

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

RESPONSE: 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. **Response.**

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. **Response.**

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. **Response.**

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. **Response.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CF 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
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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Is 25: 6-10; Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20; Mt 22: 1-14



Safeguarding our Community.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.**

The Catholic Weekly

- Crisis in Armenia: Catholic parliamentarians on refugee crisis frontline
- Pope Francis responds to cardinals' dubia on eve of synod on synodality
- Voice to Parliament: Marathon man Pat Farmer's run for the Voice ends
- Leading voices on Yes and No sides make final pitches to Catholics
- Pat O'Shea: Catholic traditions and the "Lindy effect"
- George Weigel: No, the Synod on Synodality isn't the most important event since Vatican III! (p19)



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	9.30am Communion Service.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
	Exposition & Benediction from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Friday during Exposition and Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)
7th / 8th October 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of Heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
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 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.



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7 / 8 OCTOBER 2023 – TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	DAVID ELLIS	MARC MORELLI
READER	BARBARA CLARK	PAUL TREACY	CELINE LAYOUN / MONALISA CORONA
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	TONI MORFUNI		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE, CHRISTIAN HILL & EL-AZZI FAMILY		GRP 6: SIENNA BUIST, OLIVIA JOMA, ANNA MIRABILE, GENEVIEVE MCPHIE
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 5: PATRICIA HO FRANCESCA HO ANTHONY STANTON		
ALTAR FLOWERS	NONIE HAHN	OCTOBER ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

14 / 15 OCTOBER 2023 – TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERT MORFUNI	JOHN RAPER	GEORGE MOODLEY
READER	LUEN UYMATIAO / BILL KINDER	SHERRY JAYAMMANE	HELEN VAZ
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	ANNA PLEADIN		BUDY WIDJAYA
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 3: BERNLEITNER FAMILY, NIARA PAREKELEM & FREDERICK LI		GRP 7: WIDJAYA FAMILY, ANNABELLE BOGER, LENNOX HO
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 6: STEPHEN RATH PATRICIA BRODERICK ROBERT LEUNG		
ALTAR FLOWERS:	ANNE-MARIE NAGANATHAN	OCTOBER ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

APOSTLES CREED.
I believe God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only son Our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into Hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into Heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints, forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
Amen.

GLORIA.
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PARISH NOTICES:

Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



Baptism this weekend.

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Jayvier Hor. We congratulate his parents Sheila and Maurice and their families.



Parish Council Meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 12th October** at 7pm in the presbytery. If you have any parish suggestions or concerns please speak with Father Simon or any council member: Vern Keyser, Adam Nolan, Barbara Clark, Elizabeth Wheeler, Eric Morelli, George Moodley, Budy Widjaya, Gavin Landers, Mahesh Naganathan, Aruna Perera and Luen Uymatiao



First Reconciliation at Denistone.

Our sacramental programme for Reconciliation will begin with a Parent Information Night on **WEDNESDAY the 18th October** at 7.30pm at the St. Therese Church.



All parents wishing their child to receive their First Reconciliation need to attend this important meeting. Application forms will be available at this meeting.

Day of FIRST CONFESSION: **Friday 24th November 2023 from 4pm to 6pm at the St Therese Church, Denistone.**

Ministry Volunteers.

More volunteers are still needed so don't forget to return your volunteer sheets as soon as possible. Your support to help and participate more fully in our Sunday Masses is needed.



Biblical Spirituality.

Come and join our Tuesday evening group held in the school hall at 7.30pm. The group alternates each week between Liturgy of the Word and Lectio Divina. Everyone is welcome to attend any week you are free with no obligation to come each and every week.



World Mission Sunday 21st & 22nd October.

Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

catholic MISSION Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share the opportunity for you to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale. This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will be generous in the coming weeks

Scams within Parishes and the Archdiocese.

There have been reports of SMS message scams targeting individuals and parishes in the Archdiocese. These scams impersonate the members of the parish, including the priests, asking for urgent help and often requesting gift card purchases for those in need. Rest assured that Fr Simono nor any member of our parish staff would ever ask for such assistance through SMS or any other unsolicited means. If you receive suspicious messages, contact us directly via phone or in person.

OTHER NOTICES:

THE MUSTARD SEED BOOKSHOP

NOW OPENING SATURDAYS

Come visit our new store at
ST MARTHA'S, 38 RENWICK STREET, LEIGHHARDT

Parking: Monday - Friday. We have parking available. Enter through the main gate and find positions 40 and 41.
Saturday - Ample parking

NEW OPENING HOURS: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm & Sat 10-2pm