

# BULLETIN

## St Pius X Church

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

4th October 2020



Christ our Anchor

## Manning Parish

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Sunday Reflection by Fr John Thornhill sm



Seen from a human point of view, salvation history (the story of God's dealings with humanity) is a tragedy; but the divine mercy and generosity has turned this tragedy into God's triumph. This great drama comes to its climax, of course, in the life, death and resurrection of the Saviour: 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son'. The parable of Jesus in today's reading from Matthew's gospel refers to the tragedy that he now recognises to be inevitable. We have already become familiar with the original form of the parables of Jesus: a story that leaves his hearers confronted by an unsettling question. Today's study of the formation of the gospels makes it clear that, as these parable stories were retold in the preaching of the early Church, they were often added to, to bring out lessons for later audiences. And it is evident that this parable – originally a challenge to leaders of the Jewish nation – has become, for those who have suffered persecution from the synagogue, a condemnation of the 'chief priests and elders of the people'. The fact that Jesus foretells his death, but makes no reference to the resurrection that was so central to the faith of the first Christians, makes it clear that the parable is not a creation of the later Christian community, but is recalled as having been told by Jesus himself.

It is not difficult to identify the main elements of the original parable. A story

that reflects common experience captures the attention of the audience, and unfolds predictably; the services of tenant farmers was commonly made use of by absentee landlords – a situation that not infrequently gave rise to disputes and conflicts, particularly if the landlord was not close at hand. At the same time, however, in the back of the minds of the audience is an awareness that, in the traditions of Israel, the vineyard theme has often been used to describe God's dealings with Israel. We are told that the prophet Isaiah's 'Song of love for the vineyard', echoed in the parable, was so well known in the time of Jesus that many people knew it by heart. It is a remarkable declaration – a moving expression of faith in the mysterious love and generosity that found expression in the election of Israel in the plan of God; and at the same time it is an acknowledgement of infidelity and failure. According to the usual pattern, as the story unfolds the audience is suddenly confronted by an unexpected turn of events. In this case it is the unreasonable decision of the landlord to send his own son on an errand that has led to so much violence and bloodshed: 'They will respect my son'. Against the background of the vineyard theme, Jesus, who has come to recognise that his death is inevitable, confronts his hearers with the final expression of the folly of divine love.

As Matthew's community tells the story of the parable, some of the modifications are obvious enough. In their account, the question Jesus puts to the leaders of the people has been added - the lesson of the parable is brought out more clearly, as the leaders are condemned out of their own lips. The reference to the psalm's 'stone rejected by the builders', often repeated in the New Testament, is an explanatory addition, as is the conclusion: 'The Kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit'. Matthew's community knows that the parable is also a challenge for them – as the New Israel, they are now God's vineyard: 'Every branch in me that bears no fruit', Jesus declares, 'my Father cuts away'. Paul tells the Philippians that, if they bear good fruit, 'The God of peace will be with them'.

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## SCHEDULES

### Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

### Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

### Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

### Sacrament of Baptism

#### Welcoming & Naming

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|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Special Ministers | Sat 6.00pm | Suspended temporarily | Suspended temporarily    |
|                   | Sun 7.30am | Suspended temporarily | Suspended temporarily    |
|                   | Sun 9.00am | Suspended temporarily | Suspended temporarily    |
| Readers           | Sat 6.00pm | E Carvalho            | S Hooper                 |
|                   | Sun 7.30am | J Joseph              | T Sweeny                 |
|                   | Sun 9.00am | I Lane                | G Shankar                |
| Altar Servers     | Sat 6.00pm | Suspended temporarily | Suspended temporarily    |
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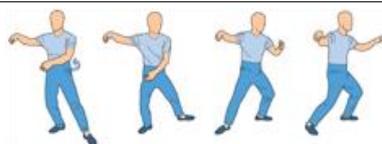
| PARISH CALENDAR |             |  |
|-----------------|-------------|--|
| Oct Sat 3       | 6.00pm      | Vigil Mass (27th Sunday Year A) Church   |
| Sun 4           | 7.30am      | Sunday Mass (27th Sunday Year A) Church  |
|                 | 9.00am      | Sunday Mass (27th Sunday Year A) Church  |
| Mon 5           | 11.00am     | Chinese Mass (27th Sunday Year A) Church |
|                 | 8.00am      | Communion (Ordinary Time Week 27) Church |
| Tue 6           | 8.00am      | Mass (Ordinary Time Week 27) - Church    |
| Wed 7           | 8.00am      | Mass (Our Lady of the Rosary) Church     |
| Thu 8           | 8.00am      | Mass (Ordinary Time Week 27) Church      |
| Fri 9           | 8.00am      | Mass (Ordinary Time Week 27) Church      |
| Sat 10          | 8.00am      | Mass (Ordinary Time Week 27) Church      |
|                 | 5.00-5.30pm | Confession - Church                      |



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\$5 per session

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In Manning Parish Hall  
Every Monday except holidays  
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm

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### Columbarium Expression of Interest

For those who are interested in making reservation and pre-paid for a space, and have not already completed the form, please take the Columbarium booklet and fill in the form at the last page and return it to the office.

You will be contacted once we have all the necessary documentation and policy ready so that we can let you know the cost.

### DONATIONS

Thanks to those who have made their contributions to help with the construction of our Columbarium and a family who have donated toward the purchase of Our Lady's Statue for the Grotto

If you wish to help with the donations of Garden Seats, Plants, the new Paving please see Fr Pat.



### MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be held this Sunday after the 9.00am Mass.

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Confirmation will take place on Saturday 17 October at 10.00am. It could be postponed to 2021 depending on the directives of the government if COVID-19 situation changes.

We will be Live Streaming the Confirmation as we can only have 150 people in the church at any one time. Therefore, the number we can have for one family is child, 2 parents and sponsor.

Please pray for our young people as they and their family help them in their preparations to receive the Sacrament.

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## First Reading

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

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

*Psalm 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

*Philippians 4:6-9*

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

*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*

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.'

## Next Sunday Readings

**28th Sunday Year A 11 October 2020**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart



This parable couldn't be more obvious. The vineyard owner's son is killed by the tenants, so then the vineyard owner will lease the vineyard to different people who will care for the grapes in an honest and respectable way, in memory of his son who died. Jesus switches symbols from grapes to bricks, and then emphasises how the cornerstone is the very stone that was initially rejected by the

builders of the structure. Jesus challenges us to look deeply into this symbolism.

Who are the rejected bricks and stones at your school? Are there any outcast students who are mocked by others? Why are certain people judged to be more popular or less popular than others?

What would Jesus say about the value of less popular individuals?

How would your reaction to them be different if you took this Gospel message seriously? Are you going to change your reaction to them? Why or why not?

Who are the newer people that lease the land and help to harvest the grapes? Are you in this category?

Who are the tenant farmers? Who are the builders who dislike the cornerstone? Are you in this category?



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