

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd & 4th October 2020

Please remember these people in our prayers

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Mark Englefield; Fr Michael Gaffney; Vincenzo Natale; Hazel Jury; Mary Mackay; Len Nolen; Leo Barry; John J Barry; May Corcoran

Sick:

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto; Debbie Nolen; Basilio Alcodia; Gai Trainer; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Sister Basil;



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Caring for our Parish

Parishioners wishing to contribute to the Presbytery/Parish finances during the COVID19 restrictions may by bank deposit to the Parish account - Westpac: BSB: 033250 Account number: 870747.

St Mary's Parish has joined with CDF (Catholic Development Fund-Ballarat) and CDF Pay where you can electronically make a one off payment or set up a regular payment. You receive an electronic receipt for any payments made. The link for St Mary's Parish, Robinvale is <https://bit.ly/CDFpayRobinvale>

Online Mass:

Mass for the coming weekend,
3rd/4th October .

27th Sunday in Ordinary time
For the Parishes of St Mary's
Robinvale and St Joseph,
Ouyen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5X051Woj7XU>

Social Justice Statement 2020-2021

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020 -2021, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meet the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

Reflection on the Gospel

In the traditions of Israel, the vineyard theme has often been used to describe God's dealings with Israel. We are told that the prophet Isaiah's 'Song of love for the vineyard', echoed in the parable, was so well known in the time of Jesus that many people knew it by heart. It is a remarkable declaration – a moving expression of faith in the mysterious love and generosity that found expression in the election of Israel in the plan of God; and at the same time it is an acknowledgement of infidelity and failure. According to the usual pattern, as the story unfolds the audience is suddenly confronted by an unexpected turn of events. In this case it is the unreasonable decision of the landlord to send his own son on an errand that has led to so much violence and bloodshed: 'They will respect my son'. Against the background of the vineyard theme, Jesus, who has come to recognise that his death is inevitable, confronts his hearers with the final expression of the folly of divine love.

As Matthew's community tells the story of the parable, some of the modifications are obvious enough. In their account, the question Jesus puts to the leaders of the people has been added - the lesson of the parable is brought out more clearly, as the leaders are condemned out of their own lips. The reference to the psalm's 'stone rejected by the builders', often repeated in the New Testament, is an explanatory addition, as is the conclusion: 'The Kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit'. Matthew's community knows that the parable is also a challenge for them – as the New Israel, they are now God's vineyard: 'Every branch in me that bears no fruit', Jesus declares, 'my Father cuts away'. Paul tells the Philippians that, if they bear good fruit, 'The God of peace will be with them'.

John Thornhill SM

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

Against the Lord's vineyard

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

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.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

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.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

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.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

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.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

If there is anything you need, pray for it.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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!

cf. Jn 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I chose you from the world to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

This is the landlord's heir: come, let us kill him

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Pope Francis—Twitter # General Audience

Solidarity needs subsidiarity. There is no true solidarity without social participation, without the contribution of families, associations, cooperatives, small businesses, and other expressions of society.

Mission Sunday Appeal - The joy of the Lord is our Strength! Nehemiah 8:10



World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 18 - a special day, called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and practical support to live a fulfilling life. You can support by placing your donation in the Appeal Envelopes; Online at www.catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia or by Texting GIVE to 0488 854 436. Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Online Study

Our partners at Dayton University are celebrating 20 years of learning and are providing some of their e-seminars at just \$20usd each (approx. \$28aud) in their next study cycle beginning 18 October: Hope in Times of Crisis, Basic Catechist Formation and Our Hearts were Burning. Registrations for this cycle are open now until October 12. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Season of Creation 2020

Season of Creation 2020 continues with prayer resources, liturgical resources, Global Catholic Climate Movement reflection videos, resources to host online prayers, outdoor services and retreat. An App can be downloaded for Ignatian meditations, prayers and resources to reduce your eco-footprint. While October 4th, St Francis of Assisi Feast day heralds the end of the Season of Creation season, the Laudato Si Anniversary year continues with ongoing activities to celebrate the Jubilee for the Earth. Resources are available at: <https://seasonofcreation.org/catholic/>

St Vincent de Paul Society, "Assist a Student" Program for Victoria

The program assists very poor students in countries to our north to attend school who may otherwise, without this assistance, not be able to afford to attend. It is aimed at breaking the poverty cycle the student finds themselves in and it encapsulates the Vincentian message of "a hand up, not a hand out". A \$100 donation provides access to education. Any administrative costs are met by the Australian St Vincent de Paul Society. For more information go to

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our_Impact/International_Impact/Assist_a_student_today/

Parish Planned Giving: Thank you to the parishioners who support the work of the Church through their financial contribution. New envelopes, along with receipts are available from the Parish Office. Please contact Parish Office/Pat Curran 0427 269 211 or email robinvale@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission Mental Health Webinar

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a zoom webinar for anyone who wants to know more about mental health in Australia and to empower participants to understand mental health, the supports available here in Australia and provide an opportunity to reach out, encourage hope and bring fullness of life to those we love and care for. When: Sunday, October 4 2.00pm – 3.00pm. More information and registration at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

On October 7, the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, The Rosary remains a powerful prayer to defend us on earth, and a powerful tool to help us attain eternal life. In every approved apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Lady stresses the need to pray the Rosary.

