

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:

'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 Kingdom of God will be 'given to a people who will produce its fruits.' That people is us.

Fr Michael Trainor

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isa 5:1-7

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.



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Sunday: 1pm; 2pm

Monday: 2am; 11am; 1pm, 5pm

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 2pm

contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

Fest Day Mass to St Faustina

Monday, 5 October, 7:00PM

Refreshments in the foyer to follow after the mass. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you

Memorial. Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday, 7 October

Parish Renewal Program. To learn

the deeper meaning of the other parts of the Holy mass. Session 2 Topics are: Introductory Rites and Liturgy of the Word Sunday, 11 October, 3pm-5:30pm in the church. All welcome.

Mass Intention Envelopes. Please use

Mass Intention envelopes for Mass intentions only. Please do not use them for drawing, colouring or scribbling. Thank you for treating them with care and respect.

Next Week: 11 October 2026

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Roco & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stolinik, Fred Debono, Habyrimana, Patrice Lumumba, Pepito Carandang, Almada Salalla, Maria Thompson, George Glover, Patrick Stevens, Joseph Glover, Budha Tompson, Rodolfo Manaligod, Vilma Lara, Davidson, Maria Dang Thi Mui, Flaviana Dayrit, Tony Cordina, Anita & Jose Misalson, Reynaldo Manao, Miriam Frijo, Agapito Lon Heung Lay, Pedro Barreto Lay, Immaculada Lay, Abegail Galvez, Ian Ronald Wilkinson, Juvenal Habyrimana, Cyrien Ntaryamira, Aloysius & Winifred, Anthony & Anna, Rita Bugela, Julieta Perez, Bazil, Eugene, Sheela, Anthony & Heather Fernandez, Jose Valdivia, Olivia Nepomuceno, Maria Luisa Galica, Arturo Sangalang, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Jordan Charles Vella, Carmen Spiteri

SPECIAL INTENTION: Aquilina family, Lorena Lopez, Angela Rodrigues, Michael Felsing & family, K Besigye, Juan Okol, E Lukwago, Ronald Odeke, Jerge & Marisa Sammot, Pynadath family, Kevin & Jeremy Lawang, Victor Felsing, Pacual & Lim, Nicky, Carolina & Clare Milan, McKenzie family

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Agatha Saliba, Maria & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gauci & McKenzie family, Jacksmi, Damian, Joan Cythia Aguti, Francis Akello, Frank Bistricic, Helen, Gloria Carandang, Sheila May

THANKSGIVING: Soto family, Drake Soto, Callum Jakson & Chaiel Balcombe, Evelyn Navarro, Irene, Maureen, Daniela Thuess, Debra Stevens, Jennie Castro, Fiordelisa Capistrano, Nenie Ignacio, Jacinto Davin, Ikka Gaffud, Olivia Nepomuceno, Olga Hughes, Gigliola Ramirez, Justin Lim

THIS WEEK: 4 October 2026 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Perry C Grace S L Gynn D	James J Richelle C Jeslie M	Dulce T Divina N Kathleen T	Nelissa D Julie Ann M Shella D	Diana T Gloria T Toniette S	Frances R Celine T Danica L
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Teo C Ernesto Co Nick S L Antonietta C	Kurt C Stefan P	Ronald D Mario N Rukmal M Wynna D	Joe M Lidia L Maria Mizzi Eva O	Marvin D Emman C Rafael V Kirk D G R	Michael D Aaron A Marcelline A Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Ann	Jherzielle
Choirs	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Butch Eleazar	Mt Horeb	Emmaus	CFCA	---

NEXT WEEK: 11 October 2026 - Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

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Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Carina F Grace S L Aaron A	Richelle C Susan C James J	Hilda D S Mario N Rukmal M	Roger S J Rency C Anna C	Vernon A Shereen Q Evelyn N	Angel T Zaylee D Cyril V
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nick S L Joan S Della J Ernesto Co	Kurt C Stefan P	Wynna D Roland D Ronald D Gilbert M	Cathryn D Marilou S J Don C Eva O	Diana T Kirk D G R Jacqueline R Toniette S	Jesal M George E Joe C Michael D
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Ann	Jherzielle
Choirs	Eucharistic Choir	AHFI	Holy Redeemer	MWF with LIHM Sisters	---	CFCA

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV:

One Million Children Praying the Rosary
From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

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Come and Join. SPC Bible Study

SPC Evangelisation Team would like to invite you to an online Bible study. Every Wednesday, 7:30pm
Contact Hilda 0450 006 316

SPC Sunday School will resume on

Sunday, 11 October, 11am-12pm, Marian House.
Contact: Sr Catherine, LIHM 0425157651

SPC "ANIMO" Youth Meeting will

resume on Tuesday, 13 October, 6:30pm, SPC Hall.
Contact: Sr Pierre, LIHM 0415306389

Parish Carpark Children are back to

School! Reminder that the Parish/School Car Park is closed on Monday to Friday between 9.30am to 2.30pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

St Carlo Acutis. St Carlo Acutis

Major Pilgrim Relic from Assisi. St Carlo's 5 Steps to Holiness. "To be Transformed into love Through the Eucharist" 10 & 11 October 2026,
St Catherine of Siena, 28 College Street, Caroline Springs.

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A VOCATION VIEW

An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.