

Our parish is our vineyard. It must not produce sour grapes that no one can eat. It must be open to the various ways the Lord speaks to it, whether those people are Church leaders or prophetic voices which may sometimes say things which are painful to hear.

There is always a temptation for a parish to become a security blanket for those who do not want to face up to the challenges facing every society. When that happens, it tends to cling to old, fixed ways of doing things and to resist change. People who propose changes that are necessary in serving a constantly changing society may be resisted and resisted very strongly. Each parish can find itself producing its core of “chief priests and elders” (who, may not be the clergy) who will make sure that prophetic voices (who may be the clergy) and people with real vision will be effectively blocked.

It is just as easy for us in these times to fail to recognise the voice of God in the messengers he sends us, just as the Jewish authorities of Jesus’ time failed to recognise the Word of God in him. It was Cardinal Newman who said more than 100 years ago that “*To live is to change; and to be perfect is to have changed often.*” If we are not really making sure that our vineyard produces rich grapes, not only for us but for others, too, to enjoy, then we are falling short as “tenants”. It may well happen that the Lord may ask others to come and take our place.

If our church was closed down, sold off and turned into a dance hall what real difference would it make to our district? Of course, we who come here regularly would miss it, but what of others who never step inside? Are we really concerned about that impact or do we think more of our own personal religious obligations and needs? Do we measure the quality of our parish by what goes on in this building or by what happens when we leave it? Obviously, both are important but there cannot be one without the other.

*Sacred Space*

# O L I V E R I A N

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### LIVE STREAMED AND TELEVISED MASS FROM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

**SUNDAY 11AM:** Live Streamed and C31 Televised (Channel 44 on Digital TV)  
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<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> and

<https://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb>

Fr Michael is offering the Mass for all community members each week. If you have any special Mass offerings of personal intentions including anniversaries please don't hesitate to send an email or contact the Parish Office on 93543015.

### STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS

All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services are closed with the exception of **FUNERALS**.

Funerals are limited to 10 mourners plus the minimum number required to conduct the funeral.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 3/4 OCTOBER 2020

**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 Lord of all.

**Response to the Psalm:** The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia. I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

### Please remember in your prayers the following:

**Those who have died:** Joan Mullumby, Michael Boler, Maria Vellucci

**Anniversaries:** Ivy Dowling, Tommaso Ferraro, Veronica & Thomas Bolitho

**Those who are ill:** John Cannon, Monica Wickerson,  
Joe Grech, Pasquale Buonomo, Sofia Ruggiero,  
Karen Hardy, Eileen Squires

### Act of Spiritual Communion

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

(St Alphonsus Liguori)

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WHAT KINDS OF PEOPLE become priests, sisters or brothers? Are they uncommonly holy, unusually saint-like? No. They are people who make mistakes, people who aren't afraid to be human while in God's service. Are they people who can't face the competition and cruelty of the 'real' world? No. They are people who believe that through ministry they can immerse themselves in the world and make positive changes. Are they people who don't relate well with other people? No. They are people who love others – people who find real satisfaction chatting with a 93-year-old parishioner, holding the hand of a cancer patient, listening to the troubles of a street-wise teen. They are people with the courage to touch lives, hearts and souls in a high-tech, unchurched world. Are you that kind of person?

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