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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 4 October 2026



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Catechesis Vb

The Council Fathers considered "the foundation and kernel of the whole liturgical year" to be the Sunday, "the original feast day" (cf Constitution on the Liturgy 106). In various modern languages, its name indicates that it is the "*dies Domini*", "the Lord's Day". In some languages the "day of the sun" *Sunday*, *Sonntag* has prevailed, the link with Christ can be discerned: Christ is the true "sun of righteousness" who enlightens every person!

Sunday is the day of the Lord, the day of the Church, the day of humanity and, finally, the "day of days". "Since Sunday is the weekly Easter, recalling and making present the day upon which Christ rose from the dead, it is also the day which reveals the meaning of time. ... I urge everyone to seek the best possible conditions so that even those who are unable to take time off work on Sundays may take part in Holy Mass.

Pope Leo XIV, St Peter's Basilica
Wednesday, 12 August 2026

Looking at the Readings

There are many images, metaphors and parables about vineyards, vines and grapes in the scriptures: Hosea 10, Isaiah 3 & 27, Jeremiah 2,5,6 & 12; Ezekiel 15, 17 & 19; Psalm 80, Canticles 1 and John 15. Vineyards and grapevines and particularly good grape-vines just don't happen. The grower must select the right location, the right soil and climate. The root stock must be right, the right branches to be grafted and then properly pruned, fed and watered: in summary a lot of care and attention before harvest and after the harvest to produce good wine. In the Old Testament the vineyard became a metaphor and parable of the People of God. The Prophet in today's reading stresses that the Lord had done all the right things for the vineyard and his best towards the people. He concludes that the vineyard is the House of Israel and it had turned out wicked.

This scenario is repeated in the parable that Jesus addresses to the chief priests and the elders of the people. This time the vintage was good but tenants were greedy and would not yield the produce but became murderers and wastrels. Remember that the parable, almost an allegory, was not addressed to the landowners or the workers or the general populace but to the appointed and anointed leaders. Thus, it serves as a parable concerning right stewardship of God's gifts of creation: the earth, its people, their faith and our church.

Quotes of the Week

Virtue is its own reward, and brings with it the truest and highest pleasure; but if we cultivate it only for pleasure's sake, we are selfish, not religious, and will never gain the pleasure, because we can never have the virtue.

St John Henry Newman (feast 9 October)

If God can work through me, he can work through anyone. *St Francis of Assisi (feast normally 4 October, impeded by the Sunday this year)*

Prayer for the Week

Yours, O God, is the vineyard and its harvest,
yours the kingdom of justice and peace.

You call your people to tend its growth.

Bless the work entrusted to our hands, that we may offer you
an abundance of just works and a rich harvest of peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

"I feel like I'm walking into the illustrated pages of a fairy tale when I go to the vineyard. It draws you to nature and cleanses your soul, and you just don't want to leave." Zhao Wei

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Kaye Hodgson, Michael Ianacone, Barbara Cameron, Shane Boyd, Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Noreen Gallardo, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Reno Barca

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Sunday 11 October 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – P Jenner

Special Minister – M O'Shea

Sunday 18 October 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – A Ryan

Sunday 25 October 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – M Di Petta

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 602.40

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

FEAST AND YEAR OF ST FRANCIS

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year coinciding with the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. The Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree published by the Franciscan Friars, declaring a year-long celebration from 10th January 2026-10th January 2027.

Every Christian, 'following the example of the Saint of Assisi, may himself become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace'. In its decree, the Apostolic Penitentiary also announced that plenary indulgences will be granted to Catholics 'under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father), which can also be applied in the form of suffrage for the souls in Purgatory'. Happy Feast of St Francis.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Olivia Sorbello and Glen Stewart on their marriage at St Augustine's this weekend. May the Holy Spirit bless them abundantly and guide them throughout their life together. Wishing them a lifetime filled with love, joy, faith, and happiness.

TOLLE LEGGE (SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP)

You are warmly invited to participate in a scripture discussion group which will be held monthly after 8.30am Mass. Next meeting will be on **Sunday 11th October**. Please see Mary or Annette for further information.

LEAVING COLLECTION

A leaving collection will be taken up this weekend to support Fr Uday's trip to India. Thank you for your generous support.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 4th October - 8.30am Mass

Sun 4th October - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 6th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 8th October - No Mass

Sat 10th October – No Mass

Sun 11th October - 8.30am Mass – Fr M Grace

Weekly Masses

Tue 13th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 15th October - 11.30am Whole College Mass
Grandparents & special friends – Brigidine Centre

Sun 18th October - 8.30am Mass – Fr M Grace

Weekly Masses

Tue 20th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 22nd October - No Mass

Sat 24th October – No Mass

Sun 25th October - 8.30am Mass – Fr M Morley

ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is the spiritual practice of spending time in the presence of the exposed consecrated Host. Through this practice, we are invited to spend time alone with God in his real, physical form and to bring to Jesus all our cares, concerns, prayers, hopes and thoughts. Adoration will be held on the **2nd Saturday** of the month at 5pm, Next adoration will be **10th October**. Please consider spending some quiet time in the presence of Jesus.

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME

Please note that Daylight Savings time comes into effect this Sunday 4th October. Clocks move forward one hour. From November, Saturday Mass times will move to 6pm.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

Priest Retirement Foundation appeal for retired Priests of Sandhurst. We have 15 retired Priests. Fundraising assists the provision of housing, annual recurrent and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese. A special collection will be taken on the weekend of **10th /11th of October** and is the major fundraiser of the year. Your Donations (tax-deductible) are essential. This day is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication, and to pray for our priests, active and retired. All donations are tax-deductible. Those requiring receipts for donations, please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

FATHER AWAY

Father will be taking leave throughout October. During this time, there will be **no Saturday Masses**. We wish Father all the very best for his travels and pray for his safe journey. May he have a restful and enjoyable time away.

RCIA INQUIRY EVENINGS

Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program will begin on Monday 5th October at 5.30pm in the presbytery. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of Christian formation by which those who are seeking full communion with the Church. For more information contact Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 or Mary Zobec 0427190282.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA NEPAL APPEAL

The Caritas network is working alongside affected communities and local authorities to assess needs and ensure assistance reaches those most impacted. You can support the Appeal at www.caritas.org.au/nepal

MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Tuesday - Men's Group 6pm - Presbytery**
- 1st Thursday - Anointing Mass 10am**
- 1st Saturday - Monthly working bee 9.30am (church cleaning)**
- 2nd Wednesday - Ladies Cuppa and Chat 2pm – Fauna Park Cafe**
- 2nd Saturday - Adoration 4pm**
- 3rd Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 5.30pm - Presbytery**

Please note these dates and times are subject to change, please check bulletin for updates. times and venues.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annette Ryan 0408 502 858.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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"Let us bind ourselves tightly to the Sorrowful Heart of our Heavenly Mother and reflect on its boundless grief and how precious is our soul." – St. Pio da Pietrelcina

Breaking Open the Word

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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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

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

4 OCTOBER 2026

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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

Isa 5:1-7

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

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.

■ The word of the Lord.