

## 08<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (A)

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

11am Mass  
Hymns

Entrance: 865  
Gloria: 989

Gospel Accl.<sup>n</sup>: 820  
Communion: 772

Offertory: 908  
Post-Communion: 846

Euch.<sup>c</sup> Prayer: 490  
Recessional: 341



### 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.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

#### Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 07 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Wellbeing - Mary McDonagh
Sun 08 09:30 11:00	✠ <b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (A)</b> Eufrasia Rubaya RIP - James & Laura's Engagement - Oluchukwu Michael Eneh 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Mon 09 09:30	Saint John Henry Newman Theresa Anthony RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Rosary
Tue 10 09:30	Birthday Blessings - Helen Hector Rosary
Wed 11 09:30	Thanksgiving - Mathura & family and Vimalaraj & family Rosary
Thu 12 09:30	Julian Gracey RIP Rosary
Fri 13 09:30	Saint Edward the Confessor John & Julie Tierney RIP Exposition
Sat 14 09:30 18:30	People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Deceased member of the Ingram family
Sun 15 09:30 11:00	✠ <b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (A)</b> Geordie & Kathleen Duffy RIP Wellbeing - Harry Campbell & Gerard O'Neill

#### Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter, it will run for a month per request. Please send an email to: [regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk).

#### Sharing the Word

**First Reading** - This talks about the owner of a vineyard who did everything he possibly could for his vineyard, yet all it produced was sour grapes. The owner of the vineyard is God. The vineyard stands for the people of Israel. The care lavished on the vineyard by its owner represents God's care for his people. God expected justice from his people, but all he got was bloodshed. Because the vineyard failed to respond to God's gracious care, it will become what it had been without his favour, namely, a wilderness.

**Second Reading** - Paul warns the converts at Philippi against anxiety, and advises them as to how they should live in order to enjoy the peace of God.

**Gospel** - The parable is an allegory of God's dealings with his people. The landowner is God and the vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more especially the religious leaders who had been given charge of the vineyard by God. The servants are the prophets sent by God and so often rejected and killed. The son and heir is Jesus himself whom they killed. Jesus tells them that the vineyard will be taken

from the original tenants (the Jews), and let out to other tenants (the Gentiles).

### RCIA Course 2023/24

Adults who regularly come to our church for Mass and who are interested in becoming a Catholic, are welcome to join the RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Anybody interested should contact Fr Regis.

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation for 2024

The application forms for FHC and Confirmation are now available. Please collect the appropriate form from the folder which is on the table at the back of the church. And remember, we will not take more than 20 candidates for Confirmation.

### Signing of School Forms

Please note that I do not sign school forms on Sundays. Parents with school forms to be signed please book an appointment for a time during the week. Thank you.

### Sick and Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take Holy Communion to them.

### Local Forthcoming Events

Formation day: **Called to Pray**: for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, will be held on Sat 21<sup>st</sup> October at Bishop Thomas Grant School.

### Other Forthcoming Events

Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities Seminar — Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October — [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk).

### CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal



This weekend's second collection is for the Fast Day Appeal, along with any envelopes given out last week. You can also give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk), or scan the QR code.

If you Gift Aid, or are a UK tax payer, please gift aid your donation.

### Life Charity

Next weekend's second collection will go toward helping Life's services. They help more than 45,000 people each year meet pregnancy or pregnancy loss with courage and dignity so the people affected can flourish.

Their services include:

- Free emotional help, counselling, and skilled listening via phone, text, email, or in person.
- Housing and community support around the country for mums and their babies.
- Free pregnancy tests and baby supplies.
- Crafting content that educates the public about pregnancy, pregnancy loss, and our work.

Tens of thousands of volunteers, supporters, and donors have joined together to create a world where no one faces pregnancy or pregnancy loss alone. You can donate online at: <https://lifecharity.org.uk/donate/>

### Repository Christmas orders

If you wish to order cards etc. please let either Christine or Joan know after 11am Mass or leave a note and post it through the presbyter letter box marked "Repository Request".

The order will be sent on **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October** and will be the last order placed this year.

### SPECIAL PRAYERS for the SOULS of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

During October you are invited to bring lists of departed loved ones, whom we will remember at Masses throughout November.

There is a yellow box on the table at the back of the Church to receive the names you wish remembered.

Last Week

*Offertory*: Gift Aided: £233, Not Gift Aided: £364

*Mass Count*: Sat (47), Sun 09.30 (111), 11.00 (106)

Second Collection

*Last week*: None

*This week*: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (Envelopes)

*Next Week*: Life Charity (No Gift Aid)

Donate

*Gift Aid*: Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

*Card*: Card Machine in Church Foyer or [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church)

*Standing Order*: Email Treasurer for details.

*Cheque*: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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