

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5: 1-7

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 79: 9, 12-16, 19-20

R. 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. R.

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.

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.

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: Philippians 4: 6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 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: Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-10



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Weddings, please contact **the parish office**
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We follow the words of our patron,
St John Vianney, who said "He is here".

We recognise Christ is in the Word,
the Eucharist, and in us His people,
with a special reverence for Him
in the poor and marginalised.

We are called to make Christ present
through our prayer and charity.
We seek to grow in our spiritual lives and
create a community

where everyone is welcome;
the young and the old, together to
experience the loving presence of God.

We believe He is here amongst us
and we joyfully go out
to make Him present to all.

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Let Us Pray:

Beloved Lord: Forgive me, because I've tried to judge Your wise and holy decisions using my own criteria. Root Your justice in the depths of my heart and mind to help me be the servant of Your vineyard that You want me to be. Amen.

The fruits of Heaven in our lives today

"The kingdom of God is given to those who produce its fruit." That's the moral of the story that Jesus gives us in this Sunday's Gospel reading. And what is this kingdom of God, given to us while we're still on earth? What are its fruits, which we produce during our earthly lives?

Anything we do in imitation of Christ is a fruit that has grown as a result of following Christ on our journey toward heaven. If we love as he loves, forgive as he forgives, minister to others, teach the truth, and heal the hurting, we are living in the kingdom of God now.

When I ask Catholics if they believe they're going to heaven, most feel very uncertain, either because they're afraid they might lose their salvation through some future grave sin, or because they're afraid it's not humble enough to answer with a firm "yes."

Granted, we do not imitate Christ perfectly. Most of us will need to spend time in Purgatory being purged of whatever is unheavenly about us, but when the purging is finished, we'll be fully alive in the wonderfulness of God. If we make it to Purgatory, of course we'll reach the glories of heaven. And if our desire to be Christ-like is genuine, then of course our sins will never be so "grave" that we turn completely away from Christ. Of course we'll gladly embrace him when he comes for us at the moment of our death

Whatever you do because of Christ and out of love for Christ, this is evidence that you are living in and will eternally live in God's kingdom.

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OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY
Fr George will lead us in a decade of the Rosary
before all Masses in October.




**We acknowledge and pay respect to Traditional Custodians - the Quandamooka and Jagera Peoples
on whose land we walk, live and worship.**

FOR YOUR DIARY OCTOBER	
09 Mon	No Mass
10 Tues	6pm Mass
11 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
12 Thurs	9.30am Mass
13 Fri	9:30am Mass
14 Sat	10.30am Baptism - SAUNDERS 4:30pm Reconciliation
28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
	5.00pm Mass (Manly)
15 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly)



**CONFIRMATION
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

Today we welcome our Confirmation Candidates and their families to our Eucharistic Celebration. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journey by preparing to receive the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.



**October Edition now available
Only \$4 per copy.**

Articles of interest include:

- ♦ Relic of St John Bosco - at Guardian Angels 19/10
- ♦ Napoleon to Nazi's - a sacred art mystery
- ♦ Synod 'truly important' - words from Pope Francis

Plus many more interesting and uplifting articles.

**SJV FAMILY MASS
SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER**

Year 3 to Year 6 children from SJV School will be leading us in the Liturgy of the Word and the Offertory Procession. We welcome the children and their families to our Liturgical Celebration.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 07 Oct	Jane O	Gerardina R	Denise D	Mikaela A, Colleen S	Irene	HS, AG	A
Sun 08 Oct	Anne S	Margaret P	Kennedy C	Trish E, Margaret H	Donna	PN, SN, L	
Sat 14 Oct	Laurent F	Confirmation Candidates		Jen B, Alison G	Anjoline	DH, PSK	B
Sun 15 Oct	Mark E	Confirmation Candidates		Jasser N, Nola S	Donna	PN, CO	

This parish is Child Safety Aware and complies with Australian Privacy Laws. A copy of the Safeguarding policy is situated in the foyer of the church. STOPLINE CONTACT: Phone 1 300 304 400 Email AOB@stopline.com.au

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Eather, Merv Holman.

ANNIVERSARIES: Noel Armanasco, Dawn Bone, Hugh Cleary, Mary Cotter, Sr Anne Doherty, Suzanne Dougherty, Paul Forrester, Kerry Greensill, Matilda Iselin, John Kenafake, Antoni Kolbuch, Charles Lewis, Mary Machin, Ester Morrison, George Plant, Noreen Roe, Nancy Sheehan, Ronald Smith, Horace Tranter, Eunice Wade, Jill Rideout Belletty, Veronica Lynch, Kevin Holzberger, Jim Holzberger,

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jack and Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Lorraine Bourke, Stephen Burrows, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Rose-Marie Dickson, Pat Ellis, Irene Gavrilla, Maureen Handcock, Richard Pook, David Schilling, Leesa Scott, Natasha Skitmore, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Emma Walters and Violet Maureen Phillips.

To include a name in our 'Of Your Charity' list, the Privacy Act requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative. Names on the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners lists are reviewed at the end of each month.

VOLUNTEERS - PAST AND PRESENT

Over the years many people have served the Manly Parish of St Jude's and St John Vianney's as readers, gardeners, cleaners and so on. Fr George would like to recognise these people and their wonderful service, so if you are a Volunteer or have been in the past, please write your name and contact number and the number of years you have volunteered on the list in the church foyer.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Defibrillators have been placed in the Sacristy's at St Jude's, Gumdale and St John Vianney's Manly. If you are familiar with the operation of the defibrillator please make your self known to Fr George or any of the Parish Pastoral Council Member after Mass today.



The Voice Referendum will be held next Saturday. **Australia's Catholic Bishops** have called upon us to draw upon our faith and moral grounding to make an informed decision at this referendum.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A photo board of our Parish Pastoral Council Members is at the back of St John Vianney's and St Jude's churches. All Parish Pastoral Councillor Members wear name badges during the Mass they are attending. Please make the time to learn who they are.


PLANT SALE FOR THE MISSIONS

Before and after Mass @ St John Vianney's Church
21 and 22 October
Plants for sale by donation from \$5 - \$10
CASH ONLY

NEED A LIFT TO MASS

Do you, or someone you know, need a lift to Mass? Please complete the "I Need A Lift To Mass" form and we will arrange transport for you.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD



This weekend we will be distributing the Precious Blood during Communion. It is not compulsory to partake of the Precious Blood however, if you do you are required to consume the Host in its entirety first. You will not be permitted to instinct (dip the Host in the Chalice). If you are unwell, we request that you be considerate of the health of others and refrain from partaking of the Precious Blood.

For the Children


27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Listen to God's message

Jesus came to share the Good News and to bring God's message to all people. He wanted them to learn how to live in the love of God and one's neighbour, and to know what mattered most in life. Many people did not listen, and so Jesus told them that he would give his message to others.

LET US PRAY

Jesus, open our ears to hear your message and help us to understand it. Help us to share the message of your saving love with others, so that they too, can share in your kingdom.



**International Morning Tea
Sunday 29 October**



Help us celebrate the multiculturalism of our parish by joining us for our International Morning Tea.

- ♦ **Dress in your national costume**
- ♦ **Bring a dish to share that represents your culture**

Don't forget to bring your National Flag to church next weekend.



**AN AFTERNOON OF
FUN, FRIENDS, FAITH AND FOOD
FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-4**



**WHEN: FRIDAY 4.30 - 6PM
13 AND 27 SEPT, 10 AND 25 NOV**
**WHERE: BAYSIDE UNITING CHURCH HALL
420 WONDALL RD. MANLY WEST**
Contact: Nola on 0412 345 752

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING
TEA AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS
TODAY**





**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
TODAY**