

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Dear Friends, profit as it is said, is the sole of business. We all like to enjoy the fruit of our labour and will surely feel bad when we failed to have it. This is the logic of Christ's allegorical story (parable) today. With this, Christ invites us to cross-examine a fundamental question in our life: what do we do with the many gifts God has given us? In the gospel, Jesus uses the same pattern that we saw in last Sunday's reading, in his interlocation with the Chief Priests and the Elders. We must remember that they questioned the authority of Christ and are planning to kill him. So, Jesus relays the parable of the landowner and the ungrateful (wicked) tenants.



One common image that unites the first reading and the gospel reading is the image of the vineyard. Theologically speaking, making great inference from the bible, Israel is most times called the vineyard of the Lord (Isaiah 5:1-7, Jer. 2:21, Hosea 10:1, Matt. 21:33-

44). A vineyard needs a lot of devoted care, pruning, manuring, tying back but in the rocky terrain of Israel, more is needed. So, anyone planning to plant a vineyard must put more resources in order to beat the extra geographical exigences that may inhibit a better output. But, come to think of it, of what use are these efforts, if the owner will not get his good produce?

Giving a theological interpretation of the gospel reading, the landowner is God, the vineyard is Israel, as God's special people, and the tenants are the political and religious leaders of Israel. The story emphasizes the failure of the tenants, the Chosen People of God and their leaders, to produce fruits of righteousness, justice and mercy. But this, like all the parables, is held up to us today so that we can see ourselves in it and learn from it. Through the life, mission, death and resurrection, God offers the chance to reap an endlessly abundant harvest of love, mercy and forgiveness. They are offered to us freely out of love. Like those in the gospel, we have to choose freely whether to accept or decline God's generous offer. We are the tenants today and God has certain expectations of us. God looks to us to produce the fruits of love, mercy, compassion and the values of the Kingdom of God. The burning question from this parable to us today is simple but challenging; what sort of fruits and harvest are we producing today in our ordinary daily lives as followers of Jesus?

Have a great Sunday!!!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ST MARY'S CONFERENCE

Food parcels will now be given out every 1st Sunday of the Month. Do not hesitate to let us know if there is anyone or families in dare need of food or clothing.

Legacies: when making your Will have you thought of leaving a legacy to the Parish or diocese?

Gift Aid: If you pay tax as for a Gift Aid form and your one-off signature we get an extra 25%

October Month of the Rosary

Please join in the *October Rosary Whirlwind of the British Isles*. You can join in: Daily 8.00pm Online Rosary around Britain (Bishop John will lead from our Cathedral on Sundays); the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Whirlwind Rosary Day on Tuesday 13 October; the Halloween 9.00am-9.00pm Rosary Rally around the Dioceses of Britain; and the All Saint and All Souls Thanksgiving Online Rosaries at 8.00pm. For all the details go to www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk 'One day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, Our Lady will save the world.' Saint Dominic.

SAVE THE RIGHT TO SAVE LIVES

The right to gather peacefully and offer help to pregnant women approaching an abortion clinic is under attack again.

Pro-life vigils outside abortion clinics can save unborn lives.

The offer of help from a caring pro-life person is a lifeline for many women, who feel abortion is their only choice.

Pro-life citizens have a right to gather peacefully, and women have a right to receive the information they offer.

Abortion clinic buffer zones would set a dangerous precedent for freedom of speech in the UK Go the SPUC website to sign the petition against MP's efforts to curb free speech.



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4th October 2020

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Parish Mass & Prayer Times

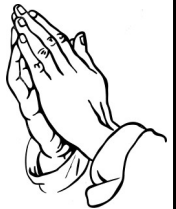
Weekday Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:30am

Wednesday @7:00pm

Exposition/Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:00am

Confessions: Wednesday after evening Mass

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil @ 4pm, & 5pm,
Sunday @ 10:00am & 11:00am



N/B Because of the limited number allowed, we appeal to everyone to make use of the booking system on our Parish website www.stmaryrcpaisley.com to book a ticket for the weekend mass you wish to attend.

Baptism: Arrange with the priest

Marriage: Give at least six months notice (see Fr Jude)

SUNDAY HOLY MASS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm Response: "The Vineyard of the Lord is the House of Isreal"

SECOND READING: Phil 4:6-9

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:33-43

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PARISH NOTICE

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' GROTTO/ MEMORIAL WALL

It is the intention of the Parish to create a Memorial Wall containing the names of deceased relatives and friends of our parishioners. The wall will flank the newly acquired beautiful statue of Our Lady at the rear garden area of the Church. The names of our loved ones will be etched onto terracotta red brick tiles and applied to the existing wall.

Financing of the bricks will be through sponsorship, on which hopefully, we will be able to claim gift-aid from the government for any UK taxpayers. However, if you are not a taxpayer, you can still purchase bricks. There are two sizes of brick available;

1. single brick with two lines containing 16 characters per line maximum E.g. in loving memory (16)
of John Smith (13).

2. double brick with 4 lines of 16 characters per line maximum.

Please note on both types of brick, a space counts as a character.

Suggested contribution/Sponsorship
£20 per single brick
£30 per double brick

Examples of both sizes of brick can be found beside our lady's statue or Contact Gerry McCourt

Sponsorship forms are now available and we are hoping to place the first order at the start of September.

Please note, due to the high postage costs, it is more economical to order a large batch at the same time. Individual orders cannot be placed and will have to wait until the next batch is ordered.

DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

First Communion Mass in October

Please keep in your prayers our P5 Pupils in St Mary's Primary who will make their first communion this month. Due to the current guideline and to enable better participation, they have been divided into four groups for the four Sundays in October.

First Communion Mass will be at 10am

RCIA 2019-2020 Group

Catechumens will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Saturday October 10th at 10am. Please keep these our brothers and sisters in your prayers.

We welcome them to St Mary's and into the Catholic Faith. Special thanks to Allan and Carol Wright

200 Club Payment:

Second half Payment of £12 is due. Members who are yet to pay are encouraged to do so. We welcome new members. Remember is a way you support our parish. Please put payment in an envelope with 200 Club with your name on the outside and put it in the offertory box. Speak to Gerry or Kay. New Members are welcome.

October with Mary

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am for Adoration and Rosary. Livestream Rosary every Wednesday after 7pm Mass.

PUBLICATION OF IN GOD'S IMAGE V.2



'In God's Image' - the document which is an 'Instruction on Safeguarding' from the Bishops of Scotland to all Catholic jurisdictions in Scotland - was published in March 2018 initially for a three-year period. The Bishops are now preparing for the publication of version 2 of this document to reflect any significant Safeguarding developments that have occurred since first publication. The intended publication date is June 2021. Until then, 'In God's Image' V1 will remain valid.

The Bishops are seeking views from all interested groups and individuals on any changes they would propose to the current text in the light of their experience. This invitation extends to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, organisations, to clergy and laypeople, to professional Safeguarding staff and volunteers, to those in Scotland and beyond, to those in other churches or faith groups and to all who are interested in keeping children and vulnerable adults safe in every Church environment.

Above all, the Bishops are keen to hear from survivors or victims of abuse so that the Church can learn from past mistakes and plan to ensure appropriate and sensitive responses to all allegations and concerns.

If you wish to offer any suggestions for changes to the current text of 'In God's Image', please use this form <https://bit.ly/3cuTsnP>. NB. **The closing date for submission of comments is 30th November 2020.**

Marriage Matters (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Isaiah 5:1-7 Phil 4:6-9 Matt 21:33-43)

Loving and honouring each other and the Lord

When you married you took each other for better, for worse. God experienced the 'worse' when his 'bride', the Jewish people, rejected him by worshipping other gods. The 'worse' for you may be when your spouse mocks your beliefs. Have you shared your hurt, let them know your pain? Remember, though, that God has loved the 'worst' in you.

Peter's Pence Collection - 4th October 2020

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity. Through it, every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. It is an activity that also supports the most needy and ecclesial communities in difficulty who approach the Apostolic See for help. To donate to this special collection, please visit https://www.mygivinghub.com/detailed/donate?charity_id=1086351. Thank you

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We are grateful to everyone for the support so far and we still appeal for donations to support the parish at this crisis time. You can set up a direct debit or gift aid your donations. To do this, speak to Fr Jude or you can download the forms from our parish website following this link <http://stmaryrcpaisley.com/financial-giving/>

As a parish Community we pray especially for

Those who are sick

Agnes Cattigan Christine McAllister John Allison Sarah Jessiman
Sarah McCann Martin Rogers John Kerr Margaret Ella Craig
Winifred Kidd Declan Healy Kay Brassington John Doherty
Alan Morrison Donna Sim Stuart McManus Helen Mackey Ian Scott
Doreen Chin Anthony Cannon Jimmy McMenemy

Those who are recently deceased

Patrick Brannigan Mary Meehan

Those whose anniversaries occur

Tony Durnian Ellen Woods
Tommy McBride