONS

THE HOLY ROSARY AT ALL CHURCH SERVICES DURING OCTOBER

Every day during the month of October, the Holy Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before each Mass. All are invited to join in.

HOME ROSARY THIS WEEK

Tingha Bernie & Colleen Graham
 11 Diamond Street
 Wednesday 7th October at 4.30pm
 (Feast of our Lady of the Rosary)
Inverell No Home Rosary this week.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

Peter's Pence Collection traditionally takes place around the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, but due to Covid 19 it has been transferred to this Sunday 4th October. Peter's Pence proceeds are used by the Pope for philanthropic works throughout the world and for administrative costs of the Vatican.

PRAYER TO GOD FOR HELP

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us your sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and bodies. Look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief. Deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil. We ask this through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, and Saint Joseph, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Women's Breakfast Friday 9th Oct 8.00am

2nd Friday of the month at the Bridge Coffee Lounge. Please phone Ann Barry on 67222858 or Marj Manuel on 67224772.

CATHOLIC MISSION invites all interested parishioners to a free webinar about the life-changing work of the Church in Cambodia.
 Thur 8th Oct at 6pm: https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/WN_Q15BetkkTmmmaeDIHw3_Tg

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for dedicated parishioners to support the work of Father James and the Parish. Nominations will be called for on the weekends of 10th & 11th Oct, 17th & 18th Oct and 24th & 25th Oct. Nomination forms can be collected from the entry to the Church and submitted to the Parish Office or given directly to Father at Mass times. Elections will be held on the weekend of 31 Oct/1 Nov.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Liturgy Committee	Saturday 10th October	8.30am
Pastoral Council	Monday 12th October	5.00pm

Due to Covid19 we have suspended some of our Ministries and reduced numbers rostered in others. Thank you for understanding.

	3rd OCT—SAT 6PM	4th OCT— SUN 9AM	10th OCT—SAT 6PM	11th OCT— SUN 9AM
ROSTER				
GREETERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTOR	SR. CORAL	PAULA GIRLE	SUE SZUMOWSKI	MARY-JANE GUEST
READERS	NOELA TURNER	GERRY TAVEIRA	PATSY ARMSTRONG	JILLIAN RAINGER
COMMENTATOR	JENNIE MONIE	JUDY HARRIS	MARIE WARD	JENNIFER MONIE
GIFTS	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
COMMUNION MINISTER	ANTHONY MICHAEL	MARGARET ROBINSON	NOELA TURNER	DAN HANNIGAN
ALTAR SERVERS	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
MUSIC MINISTRY	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
CANTOR				
COLLECTION	Collection baskets	are at each of the	entrances to the	Church. Thank you.
MORNING TEA	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
COUNTERS		L.MACDONALD & P. GIRLE		R & G JOHNSON