

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7
Israel is pictured as a well-tended vineyard that has only produced sour grapes.

Responsorial Psalm 79:9,12-16,19-20
The Vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9
Paul urges the community to fill their minds with all that is good and true so that the peace of God may be with them.

Gospel Acclamation:

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
Jesus uses the parable of the vineyard to warn the Jewish leaders of their failures in leadership.

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Sunday 4th October 2020

Sunday Year A

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Cycle II

Service Times & Intentions

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| Saturday (St Michaels) | 3 Oct | 5.30pm | Dec'd Barber & Biggin Family Members, and Hugh Cochrane RIP |
| Sunday (St Michaels) | 4 Oct | 9.00am | People of the Parish |
| Sunday (St Helen`s) | 4 Oct | 11.00am | Catherine and Thomas Freaney RIP |
| Tuesday | 6 Oct | 12.00pm | Kath & Terry Whiteley RIP |
| Wednesday | 7 Oct | 12.00pm | Beard Family, living and deceased |
| Thursday | 8 Oct | 11.00am* | Pat Ryan RIP |
| Thursday(St Michael`s) | 8 Oct | 1.30pm | Requiem Mass for Mary McNally |
| Friday | 9 Oct | 9.00am* | Mary McNally RIP |
| Friday | 9 Oct | 11.00am | Funeral service for Gordon English |
| Saturday | 10 Oct | 12.00pm | Deceased members of the Callaghan Family |
| Saturday (St Michaels) | 11 Oct | 5.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Sunday (St Michaels) | 11 Oct | 9.00am | Sr Ann Coyle RIP |
| Sunday (St Helen`s) | 11 Oct | 11.00am | Brian McAllister RIP |

"When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

The Industrial Revolution of the nineteenth century was a time of extraordinary change. Workers moved from rural agricultural work to the intensive working conditions of the new mills and factories in the towns. Slavery had been abolished in the fairly recent past, but people continued to live and work in an environment with very few rights and little hope of improvement. However, there were a number of industrialists, inspired by their Christian faith, who realised that better living and working conditions would benefit both the owners and the workers. Model villages can still be seen in England at Bourneville in Birmingham, Saltaire near Bradford and Port Sunlight on Merseyside.

Pope Leo XIII, in his 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, was the first of a succession of popes to teach about labour relations and the just reward of workers. Catholic social teaching continues to have an influence on the way society should treat its workforce in the changing conditions of today's world.

In his parables, Jesus uses the life experience of the people to teach them about the kingdom of God and about the relationships that we need to develop if our lives are to reach their ultimate fulfilment in the kingdom of heaven. The stories relate to what the people know about life at home – farming, fishing, building – and how to make these things work for the common good. They are examples which even today relate to life as we know it. In the Gospel today, the context is a vineyard, with tenants employed to manage it. Having been left with the responsibility, these tenants begin to think of it as "their" vineyard and when the time comes to produce the harvest for the owner they resent it. They beat up and kill the owner's representatives, including, finally, his own son.

The story is an allegory. Jesus reminds the chief priests and elders of the prophecy of Isaiah, today's first reading. God is the creator of the vineyard, God's own people, on whom God has spent a great deal of love and attention, but has not received the harvest which was expected. Jesus develops this image, focusing on those who are now responsible for the care of this vineyard: the priests and elders. They have begun to think of the people as their own possession and so reject the message of

the emissaries of God, the prophets. Now is the time for the final act, where they reject the Son, Jesus, and are about to kill him.

So what has all this to do with us today? First of all, we are responsible citizens. Each and every one of us has a care for everyone else and for what Pope Francis calls "our common home". We are all workers in the vineyard of the Lord. This is not something exclusively for church leaders, but for all of us. It's not something that relates only to religious things, but to everything and everybody who shares this planet with us. It's about making the world the place God wants it to be.

Over the centuries there have been movements of conquest and colonisation, which have led to the enslavement and oppression of millions of people. There have been wars of liberation and there have been transformations of culture as human beings have learned the ways of international cooperation and peace. However, there are continuing examples of war and violence all around the world. With this as the constant backdrop, the word of God provides us with a vision of a world at peace where kingdoms and peoples gather in unity to worship the one God and Lord of all. The role of God's people is to give witness to the possibility of such a reality, to produce the good fruits of God's vineyard. Jesus came to reinforce this message of peace and reconciliation and sent out his disciples to demonstrate a new way of living together – the way of forgiveness and service. There is no place in God's world for violent oppression and exploitation of others. The death and resurrection of Jesus is God's answer to human selfishness and greed. Today, the disciples of Jesus, his Church, you and I, are the tenants responsible for producing the fruits of the harvest of God's vineyard.

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Prayers for the Sick

We pray for our sick and/or housebound parishioners. We remember especially Anne Whittingham, Terence Dyson, Sue Bird, David Hardy, Tess Lynch, Carol Beard, Edna Yates, Justin Phillip Collins, Hannah Prentiss, Pat and Colin Hermitage, Thomas Collins, Norma Marshall, Lesley Easton, Val Armstrong, Minnie Helen Pozorski, Terry Mullins, Matthew Deakin, Margaret Booker, Anne Lacey, Kath Cragg, Michael Foy, Shirley Broadhead, Norah Preuss, Mavis Guilcher, and Andrew Chandler.

Requiescant in Pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gordon English who died recently and keep his family and friends in your prayers. The funeral service is on Friday 9th October at 11.00am

Please remember that numbers of mourners are restricted to 30.

Message from St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Since the start of the pandemic the society has continued it's work, praying for you all, befriending parishioners (by telephone) and making generous hardship donations to needy individuals and families.

Unfortunately we have not had our usual sources of income this year but the need to reach out to those most vulnerable has increased, to continue this vital work we would very much welcome direct donations of any amount, whatever you can give

will be appreciated and used to help needy people during this very difficult time. Donations can be made to our bank account: 60-60-04 a/c no. 46087583 or you can text the number below if you wish to donate in another way. Any requests for assistance can be made by **text message** to [07873 407866](tel:07873407866), additionally we welcome enquires from any volunteers wishing to join in our work.

For assistance please send name and contact details to the number above and we aim to get back to you within 24/48 hours. More details on the assistance SVP offer and volunteering opportunities can be found at <https://www.svp.org.uk>.
God bless.

Annual Mass Attendance Count

Mass attendance figures need to be collected for this weekend and for next weekend, thank you.

Lee Conway

This weekend we will be having a second collection for Lee, one of our parishioners, as he heads to a seminary in Spain, to enable him a little comfort during his years of study.

Donations and Weekly Offerings

Please continue, if you can, to donations via PayPal, online payments and Standing Order. This is our main source of income. Donations to the parish can be made online via PayPal at

corpuschristi.hallam-diocese.com/parish-news/donate-if-you-can/

Another way is to donate is by Standing Order and the form is available on the website. Please note that the full name of the account is

`Diocese of Hallam, Corpus Christi Parish`.

Apostles` Creed

I believe in 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, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous Father: it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. In particular, you call some to serve you as ministers in your church. Bless our Diocese of Hallam by raising up faith-filled and dedicated priests, deacons and religious. Bless our families and choose from our homes those who are needed for your mission.

Blessed John Anne

Pray for us

Blessed Robert Ludlam

Pray for us

Blessed Nicholas Garlick

Pray for us

Blessed William Richardson

Pray for us

O Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help

Pray for us