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The Living Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A *4 October 2026*

First Reading Is 5:1-7

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 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 Phil 4:6-9

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.

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!

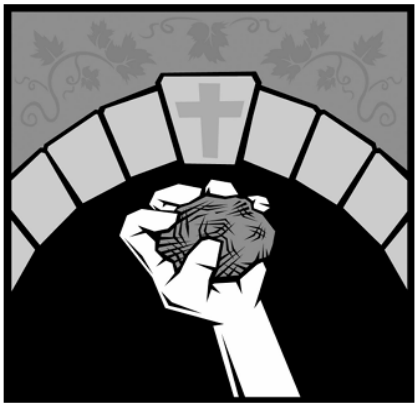
Gospel Mt 21:33-43

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.'



Reflection *by Fr Michael Tate*

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-Sahara 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.

St. Mary's Primary School

SAVE THE DATE

Fr Ruel to confirm St Mary's PS students on the following dates:

Sunday 11th October at 10:30am
Sunday 18th October at 10:30am

REMINDER

Daylight Savings Time Starts This Sunday!

Clocks move forward by one hour at 2am.





Deanery Forum Round 3—Save the date

20 October - Goulburn Valley Deanery - MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution), Kialla. Register at Trybooking via the following Link or QR Code: https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNH

ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

"Reaching out to each other - growing together in love"

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11:15am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 5/10	No Mass	
Tues 6/10	Holy Hour	5pm
Tues 6/10	Mass	6pm
Wed 7/10	Mass	6pm
Thurs 8/10	Mass	6pm
Fri 9/10	Mass	10am

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 3 Oct: Member of Filipino Choir
Sun 4 Oct: Imelda

Sat 10 Oct: Sarah Richards
Sun 11 Oct: AM Carroll

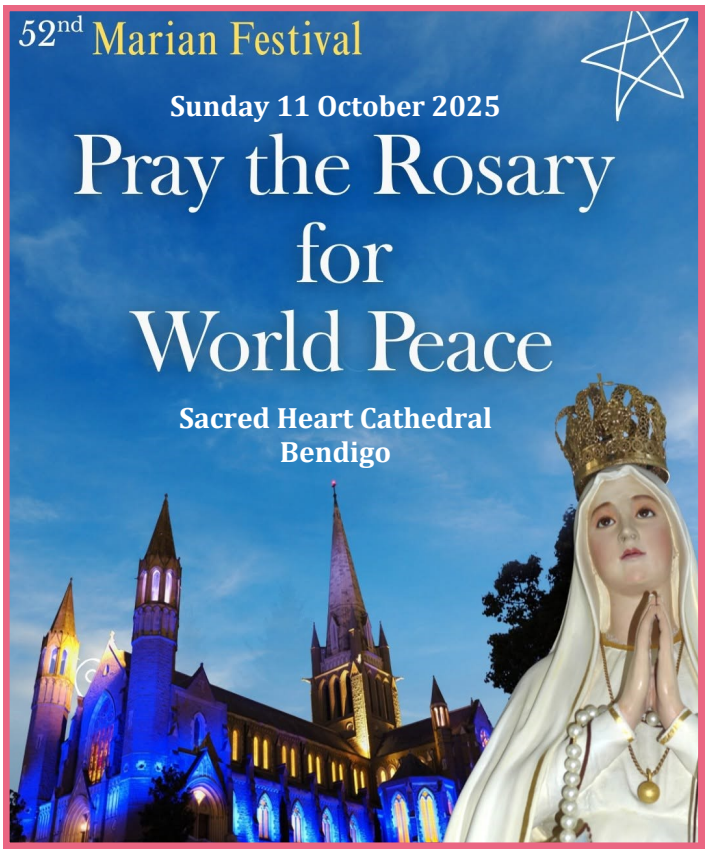
St Mary's Baptism Dates 2026	Formation Meetings Dates for 2026
Sunday 18 October Sunday 15 November	Tuesday 13 October from 7pm in the Church.

10th Anniversary of the Annual Public Rosary

Saturday 10 October 2026 at 10:30am

St Brendan's Parish Gardens
More details to come
Maureen: 0403 876 578





Prayer for the Week

Yours, O God, is the vineyard and its harvest, yours the kingdom of justice and peace. You call your people to tend its growth. Bless the work entrusted to our hands, that we may offer you an abundance of just works and a rich harvest of peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



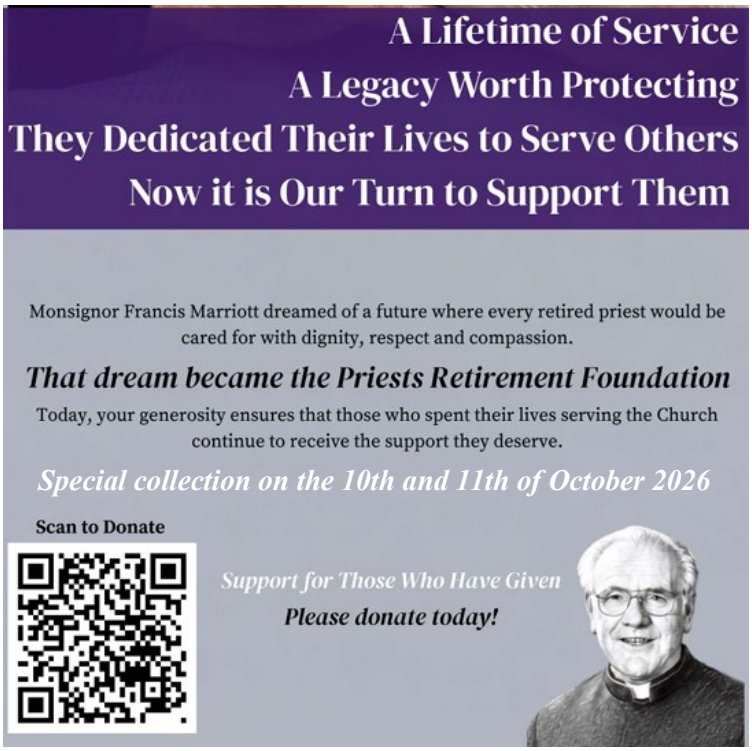
We wish Bishop Rene, Tiff Chandler, Emma Christy, Fr Addin and Fr Ruel safe travels as they head to Sydney to take part in the Divine Renovation Conference. We look forward to hearing all about it when they return!

Pope Leo's Intentions for October

Pope Leo XIV's monthly prayer intention for October is for "collaboration between different religious traditions."

"Lord Jesus," the Pope's prayer begins, "You, who in diversity are one and look lovingly at every person, help us to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters, called to live, pray, work, and dream together."

Hence, he implores, "Give us your Spirit to purify our hearts, so that we may recognize what unites us and, from there, learn again how to listen and collaborate without destroying."

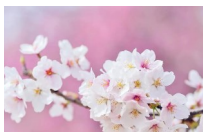




October

October began on Thursday, the middle month of Spring. I enjoy everything about spring—the flowers beginning to bloom, the beautiful scent of blossoms, and even the topsy-turvy weather that seems to come with the season. There is a sense of new life and anticipation in the air.

Before we know it, we will be entering the season of Advent and preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The final three months of the year always seem to pass in a whirlwind, and somehow, Christmas will be here before we know it.



Readings for this week:	Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43	Readings for next week:	Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

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Sick List: Dennis Corboy, Pat Hicks, John Raleigh, Josie Anderson, Rosemary Haig, Logan Clarke-Lines, Margaret Campbell

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

ALTAR HELPERS **Sat 3 Oct:** Chris Flower and Faye Flower **Sat 10 Oct:** not required

BINGO **10 October:** Maree Williams, Josie Cortese, Debbie Dunkley, Fiona Nioa, Christine Flower, Faye Flower

3rd & 4th October	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Chris Hogarty	Kamsi Raymond	Sarah Richards	Checca Richards
10.30 am	Inez Raleigh	Liam Cowan	Marg Lee	TBA
10th & 11th October				
6:30 pm	TBA	Kevin Murphy	Rob O'Meara	Raymond Family
10.30 am	Marie O'Meara	Maree Williams	Inez Raleigh	TBA