

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A

8th October 2023



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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass

Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

COMING UP:

Senior's Mass

Wednesday

October 11th, 1 pm

Healing Mass

October 12th 7 pm

Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday

October 24th 7 pm

Knit & Natter

Thursday

October 26th

10am –12noon

Parish Brunch

Sunday October 29th

Readings

27th Sunday Year A

Is 5:1-7

Ps 79: 9,12-16,19-20

Phil 4: 6-9

Matthew 21: 33-43

28th Sunday Year A

Is 25: 6-10

Ps 22:

Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22: 1-14

Christian Stewardship: Responding with Responsibility



In today's gospel we have the parable of the wicked tenants. This is an allegory told by Jesus during Passover week in the Temple precincts of Jerusalem. This story is one of the three "parables of judgment" which Jesus told in response to the question put forward by the Scribes and the Pharisees about his authority to teach in the Temple. It was intended to be a

strong warning to the Jews in general; and to the Scribes and the Pharisees in particular, as they were planning to kill Jesus, the Messiah for whom Israel had waited for centuries. Thus, this parable of the wicked tenants is a theological summary of the entire history of the ingratitude, infidelity, and hard-heartedness of the Chosen People. Its importance is shown by its appearance in all the three Synoptic Gospels. Today's gospel calls for responsibility and accountability in our dealings with God, which include our dealings with our fellow human beings. Jesus directed the parable of the wicked tenants at the Jewish leadership of his day. The parable has a lot to teach us about stewardship. As such it has very important lessons for church leaders in particular but also for all of God's people in general.

The parable reflects the frictions in tenant- landlord relations in Palestine. Most of the vineyards were owned by rich, absentee landlords living in Jerusalem, Damascus, or Rome, who leased their lands to tenants and were interested only in collecting rent. The country was experiencing a lot of economic unrest. The working people were discontented and rebellious, and the tenant farmers had picked up the revolutionary slogan, "land for the farmer." Hence, they often refused to pay the rent previously agreed upon and, in some cases, assaulted the landowner's representatives. It is natural, then, that Jesus' parable should reflect the popular hatred of foreign domination and the monopolizing of agricultural land by a rich minority who supported Roman rule and could be easily grasped by his listeners.

According to the New Jerusalem Bible, "The theme of Israel as a vine, chosen and then rejected, had been introduced by Hosea, 10:1, and was to be taken up by Jeremiah, 2:21; 5:10; 6:9; 12:10, and Ezekiel, 15:1-8; 17:3-10; 19:10-14; cf. Ps 80:8-18; and Isaiah, Is 27:2-5. Jesus gave it a new twist in the parable of the wicked tenants in Mt. 21:33-44 and parallel Gospel passages. . In John 15:1-2 Jesus unfolds the mystery of the 'true' vine. Other aspects of the vine theme appear in Dt. 32:32-33 and Sirach 24:17."

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This powerful prophetic allegory was so well-known that Jesus' Jewish audience immediately understood that he was talking about them in the parable. But Jesus makes changes in Isaiah's imagery. He makes himself the vineyard owner's son and adds the concept of "tenant-farmers." Here, instead of Yahweh destroying the wild vines, the owner of the vineyard, according to the judgment of the audience whom Jesus asked for a judgment, "will bring that wicked tenants to a bad end and will lease the vineyard to others who see to it that he has grapes at vintage time." In this parable, the ungrateful and murderous tenants are the uncooperative vines of Isaiah. Jesus, then referring to himself, quotes Psalms 118: 22, "the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

The Lord's Vineyard at present is the Church, and we Christians are the tenants whom God expects to be responsible tenants. The parable warns us that if we refuse to reform our lives, to become productive, we, too, could be replaced. In the parable, the rent the tenants refuse to pay stands for the relationship with God and with all the people of Israel which the religious leaders refuse to cultivate. This means that before anything else, God checks on how well we are fulfilling our responsibilities to each other as children of God. The parable teaches that instead of glorying in our privileges and Christian heritage, we are called to deeds of love, including bearing personal and corporate witness that invites others into God's kingdom.

Today let us ask a few challenging questions to ourselves; Have we come close to fulfilling God's dream about us? What kind of grapes do we as a parish community produce? What is our attitude toward everything God has given to us? Are we grateful stewards for everything God has given to us, or are we like the ungrateful tenants who acted as if they owned everything God had given them? Do we practice justice every day of our lives? Do we recognize the righteousness of God that keeps us from self-righteousness? Do we remember to show mercy? Is our parish a real sign of Jesus' presence and love? What kind of impact do we have? Do we measure the quality of our parish by what happens during Mass, or on what happens when we leave Church? Obviously, both are important but there cannot be one without the other. Like the managers of the vineyard, everything we have is a privilege and not a merit. This is what we mean when we say that everything is God's grace. Grace is unmerited favour. We are ultimately responsible and accountable to God for the way we use or abuse our God-given privileges. Let us today pray for the wisdom and the courage never to abuse our privileges but rather to make a judicious use of all the privileges and opportunities that God gives us.

Carmel Kay

Assisted listening system now available

- Receivers and headphones available from the sacristy.
- Neckloops are also available for use with hearing aids equipped with the "T" option.
- Covers the whole church seating area.
- The receiver automatically turns on and off when taken from or returned to the storage case.
- There are 2 front buttons on the receiver, vol up/vol down.

If you would like to use one please approach the go to person for assistance.

Children's Prayer

Almighty God, you have grafted us branches onto the true vine, Jesus Christ. Help us to always remain faithful to you so that we may always draw life from Jesus the true vine, live as true disciples and produce the fruitful grapes of nourishment, joy, love, peace and hope.
Amen



Knit & Natter



Our Group will be having a break until after the school holidays and will return on Thursday October 26th. We would be grateful for any donations of wool. Please deliver to Parish Office . Carmel Kay 8356 4029

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

Noreen Fox, Monica Allen, Joe Scicluna, Margaret Billing, Fr Peter Dunn, Savariya Pitchai, Steven Crichton, Kaye Pilkington, Patti O'Toole, Noreen Carey, Murt Keatley, Joan Irene Cherrington, Mary Joan Still, Ivan Tinus, Claire Smaller, Don Crichton, Geraldine McNamee.

Anniversaries

Veda Peters, George Papillo, Frank Mc Entee.

Sick Parishioners

Amelia D'Aloia, Des Fahey, Terry Cashin, Frank Cousins, Pat Berti, Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan, Brian Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Kennedy, Robin Franks,

Parish Keys



If you no longer need a key to access the Church or to the Office due to a change in commitments as ministers, volunteers, or for group activities we ask that you please return your keys to the Parish office.

Police Checks Updating

Please contact Ivy Hill: 0413 081 421 if your Working with Children Police Check needs updating

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Supporting our Priests and Deacons Sunday

This weekend has been designated as Supporting our Priests and Deacons Sunday in the Archdiocese. All are invited at to thank God for their ministries and offer them your prayerful support. In particular, you are asked to renew your commitment to the financial support of all our priests and deacons through your contribution to the First Collection.

How to support our clergy

Get to know your priests and deacons. Pray constantly for them. Pray for an increase in vocations. Contribute to their financial upkeep.

Volunteer to help in your parish.

First Collection

The prime way of financial support is through the First Collection which goes to the Presbytery Fund. This is supplemented by Christmas and Easter offerings, donations and bequests. All the offerings you give for baptisms, weddings, funerals and home visits go to this fund and covers a fortnightly stipend, housekeeping expenses, car, hospital and medical care.

Ways of giving

There are three ways you can support our clergy through the First Collection.

- The first is the traditional method of contributing during weekend Mass when the parish takes up the First Collection.
- The second way is to download the Adelaide Archdiocese App and log in to the Parish Giving section to set up a weekly or one-off donation. (Ask your parish for help if necessary.)
- The third way is via the website:

www.adelaide.catholic.org.au (Go to the Giving page and click on Donate Now, then donate to your parish.)

Or scan the QR code.



Thank you for your ongoing support of our priests and deacons.

Mass for Seniors

There will be a holy mass celebrated for seniors with anointing of the sick on Wednesday 11th October at 1pm in the Parish Hall.



Giving App

Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals. Or go to

adelaide.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.

Henley Beach Parish

COME ALONG—JOIN IN!



"Our Connecting Stories"

BRUNCH

Sunday, 29 October 2023

From 10:30 am

@ Parish Hall and breezeway

♥ Free sausage sizzle ♥ Soft drinks ♥

Barista Coffee (sponsored by St Michael's COLLEGE)

Games for all ages ♥

*Bring a plate to share that reflects
your heritage or a place in the
world you love!*

☺ ALL WELCOME! ☺

**Bring a taste of food to share,
that reflects your heritage or a
place in the world you love**

Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 9.30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of The Word

CLOW

Term 4 will see us reintroduce Children's Liturgy of the Word for the youngest members of our Parish. An opportunity for them to gather, connect

and build friendships as they discover the Gospel message and the love that Jesus has for them.

Children's Liturgy is appropriate for primary school aged children. However younger children are welcome to come along, with a parent or adult helper.

Anyone wanting to join the CLOW is welcome to contact the Parish Office or Barb Conlon.

Barb Conlon
Families and Faith Outreach Coordinator (Alpha)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Stewardship Reflections

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

Healing Mass

Thursday 12th October Rosary 7pm, Mass 7:30pm including the Sacrament of Anointing, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, prayer ministry with candlelit music in the Spirit of Taize and individual Blessings with the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance Tea/Coffee light supper available
Enquiries: Pauline 0403002240

Scam Alert – Phishing Messages and Emails

It has come to our attention that our parishioners have been receiving text messages and emails impersonating staff and or priests asking for help in the form of money or gift cards.

Please Do not reply or click on any links and block the email or phone number. These emails and messages are designed to look legitimate from trusted sources, but they are actually attempts to steal personal information or infect your device with malware.

To stay safe, it is important to remain vigilant and follow best practices for online security.

- Check the sender's email address or phone number
- Be cautious of urgent or threatening language in those messages as well as the request of sensitive information
- Avoid clicking links or downloading attachments from unknown or suspicious sources
- Verify the authenticity of any email or message that seems suspicious by contacting the sender directly.

Our Parish is a Child Safe Organisation



We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued. A Safe Environment for All.

To find out more about our child safe policies and procedures please contact the Parish Office or the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.

Baptisms in our Parish



We welcome into our Parish Community Madeline Owen, Luke Noicos, Lola and Toby Sherratt, Julian Becker-Marchesan, being Baptised this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers

The Southern Cross



The New Edition of the Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church for \$2. Please take one

Helping Us Grow in Our Christian Lives



There will be an Advent program for 2023 led by Cheryle Douglas, one of our parishioners.

The program will be at our church, Our lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 420 Seaview Road. Henley Beach.

Wednesdays: (22/11/2023, 29/11/2023, 6/12/2023, 13/12/2023, 20/12/2023)

Time: 7- 8.30 pm.
Followed by light supper.

Enquiries Cheryle Douglas, Ph 0423480440.
Cost by donation. Please register at back of church

The Living Waters Charismatic Prayer Group

Invites you to join them Thursday nights 7pm - 8:30pm in the church.

Enter via hall door, for evenings of singing hymns of praise and worship, two Scripture readings and commentary by Fr Michael Fallon, reflection time, shared refection, prayer, intercessory prayer, and prayer ministry.

Tea/Coffee and fellowship. All welcome. If you need prayer message your prayer requests, the phone number is 0435 899 572.

Advent Retreat Saturday 16th December 9:15am - 3:30pm in the Church

Topic: "Don't Be Afraid, Mary;

The Day will Include:

Talks given by Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Silent Reflection Reconciliation Benediction Prayer Ministry Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided.

Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240 by 14th December Cost by donation All welcome

Parish Liturgy Committee

The next meeting of the Parish Liturgy Committee is on October 24th at 7 pm in the meeting room.