

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A

First Reading *Is 5:1-7*  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*  
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.

*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7*

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

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.

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

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.

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

**Second Reading *Phil 4:6-9***  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*  
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.

*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation *See Jn 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 *Mt 21:33-43***

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
*He leased his vineyard to other farmers.*

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*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**  
**Good Wine requires Hard Work**

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God *will* find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to as new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria, the Philippines, Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. This is a challenge for us. It is wonderful to see the energetic work of the new immigrants and refugees in our parishes (including the Bishop of Parramatta!).

We could pause for a moment to commit to taking up the privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church.

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**WEEKLY MASS TIMES**

**Tues 06:** 5.30 Mass  
**Wed 07:** 9am Mass  
**Thurs 08:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 09:** 9.15am Mass  
**Sat 10:** 9am Rosary /Mass  
9.30am Recon  
6pm Mass  
**Sun 11:** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass

**ROSTERS 3/4 OCTOBER**

**Church Cleaning**  
B Coffey/M Paine (5-9)  
**Welcomers**  
6pm Sr Marie McAlister  
9am C Connell  
5pm M deSmet  
**Commentator**  
6pm J Quigley  
9am L Page  
5pm M Devine  
**Readers:**  
6pm J Mackay  
9am B Basevi  
5pm K O'Sullivan  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
6pm, M Bridges  
9am K Corbin,  
5pm J O'Sullivan  
**Computer Screen**  
6pm K Conway  
9am T Priest  
5pm M O'Neill  
**REGISTRARS**  
6pm P Billington  
9am B Basevi, G Norris  
5pm N Beatty

**ROSTERS 10/11 OCTOBER**

**Church Cleaning**  
**R & K Ison (12-16)**  
**Welcomers**  
6pm B Wilson  
9am L Page  
5pm D Ebejer  
**Commentator**  
6pm P Billington  
9am C Lowe  
5pm S Ebejer  
**Readers**  
6pm M Bridges  
9am M Lowe  
5pm M O'Neill  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
6pm Sr Marie  
9am C Schor  
5pm Volunteer  
**Computer Screen**  
6pm K Conway  
9am T Jackson  
5pm J O'Sullivan  
**REGISTRARS**  
6pm G & M Weatherall  
9am B Basevi, G Norris  
5pm M deSmet

**27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A**

**October, the Month of Mary, and Mission.**

The tenth month of the calendar year is of significance for several reasons. In Catholic tradition, it is marked as the month of Mary, the rosary (*celebrated October 7<sup>th</sup>*) and Mission. In political history, it is the month of independence for The Peoples' Republic of China, Belgium and indeed, the reunification of a 'common' Germany. St. Francis of Assisi's eventful life ended in October. In New South Wales, the first Monday marks Labour Day and for Queenslanders, it is the Queen's Birthday, therefore, the long weekend to celebrate.

Meanwhile, since the 16th century, catholic piety finds expressions in the different months of the year. For instance, November is the month for the Holy Souls. The months of May and particularly October are devoted to Mary and the prayer of the Rosary. Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903), started this practice at the close of the 18th century during his pontificate. In a Letter of September 1, 1883, mindful of the Rosary's power to strengthen faith and foster a life of virtue, he outlined the triumphs of the Rosary in past times and admonished the faithful to dedicate the month of October to the Blessed Virgin through the daily recitation of the Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in order to obtain through her intercession, graces, God's consolation and protection in trying times.

Additionally, Pope St. John Paul II, declared that, the rosary is a powerful prayer and weapon and can affect and benefit us significantly each time we pray the rosary. It represents the most effective means of fostering among the faithful the commitment to the contemplation (a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus) of the Christian mystery, the life of Jesus and Mary's role in Salvation. In his Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, "On the Most Holy Rosary", St John Paul II explains further this wonderful devotion and introduces the Luminous mysteries.

Importantly, the month of October is also set aside for an annual reflection and renewal of the Church's commitment to her mission mandate. This year, Pope Francis has adopted the Theme: *Here am I, send me (Is. 6.8)*. According to Pope Francis, *this is the ever-new response to the Lord's question: "Whom shall I send?"* This invitation from God's merciful heart is a challenge for both the Church and humanity especially in the face of the global pandemic, placing everyone in the same boat and in need of care, support, and consolation. However, the Church through *her missionary journey* and mandate, must continue to respond fruitfully to the needs in the vineyard. Like the disciples in the Gospel we are *caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm*, exposing our fragility and collective disorientation, yet we are called to row together on mission.

This reawakens the need for prayer and more prayers for the ongoing mission of the Church in a troubled world and we implore Mary's intercession through the rosary, a vocal and meditative prayer. We are therefore invited throughout this month to commit to praying the rosary individually, communally, regularly and if possible, every day.

*Fr Martins*

*We welcome all those visiting for the long weekend. Thank you for  
fellowshipping with us and we wish you an enjoyable stay in  
Batemans Bay.*



## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

### OCTOBER

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community,

beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wrap With Love**  
Tues 13th—10 am  
**Bible Study/Faith Formation**—Wed 9.30am

**Craft Group**—Thursday 10am--12pm

**Adoration**—Friday 5.30 pm  
**Reconciliation**—Saturday 9.30am

**E-Activity Singalong** Mon 1pm



## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

**Founder of the Franciscan Order, born at [Assisi](#) in Umbria, in 1181.**

It has been argued that no one else in history was as dedicated as Francis to imitate the life, and carry out the work of Christ.

He believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his “brothers” and “sisters”, and even preached to the birds and supposedly persuaded a wolf to stop attacking some locals if they agreed to feed the wolf. In his Canticle of the Creatures (“Praises of Creatures” or “Canticle of the Sun”), he mentioned the “Brother Sun” and “Sister Moon”, the wind and water, and “Sister Death”. He referred to his chronic illnesses as his “sisters”. His deep sense of brotherhood under God embraced others and he declared that “he considered himself no friend of Christ if he did not cherish those for whom Christ died”.

For this reason Saint Francis of Assisi is remembered as the patron saint of ecology (nature) and animals. On his feast day we honour him at church with the blessing of the animals.

### World Mental Health Day Saturday 10th October

The words we use matter, especially when speaking about people who are often stigmatised by society through inappropriate or thoughtless use of language. For people with mental illness, the stigma surrounding the illness, rooted in misconceptions and erroneous beliefs, is compounded by the language and descriptions we use. As people of compassion, we should never use stigmatising, demeaning language to describe people who have a mental illness.

We should use appropriate language to describe diseases of the brain and be careful not to misuse terms. Pope St John Paul II said, “It is a way of communicating that people with mental illness, have the inalienable right not only to be considered as an image of God and therefore as a person, but also to be treated as such.”

This year's World Mental Health Day, comes at a time when our daily lives have changed considerably as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The past months have brought many challenges.

On World Mental Health Day, the World Health Organisation will, for the first time ever, host a global online advocacy event on mental health. World leaders, mental health experts and celebrities will join WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus to discuss ways to improve our mental health and make sure quality health care is available to everyone who needs it.

<https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO CAME ALONG TO MASS ON FRIDAY WITH ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE AND SUPPORTED THE MORNING TEA.**



## OCTOBER ROSARY

Everyone is invited to join in praying the Rosary before daily masses or in private at home during the month of October.

There will be a public Rosary held on 10th October at 11am. **Venue:** Russ Martin Park, Shore Street, Moruya. **Contact:** Michael Irwin on 4474 3325 or 0474 939 979 for further details

### 2020 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 18TH

#### Eurobodalla Tea & Talk Sessions Tuesday 13th October 11am-2pm

All residents are invited to come down for a chat and say hello to your neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee. Access to bushfire support services will be available with representatives from the Red Cross, Service NSW and the DPI Rural Recovery Team.

Location—Malua Bay Surf Life Saving Club

#### PPC RENEWAL PROCESS

We are in the process of renewing the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Pastoral Plan. The following parishioners have been invited to participate in the discernment process leading to the renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council. These will collaborate with the incumbent Pastoral Councillors in developing a new Parish Pastoral Plan for 2021-2023. Please keep this process in your payers. *Mick Lowe, Nola Beatty, Miranda Vidovic, Tony DCosta, Judith Baroman, Pat Jobes, Peter O'Kelly, Maria Devine, Saskia Ebejer, Jenny Rzepa*

### Feasts of the Week

**Sun 4th- St Francis of Assisi**  
**Mon 5th- St Maria Faustyna Kowalska**  
**Tues 6th- St Bruno, Blessed Marie- Rose Durocher**  
**Wed 7th- Our Lady of the Rosary**  
**Fri 9th- St Denis et al, St John Leonardi, St Hector**



### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 there will only be one collection which will be deposited in the Parish Operating Account this will include existing Credit Card transactions, Direct Debits, collection box and Tap machine. The collection will then be apportioned with a percentage forwarded to the Archdiocese for the Central Presbytery Fund each month.*

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

**Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786**  
**Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name**

**Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank**

If you currently have a direct debit to the Central Presbytery Fund a suggestion is that it be cancelled and combined into the St Bernard's Operating Account in order to facilitate the continuity of funds. Please contact Anne Jackson in the Parish Office on a Friday from 10am-2pm if you need any further information.

#### Remembering the Sick:

John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Vince Burns, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

#### Death Anniversaries:

Adrian Ebejer, Terence O'Mahony, Domenico Cristallo, Olga Drinan, Kevin Rourke, Alice Stewart, Gregory Chatfield, Ann Smith, John Bradley, Norma Phillips, Vincenzo Biondo, Donald Walker

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish**

#### Community:

Ian McAdam, Pio Liberale, Amelia Davis, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey, Jan Schor, Dennis Mayer, Regina Mass, Kathleen Brown, Evert Ordeman, Mato Katic, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Tony Craddy, Anne Bevern, Sylvia Mayer, Veronica Holmes, Barbara Simpson, Anacoria Villanueva Senci, Hilda Muldoon, Philip Lewis

## Parish Coffee Club

On a break for two weeks over the school holidays

## CROATIAN MASS

11 am SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER.  
ALL WELCOME

## MORNING REFLECTION & PRAYER

Celebrating with Mary MacKillop “Take Fresh Courage” 10th Year of Canonisation

**DATE: Saturday Oct 17th**  
**VENUE: St Joseph's Convent Chapel**

**TIME: 9.45 registration 10 am—12.30 pm**

**Facilitators: Sr Marie McAlister rsj & Marie Weatherall**

*Morning Tea provided*  
**Please bring a plate to share for Pot Luck lunch**  
**RSVP by October 10th to Sr Marie on 0429 383 333**

<p>Batemans Bay, Moruya &amp; Narooma</p> <p><b>District Funerals</b></p> <p>Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886</p> <p>Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888</p>	<p><b>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</b></p> <p>1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay</p> <p>Buy fuel any time</p> <p>EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
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<p><b>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</b></p> <p>Fish &amp; Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches &amp; Coffee</p> <p><b>100% BEEF BURGER</b></p> <p>248 Beach Road Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p> <p>02 4472 1802</p>	<p><b>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>ENROLLING NOW</b></p> <p><b>Ph 4472 4446</b></p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>
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<p><b>CARROLL COLLEGE</b></p> <p><b>ENROLLING NOW</b></p> <p><b>Ph 4471 5600</b></p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>	<p><b>excell</b> <i>ideaspeople</i> —with a passion for print</p> <p>P 4472 1599 E batemansbay@excellprint.com.au www.excellprint.com.au</p> <p>Shop 1/2b, Old Princess Hwy Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p>
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<p>Ray and Anne Brown</p> <p><b>COASTAL CONCRETE &amp; QUARRY</b></p> <p><b>02 4474 0320</b></p>	<p>Kate &amp; Tara your vets at Surf Beach</p> <p><b>EUROCOAST</b> Veterinary Centre</p> <p><b>4471 3400</b></p>
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