

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Those of our community

Recently Deceased: Patricia Betros (Funeral Mass: Wednesday 7th Oct at 10.30am)

Repose of the Souls: Those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church
Cleaning

Saturday 10th October— Island Community

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

For those families with children, they are very welcome, and if your children become unrest during the celebration of the Holy Eucharistic, please use the Children Room on the side of the church, you can still listen to the homily from there.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING ONLINE TO: ST DOMINIC'S CHURCH BSB: 083 347 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 67441 1404

PLEASE TYPE YOUR THANKSGIVING
ENVELOPE NUMBER WHEN YOU DO
THE TRANSACTION.

The Parish has the facility of
**EFTPOS DEBIT, VISA CARD
and MASTER CARD.** This is a
good option for those who do
not carry cash and would like
to contribute to the church.
**The set up is of: \$5.00;
\$10.00; \$20.00 and \$50.00**

NEXT SALE OF FOOD—SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

LED BY VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY.

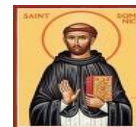


COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2026

Tickets and money should be returned on Wednesday 14th October
at the Parish Office. Thank you!

**Today—Baptism Information Preparation
At 3.00pm in the church for Parents and Godparents.**

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass
Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Wednesday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.

*'I tell you, then,
that the kingdom
of God will be
taken from you
and given to a
people who will
produce its fruit.'*

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 4th October 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79: 9. 12-16.19-20

R/ The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: 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: Matthew 21: 33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Isaiah 25: 6-10; Philippians 4: 12- 14. 19-20; Matthew 22: 1-14

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

Scriptural context – Fulfilling prophecy

Matthew's whole recount of this parable is dependent upon the reader/listener's familiarity with earlier writings within the Old Testament. We are fortunate that the designers of the lectionary have included the relevant passages as the first reading and psalm for this Sunday's readings. The original audience would have drawn on their own familiarity with the texts and recognised Jesus' words as echoing those of Isaiah and the psalmist. Matthew's gospel was particularly keen to cast Jesus in the image of fulfilling the prophecies of the Jewish tradition. Throughout Matthew's gospel we see the author placing the words of prophecy in Jesus' mouth or using the narration to confirm that Jesus performed actions to fulfil the words of the prophets.

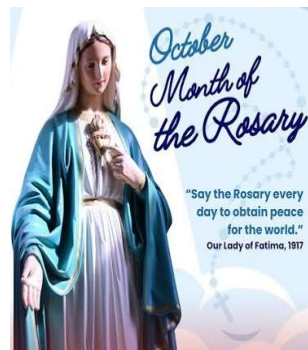
Have you thought? The benevolent landowner

One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

Living the Gospel – Different View: Using scripture to justify hatred

This text is one that has been used by some Christians to justify their hatred and persecution of Jews. They point to the parable Jesus told as evidence that Jesus blamed the Jewish people for his death. It is a strange fact that some people believe that the only way to justify their own beliefs is to try to destroy the beliefs (and believers) of other faiths. For hundreds of years Christians abused and tormented Jews, driving them out of cities and even countries. The terrible treatment of Jews in World War II was drawing on a long history of Christians persecuting Jews.

October Month of the Holy Rosary



Please join us every Monday during the month of October at 6.30pm to pray the Holy Rosary for peace in the world.

Monday 5th—Led by English Legion of Mary

Monday 12th—Led by Vietnamese Legion of Mary

Monday 19th—Led by Youth Group

Monday 26th— Led by Spanish Group

May the month of October be an opportunity to recite the Holy Rosary, dedicating it in a special way to the end of wars and the achievement of peace." *Pope Leo*

All Souls Day—Monday 2nd November

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Mass at 9.00am and 7.00pm

In the form provided at the entrance of the church, please write the name of your loving ones who have passed away from November 2025 to October 2026.



SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

While giving a homily on this Gospel passage in 2015, Pope Francis said that 'what was rejected becomes strength'. It could be a theme for his pontificate. A few weeks later he released his ground-breaking teaching '*Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home', which met with swift and public criticism from certain quarters – including from some high-profile Catholic ones.

How often did vocal critics react to the Pope's actions, teachings and endeavours with a mentality typified by those 'chief priests and elders' to whom Jesus originally directed the parable of murderous tenants?

Pope Francis, as the successor of Saint Peter, and 'Vicar of Christ' – literally meaning 'Christ's deputy' – too often found himself being rejected in decidedly un-Christian ways for conveying his Master's message of mercy and love. Like the beaten, murdered and stoned servants in the vineyard, there were, and still are, frequent moments of resistance to what Pope Francis taught.

Whether it be his call for a humble Church that accompanies the poor, or his hopes for a listening Church that recognises the gifts of all its members, or his advice about a mature understanding of the role and meaning of liturgy, the message of today's Gospel is surely pertinent: we need to ask for the grace to listen to the message before reflexively striking out at the Master's messenger.

March for the Babies 2026 - Babies' Lives Depend on You! Vote PRO-LIFE

Join us as we peacefully walk through the city of Melbourne to pretest the current abortion laws in Victoria. Saturday 10th October at 1.00pm at Treasury Garden. (Coner of Spring Street & Wellington Parade) Please Wear **Pink** and / or **Blue**.