

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

8th October 2017

The Cornerstone

What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that human-kind is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God? Today's parable describes a land owner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their rent, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants and even the son who are sent for the rent. The tenants appear to have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that they had been given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but for us too, the parable demands some degree of self-examination. We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years we each develop our own individual code of conduct. Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code we no longer need to be accountable. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this are we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us.

What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone? When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects. Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise Christ as our cornerstone.

PARISH NEWS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING FOR PARENTS: Will be on **Thursday 12th October at 7pm** in the Church.

RCIA: DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC or do you know anyone who wants to? You still have time to join the next course for those adults (18 or over) who wish to be baptised or received into the Church or confirmed. Please contact the RCIA Co-ordinator David Lester on 07914 055 438 email on davidlester51@btinternet.com

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY - COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: CAFOD works with poor communities overseas on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Last Friday was Harvest Fast Day. Please return your Fast Day envelope this weekend, with your donation to CAFOD. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER: if you are applying for a place in a Catholic Secondary School for next year you will need to have a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by a Priest. Fr Séamus and Fr David will be available to do this in the Presbytery (39 Duncan Terrace) at the following times: Monday 9th October 3.30 – 5.00pm
Thursday 12th October 3.30 – 5.00pm
Saturday 14th October 11.30am – 12.30pm

BAPTISM: We welcome our new parishioner who will be baptised this weekend: Mariah Rose Lacey Coleman.

MISSION BOXES: If you have a red mission (Missio) box, please could you return it to the parish office. The boxes will be emptied and ready for collection the weekend of 21st October. Thank you!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:
 Envelopes £350.50 Loose £865.67. **Thank you for your generosity.**

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for all who died recently, Thomas Anthony O'Reilly, Pauline Hazel, Joan Sheil, Joan Weir **and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Mary Dickson, Margaret Allen, Derrick Wood, John Donald, Patrick Daly, Denis Lane, John William Clare, Christine Rowley, George Maguire, Tara Bradshaw, Renee Peett, Joe Duffy, Sandro Enepi, Ina Veronica Flanagan, John Joseph Cassidy, Maureen McGovern, Terence William Dillon, Benedict Mgbadiefe, Brendan Shine, Charles McGuire, John Irvine, Anthony (Tony) Joseph Cerasoli, Matthew Dunne, Carol May Hughes, Levi David Cronin, Bernadette Bywater & Maria Powell.

HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially : Lisa Ip, Sr Beatrice Immediata, John Sampson, Frances Jennings, Bro. J Lavelle (Marist Brother), Tony Jones, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Christiana Visentin & Family, Monika Szulc, Gerado, Mary Dunn, Tom Cuniffe, Joe McGovern, Paddy Buckley, Roy Allen, Mary Wallace, Clíodhna McCorley, Zoe Grace Brennan, Alistair Goodman, Colin Harris, Josie Harvey, William and Suzanne Greaves, Anita Hrebeniak, Catherine Hayes, John and Elena Doherty, Alvito Noronha, Julie & Mike, Noel McKeown, Audrey Hamilton, Amalia Mastrobono, Margaret Crossworth, Margaret Glennon, William Godber, Antonia Smith, Mary Gathney, Mary Harrington, Georgina George, Michael Treacy, Robert Callahan, Cath Walker, Stephen Henry, Maureen & Pat Kehoe, Sophia O'Donnell, Fr David Wilson, Lorna Quinn, Scott Leighton & Carmel Hawkes.



THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Saturday 7th October	6pm	John Nolan RIP & Tommy Keegan RIP (3rd Anniv)	Matthew 21:33-43
Sunday 8th October TWENTY-SEVENTH IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	May Moles RIP & Intentions of Cliff Moles (Wedding Anniv)	
	10.30am	Carmen Fernandes Garcia RIP	
	12noon	The Baldacci Family RIP	
	6pm	All our Parishioners	
Monday 9th October feria	10am	Elizabeth Hebden RIP (Anniv)	Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday 10th October feria	10am	Intentions of Anita Hrebeniak & Harry Hrebeniak RIP	Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday 11th October feria	10am	Deceased Members of Dunne Family	Luke 11:1-4
Thursday 12th October feria	10am	Paddy Enright RIP (Anniv)	Luke 11:5-13
Friday 13th October St Edward the Confessor	10am	Intentions of Michael & Ann Ryan & Family	Luke 11:15-26
Saturday 14th October feria	10am	Camilla Gasparro RIP (Anniv)	Luke 11:27-28
	10.30-11.30am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>	Matthew 22:1-14
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	
	6pm	Mairead Davey RIP	
Sunday 15th October TWENTY-EIGHTH IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	May Moles RIP (1st Anniv)	
	10.30am	All our Parishioners	
	12noon	Sally Mitchell RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	May Sexton RIP	