

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 Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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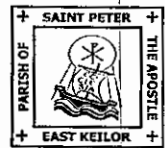
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First Reading Is 5:1-7

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!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Teresa Paradowski

RECENTLY DECEASED

Irene Denis

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Lucia Nguyen Thi Thuyen, Joseph Pham Khanh, Vincenzo D'Agostino, Antonina Iulianella, Carmela Onofrio, Costanzo Sebastiano, Francesco Favata, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Hong, Simon Doan Hieu, Anna Nguyen Lieu, Giuseppe Lamanna

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Next meets on Tuesday, 10th October at 7.30pm in the St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room. Enquiries: Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

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'TRUE NORTH' YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Meets every second Sunday of the month 6:30pm - 8:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass at St Monica's). The night includes food, fellowship, and faith discussion. Location: St Monica's Catholic Church (Symons Centre), 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. Ages 18-35 welcome. More questions: please email truenorth90stable@gmail.com True North is for young adults from all our local region, supported by the local parishes.

ROSARIES FOR SALE

In the narthex **after** Mass. Various prices.

PARISH NEWS

FOR PARISHIONERS WHO WERE NOT HERE LAST WEEKEND:

“My Dear Parishioners, Archbishop Peter Comensoli has asked me to become the Parish Priest of St Mary's, Dandenong, with effect from Wednesday, 8th November 2023.

Fr. Anil Mascarenhas has been appointed to St Peter's as an Assistant Priest temporarily, from the 2nd week of October. He has been serving as an Assistant Priest at St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park.

Please keep myself and Fr Anil in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Sebastian”

A farewell is being organised for Fr Sebastian and details will be advised as soon as possible.

MONTH OF OCTOBER – ROSARY

For the month of October, on weekdays (Tuesday-Friday) and on Saturday mornings commencing at 9.00am, we pray the Rosary, prior to the 9.15am Morning Mass. **Reminder:** Access to car park not available until after 9.00am school days. Please park in street if coming for Rosary.

'BREAK OPEN THE WORD' OR 'DAILY MASS BOOK' - ANNUALS FOR 2024

These 2 resources can be ordered through the Parish Office - \$30 each. 'Break Open the Word' is particularly helpful for Readers of God's Word. Please call the Parish Office or email your order by **Tuesday, 24th October.**

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Are now available for purchase **after** Mass - \$10 each. Please see Ken, Cathey, Adele or Helena or come to the Parish Office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

REFERENDUM ON THE VOICE – VOTING AT ST PETER'S

Next Saturday, 14th October, the Referendum on the Voice takes place. This is a reminder that voting is compulsory by law, for all eligible Australian citizens aged 18 and older.

TRY ALPHA...AND EXPLORE LIFE, FAITH & MEANING Alpha is a safe and judgement free space to have conversations about life's big questions

The Alpha program is a joint initiative of St Peter the Apostle, Keilor East, St John Bosco's, Niddrie and St Martin de Porres, Avondale Heights Parishes. The program started last **Wednesday 4th October 2023** and goes through to the 6th December 2023, from **7:00pm to 9:15pm** at **St Peter's Parish Centre, Keilor East** – Bellarine Avenue entrance (gate beside Tennis Courts). All are welcome and there is no cost although donations are gratefully accepted. For more information or to register, please call Paul Whiting (0488 455 008); or Peter Boudville (0419 381 079). Please see posters in narthex.

NACF AUSTRALIA – NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES

'Family Day' We invite you and your families to join us for the first Melbourne NACF Family Day for 2023. Date: Sunday 22nd October 2023. Location: St Peter's Parish Centre, Keilor East (entry via Bellarine Ave, gate, next to the tennis courts). 12pm-1.30pm – Lunch (please bring a plate to share), 1.30pm Rosary, 2.15pm – Talk, 3.00pm-4.00pm Afternoon tea & Socialising. Please see posters in the narthex. Enquiries: Marc Florio: 0412 252 077 or Arlene Smith: 0422 794 182.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

When: Sunday 22nd October 2023

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne **Time:** 11am

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate. Register by Sunday, 15th October: trybooking.com/CLKRB

For any queries please contact: 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Administration: Stephanie Wood, Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.