

The Living Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

4 October 2026

First Reading Is 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 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

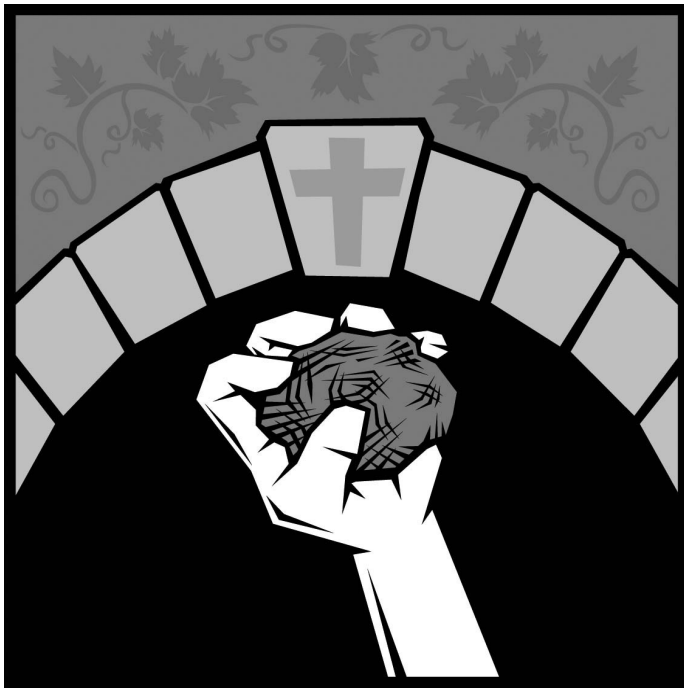
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

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.

Gospel Acclamation See 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

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.'

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.

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 4th October 2026

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2026

Information day: Friday October 9th, 2026 at 4 pm. Open to all students who have already received their Baptism and Reconciliation Sacraments.

Classes are held in the Presbytery from 4 pm to 5 pm on Friday afternoons on the 16th, 23rd, 30th of October, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of November and 4th of December.

Celebration at St. Patrick's church: Sunday December 6th, 2026 at 10:45 am Mass.

Please contact the parish office if you wish to enroll into our First Holy Communion program for 2026, by calling 5782 1084 or emailing kilmore@cam.org.au



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CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore
Our Lady Help of Christians,
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Our Lady of the Way, Wallan
St. Michael's, Wandong

Sunday Masses

Sat (Vigil)	5 pm, Broadford 6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun	8.45 am, Wallan 10.45 am, Kilmore

Weekday Masses

Tue, Thu-Sat	9 am, Kilmore
Wed	9 am, Wallan

(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

Confession

9.30 am, Thursday morning
during Adoration

Devotions

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to
each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and
Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20
am (Kilmore)

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wellbeing, and dignity of
children, young people, and
adults.**

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 3 Oct: WEEKDAY, 26TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 4 Oct: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Daylight Savings Time starts
(turn clock forward 1 hour, at 3am)
8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Mon, 5 Oct: WEEKDAY, 27TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

No Mass

Tue, 6 Oct: WEEKDAY, 27TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 7 Oct: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
7.15 pm RCIA Session, St. Patrick's Presbytery

Thu, 8 Oct: WEEKDAY, 27TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 9 Oct: WEEKDAY, 27TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4pm First Eucharist Information Session, St Patrick's Church

Sat, 10 Oct: WEEKDAY, 27TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 11 Oct: 28TH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of
Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's
Church



ROSARY @ KATE'S HOME

Next Rosary will be held on Wednesday 7th October, at 1 pm.
All welcome! (12 Andrew Street, Kilmore)

Articles for The Shamrock Magazine:

The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the Christmas edition. They are also very keen to find some family photos of Christmas celebrations that they could add to the cover of the Christmas edition which is currently being worked on. Please (with permissions of those in the photos!) send us any photos of family celebrations.

Please email articles to: stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>3/4 OCT</u>	<u>10/11 OCT</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	3 Oct	10 Oct
Reader	P. Donovan	TBA
EMHC	A. Donovan	C. O'Dwyer
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	3 Oct	10 Oct
Reader	R. Emmanuel	J. O'Callaghan
EMHC	M. Fleischmann	J. Jain
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	4 Oct	11 Oct
Reader	P. Hutchinson	G. Pannuzzo
EMHC	T. Cooney	TBA
EMHC	V. Lawrence	S. Hollowood
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	4 Oct	11 Oct
Reader	C. Edulan	D. Selar
EMHC	TBA	A. Liddle
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	J. Jain	M. Fleischmann
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	TBA	TBA
	TBA	TBA
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	L. Doughney & R. Doughney	G. Pereira & Ben Collier

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased
Connie Gomesz

Anniversaries

Ellen Donovan, George Wood, Neville Pearce, Ian Nagle, Richard Breen, Francisca Ferraresi, Sr. Bernadette Ryan, Jessie Anderson, Jean Ryan, Peter O'Callaghan, Craig Gratton, Ellen Johanna Stute, Kathleen Caulfield, Nora (Ahearn) Vatovec, Daniel Mellerick, Brian Joseph Sullivan, Placida Baudracco and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'agostino, Theo Aitchison, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michael Bourne, Faye Vandenberg, Annette Jacovou, Kylie Alexander and all people who are in need of our prayers.

Synod Corner:

Synodality is not uniformity

Different cultures, communities, and parishes will live synodality in different ways. Unity does not require sameness.



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