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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY
CELEBRATED AT
10AM MASS**

BAPTISMS

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE
THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE.

MARRIAGES

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S
(PRIMARY) 8251 9500
CARIGNANE ST,
WYNN VALE 5127

GLEESON COLLEGE
(SECONDARY) 8282 6600
40-60 SURREY FARM DRIVE,
GOLDEN GROVE 5125

PARISH CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

THERESE MEYERS: 0421 533 761
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4th October 2020

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - Green

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**We acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of this region.
Let us share and learn together for reconciliation and justice.**

MASS TIMES

ST JOHN XXIII
Hope Valley

Monday 9.15am
Tuesday 9.15am
Thursday 9.15am
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8am



HOLY TRINITY
Para Hills

Wednesday 7pm
Friday 9.15am
(Adoration Before Friday Mass
commencing 8.30am)
Saturday 9.15am
Sunday 10am

**Due to space restrictions and the need to socially distance
we are currently restricting attendance to
100 people at Holy Trinity & 120 people at St John XXIII
Please contact the Parish Office to book your place at Mass.**

Christian Stewardship: Responding with Responsibility

In today's gospel we have the parable of the wicked tenants. This is an allegory told by Jesus during Passover week in the Temple precincts of Jerusalem. This story is one of the three "parables of judgment" which Jesus told in response to the question put forward by the Scribes and the Pharisees about his authority to teach in the Temple. It was intended to be a strong warning to the Jews in general; and to the Scribes and the Pharisees in particular, as they were planning to kill Jesus, the Messiah for whom Israel had waited for centuries. Thus, this parable of the wicked tenants is a theological summary of the entire history of the ingratitude, infidelity, and hard-heartedness of the Chosen People. Its importance is shown by its appearance in all the three Synoptic Gospels. Today's gospel calls for responsibility and accountability in our dealings with God, which include our dealings with our fellow human beings. Jesus directed the parable of the wicked tenants at the Jewish leadership of his day. The parable has a lot to teach us about stewardship. As such it has very important lessons for church leaders in particular but also for all of God's people in general.

The parable reflects the frictions in tenant/landlord relations in Palestine. Most of the vineyards were owned by rich, absentee landlords living in Jerusalem, Damascus, or Rome, who leased their lands to tenants and were interested only in collecting rent. The country was experiencing a lot of economic unrest. The working people were discontented and rebellious, and the tenant farmers had picked up the revolutionary slogan, "land for the farmer." Hence, they often refused to pay the rent previously agreed upon and, in some cases, assaulted the landowner's representatives. It is natural, then, that Jesus' parable should reflect the popular hatred of foreign domination and the monopolizing of agricultural land by a rich minority who supported Roman rule and could be easily grasped by his listeners.

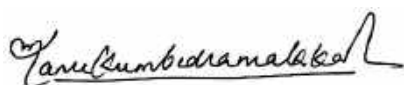
According to the New Jerusalem Bible, "The theme of Israel as a vine, chosen and then rejected, had been introduced by Hosea, 10:1, and was taken up by Jeremiah, 2:21; 5:10; 6:9; 12:10, and Ezekiel, 15:1-8; 17:3-10; 19:10-14." The reference is

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also made in Psalms 80:8-18; and Isaiah, Is 27:2-5. Jesus gave it a new twist in the parable of the wicked tenants in Mt. 21:33-44 and parallel Gospel passages. In John 15:1-2 Jesus unfolds the mystery of the 'true' vine. Other aspects of the vine theme appear in Dt. 32:32-33 and Sirach 24:17." This powerful prophetic allegory was so well-known that Jesus' Jewish audience immediately understood that he was talking about them in the parable. But Jesus makes changes in Isaiah's imagery. He makes himself the vineyard owner's son and adds the concept of "tenant-farmers." Here, instead of Yahweh destroying the wild vines, the owner of the vineyard, according to the judgment of the audience whom Jesus asked for a judgment, "will bring that wicked tenants to a bad end and will lease the vineyard to others who see to it that he has grapes at vintage time." In this parable, the ungrateful and murderous tenants are the uncooperative vines of Isaiah. Jesus then turns the crowd's stern verdict, calling for rejection and destruction, against themselves through a telling quotation of Psalms (118: 22), "the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

The Lord's Vineyard at present is the Church, and we Christians are the tenants whom God expects to be responsible tenants. The parable warns us that if we refuse to reform our lives, to become productive, we, too, could be replaced as the old Israel was replaced by the "new" Israel. We cease being either God's Vineyard or the tenants of God's Vineyard when we stop relating to others as loving servants to their Master. In the parable, the rent the tenants refuse to pay stands for the relationship with God and with all the people of Israel which the religious leaders refuse to cultivate. This means that before anything else, God checks on how well we are fulfilling our responsibilities to each other as children of God. The parable teaches that instead of glorying in our privileges and Christian heritage, we are called to deeds of love, including bearing personal and corporate witness that invites others into God's kingdom.

Today let us ask a few challenging questions to ourselves; Have we come close to fulfilling God's dream about us? What kind of grapes do we as a parish community produce? What is our attitude toward everything God has given to us? Are we grateful stewards for everything God has given to us, or are we like the ungrateful tenants who acted as if they owned everything God had given them? Do we practice justice every day of our lives? Do we recognize the righteousness of God that keeps us from self-righteousness? Do we remember to show mercy? Is our parish a real sign of Jesus' presence and love? What kind of impact do we have? Do we measure the quality of our parish by what happens during Mass, or on what happens when we leave Church? Obviously, both are important but there cannot be one without the other. Like the managers of the vineyard, everything we have is a privilege and not a merit. This is what we mean when we say that everything is God's grace. Grace is unmerited favour. We are ultimately responsible and accountable to God for the way we use or abuse our God-given privileges. Let us today pray for the wisdom and the courage never to abuse our privileges but rather to make a judicious use of all the privileges and opportunities that God gives us.



Readings for next Sunday, 11th October 2020
 1st Reading Is 25:6 - 10
 2nd Reading Phil 4:12 - 14, 19 - 20
 Gospel Mat 22:1 - 14

Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

6th Oct St Bruno
 7th Oct Our Lady of the Rosary
 9th Oct St Denis & Companions
 St John Leonardi

Our Community's Prayer Petitions

PLEASE NOTE: THE NAMES ON THE SICK LIST WILL REMAIN FOR TWO MONTHS ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST: Please note that names can only be added to this list by immediate family, or the ill person themselves (for reasons of privacy).

Please Remember in your Prayers THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially:

Sandra Dini, Joan Walmsley, Ursula Moore, Lil Buckley, Jason Mittiga, Pat Collins, Ruby Brokensha, Anne Van Der Arend, Margaret Pitt, Patricia Kopf, Darcy Ridley, Paul Holmes, Father Peter Milburn, Maria Hand, Emma Gammon, Asher Caudle, David North, Elijah Neri, Wayne Collins, Marg Dolman, Sean Molloy, Antoinette Pascale, Charlotte Fussell, Phyllis Anthony, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath, Ken Robinson, Graham Armstrong, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, David Truman, Bruce McAndie, Rosa Maria Santos, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Jim Marlow, Gerry Canavan, Jayden Lee, Marie Boulton, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Rita Robinson, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy

Recently Deceased

Sr Jan Cetta, Maria Rocca

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING
The next Liturgy Committee Meeting
Wednesday 7th October at 7pm
Contact Therese Meyers on 0421 533 761



Support the works of
 The Holy Father through the

Peter's Pence Collection

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL 2020

A Special Collection will be taken up for the Holy Father's Appeal at all Masses this weekend, 3rd & 4th October 2020.

The Holy Father's Appeal or Peter's Pence Collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm
or www.vinnies.org.au



**St Vincent de Paul
Modbury Conference**

A busier time this week with three home visits to assist with requests for food, bedding and clothing. One call was to a young woman coming out of domestic violence crisis care with very little to start with. Changes (reductions) in JobKeeper and JobSeeker kick in this week, so we're assuming the demand on the pantry will step up accordingly.

Our immediate needs in the pantry are Breakfast Cereal, Tinned Peas/Beans, and small Vegemite.

If you can, please put any or all of these in the basket. We appreciate the assistance this provides us in keeping the pantry stocked.



DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Congratulations
No. 6
Louisa Jacka
Drawn by Sheila Clarke

If you would like to be included in the draw
Please contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806



We welcome to our community, those families who are preparing for their children's baptism during October

Please show your support by making them feel welcome and remembering them in your prayers.

We also welcome with joy all those children who were baptised into our community during September

**Marcel Anthony Musolino,
Alexanderson Lofranco**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
OCTOBER BABIES**

- 4th Oct Steven Horn, Emma Gavini
- 5th Oct Sandra Dennison, Catherine Frawley
- 6th Oct Nora Krakowiak
- 7th Oct Michael Lineage, Alvin Cruz
- 9th Oct Michael Micallef
- 10th Oct Anne Hughes, Lucinda Palmer



Parish Prayer

The following is the second draft of the Parish Prayer which was written after careful and prayerful consideration of all submissions received.

Once again, we invite your feedback. You are asked to send suggested edits / amendments / additions (rather than new or complete prayers) to the parish office by Thursday 8th October so that these can be forwarded to PPC members to allow them to consider your feedback prior to discussion at our October meeting on 13th October.

Parish Prayer – Draft 2

Loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Look upon our community of faith and remind us of Your constant presence. Help us to witness to Your love and let it guide us in all our experiences as a Parish. May we keep our hearts open to Your inspiration as we serve as your disciples, loving one another without exception. We pray this prayer to you God of the most Holy Trinity through the intercession of St John XXIII.
Amen



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The 2020/21 Sacramental program has started. If you have children in Grade Three or higher who wish to join the program, but have not enrolled yet please contact Jen Sherlock at the Parish Office: 8264 7590 or email: pa@paramodcath.com.au

Our next Sacramental Workshop will be on Saturday 17th of October at 4pm at St John XXIII.

Please pray for the children as they begin their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Jesus, open our ears to hear your message and help us to understand it. Help us to share the message of your saving love with others, so that they too can share in your kingdom.
Amen

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!

PRAYER MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tue	6th Oct	Legion of Mary	11.30am	Holy Trinity
Wed	7th Oct	Liturgy Committee	7pm	Private Residence
Thur	8th Oct	Legion of Mary	6pm	Holy Trinity
Sat	10th Oct	Treasure Market	8am - 12noon	St John XXIII
Sun	11th Oct	Legion of Mary (North East Curia)	2pm	Holy Trinity



SEASON OF CREATION

A Jubilee for the Earth
1st September – 4th October

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. It is a time when we join the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

As Catholics we are called by Pope Francis to encourage the People of God to accelerate their walks towards new paths for the Church and for an integral ecology by planning activities for the Season of Creation.

In keeping with the theme, drawn from the Old Testament, we can focus on reducing our impacts on Earth and on the most vulnerable people. Activities might include a special Eucharist or pilgrimage walk, sustainability practices or advocacy initiatives to respond to "the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor."

The Adelaide and Port Pirie Dioceses are developing a "Council for Integral Ecology" to encourage all parishioners and Catholic bodies to embrace the teaching of Laudato Si' in practical and faithful ways.

For information about future events, including details of times and registration go to <https://seasonofcreation.org/events/>

Adore Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections

Adore is an 88-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (29 November 2020) through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2021).

We will be placing an order for the Adore Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection Book this year. Books will be \$4 each and will be available to collect from the Parish office in early November.

If you would like to purchase a copy please contact the Parish office before Friday 23rd October 2020 to place your order.

TREASURE MARKET RECOMMENCING

Second Saturday of each month
8am to 12noon

Next: 10th October 2020
St John XXIII Centre

Sellers \$10—Buyers free!

PLEASE SEND SMALLER GOODS OUR WAY,
THEY CAN BE LEFT ON THE SHELVES IN THE
MARKET WALKWAY

OR IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF ST JOHN XXIII
CHURCH, ALSO IN A BOX IN THE CRY ROOM
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

All monies raised from the Market
are donated to the Parish.

WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS
TVs, MATTRESSES, SOFAS, LOUNGE CHAIRS &
WARDROBES AS WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SELL THEM.

COVID SAFE REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY

Adult Confirmation

This year adult confirmation is scheduled for
Saturday October 17 at the 6pm Mass
in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral
celebrated by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan.

Candidates will need to attend a preparation session
on Saturday October 10 from 1pm to 2.30pm
in the Cathedral Hall.

Anyone interested in being confirmed at this Mass is
asked to contact Kathy Horan of the Office for Worship
on P: 8210 8288 or

E: khoran@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au

Christian Life Program (CLP) For Women



Watch this space, for women only!

Do you feel cut off from everyone and are
feeling lonely and would like to share
your faith with someone?

If your answer is yes, please take note of our
Christian Life Program (CLP) for women via Zoom
starting 11th Oct, Sunday, 2pm to 4:30pm for
7 consecutive Sundays, concluding 22nd Nov 2020.

If you would like to hear more, please contact
Angela Zakarias 0401 205 636,
leave your name & number and brief message
and Angela will call you back to discuss further.



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The October edition of The Southern Cross
is available from both Mass Centres
and the Parish Office at a cost of \$2
or online at www.thesoutherncross.org.au