

4th October 2020: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



THE LORD OF THE VINEYARD

God is master of all creation and giver of all gifts. Do we use the gifts God has given us as God wants us to? If our lives are full of prayer and thanksgiving, then the God of peace will always be with us.

He will lease the vineyard to other tenants

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 03 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Holy Souls
Sun 04 09.30 11.00	<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> Wellbeing of Cathy Smullen Rita Fahy RIP
Mon 05 09.30	Len Maskell RIP
Tue 06 09.30	Sheila & Patrick O'Driscoll RIP
Wed 07 09.30	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> Adi Yazdabadi RIP
Thu 08 09.30	Norah & Magdalen Murray RIP
Fri 09 09.30	<i>Saint John Henry Newman</i> Mimi Parkinson RIP
Sat 10 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Wellbeing of Brian Long
Sun 11 09.30 11.00	<i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> Thanksgiving for the Wellbeing of Maman Lea Badjo Mass

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

"My banquet is all prepared, everything is ready, come.."

St Thomas Aquinas says: "If then you ask which way to go, accept Christ, for he is the way: 'This is the way, walk in it.' (Isaiah 30:21)".

St Augustine says: "Walk like this human being and you will come to God. It is better to limp along on the way than to walk briskly off the way. For the one who limps on the way, even though he makes just a little progress, is approaching his destination; but if one walks off the way, the faster he goes the further he gets from his destination. If you ask where to go, cling to Christ, for he is the truth which we desire to reach."

CENTENARY YEAR FOR STELLA MARIS

Stella Maris is celebrating 100 years of its support to seafarers, fishers, and their families. To mark the beginning of this centenary year they will be holding a live streamed mass celebrated by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia.

Please join the mass on Sunday 4th October at 3pm. The mass will be streamed live at:

www.stellamaris.org.uk/centenarymass

SECOND COLLECTION

CAFOD (Harvest Fast Day)

Please use the attached envelope or visit:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Offertory: £270 (Gift-Aided), £284 (Non Gift-Aided)

Standing Orders: £550

MASS COUNT LAST WEEK

Saturday 6:30 pm: 37

Sunday 9.30 am: 75, 11 am: 112

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

Gift Aid Tax payers can increase their donations by 25% at no cost to yourself. Contact the parish house for more details.

Standing Order A/c Name: **RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham**
Sort Code: **60-21-12** A/c No: **37298445**

Cheques Payable to: **RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham**
Cash Offertory collection at Mass.

NHS TEST AND TRACE



As you know you must complete a NHS Test and Trace form either before coming to Church, or at the door.

However, those using the NHS COVID-19 App, can now scan the QR Code on the poster, on either of the two noticeboards as you enter Church.

CONTACT POINTS

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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 the Lord of all.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

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 build 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 brier 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 79

R. *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

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 you 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.