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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 4th October 2020

Sunday Reflection: “A good vineyard should produce good fruits” – Jesus tells another story in today’s Gospel to convey a truth that his audience needs to hear. In Isaiah’s “Song of the vineyard”, the chosen people is presented as the “Vineyard of the Lord” that was expected to produce good fruits, but instead produced “sour grapes”, even though the gardener (the Lord) tilled and cared for the vineyard. Instead it becomes a wasteland. This is a symbol of the chosen people’s response to all God has done for them. In the Gospel parable Jesus borrows ideas but changes the imagery. In his story we have wasteful tenants and a good absentee landlord. He rents out the vineyard, having planted a good crop of fruit. He rented his vineyards to tenants and left to go abroad with high expectations of a wonderful crop. Sadly, the tenants squandered all the gifts that they had been given and treated those who came to collect the expected produce with brutality and violence. Matthew obviously uses the parable as summary of salvation history and has Jesus directing it at the “Chief priests and elders”. The servants represent all the good prophets God has sent to his people only to see them rejected and violently treated. The son of a figure of Jesus himself, who will be taken outside Jerusalem and brutally murdered. He is not just another prophet but God’s only Son. Jesus is God’s final challenge to the people to change their ways for the better. Matthew’s telling of the story foresees the kingdom of God being passed on to the Gentiles, hoping they will deliver the fruits of the kingdom. God is patient with us all, but justly expects us to produce the fruits of love, mercy, justice, and peace. Let us pray that we can fulfill the expectations God has of his people.

Celebration of Masses: Precautions are in place. Please follow the guidance.

First Holy Communion – The dates of the First Holy Communion celebrations has now been decided and all parents will have been advised of dates. Registration will open shortly for the new First Holy Communion programme.

Confirmation Programme 2019/2020 – Re the completion of this programme, once it has been decided how/when to complete it, Candidates and Families will be contacted.

Catholic Proficiency Forms – Will be signed by our Priests on tomorrow Monday 5th to Friday 9th October from 3pm to 5pm. Bring your completed signed forms with you! **To Print your Catholic Proficiency forms:** Go to Catholic Education Service – School Guidance – Admissions: Certificate of Catholic Practice

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – registration is now open for 2020/2021. A course for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be, as well as for Christians of other denominations who would like to be received into the Roman Catholic Church, and Roman Catholics who have not been confirmed. Please email the Parish Office for a registration form.

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm
Sunday 9.30am
11.30am
Spanish Mass 12.30pm
Mon, Wed & Fri 10am

Sacrament of Confession

By Appointment

If you would like Confession, please email, or call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

Saints Days

Mon 5th - St Faustina
Kowalska

Tues 6th - St Bruno

Wed 7th - Our Lady of the
Rosary

Thurs 1st - Our Lady of the
Rosary

Sat 10th - St Denis, St John
Leonardi, St John Henry
Newman, St Paulinus of York

Safeguarding

Representatives Dorota & Alexia are our Safeguarding Representatives. Contact them in confidence on their contact details which is on our website and in the Colonnade.

CAFOD Family Fast Day –

Is on next Friday 9th Oct. A retiring collection will be held at the end of each Mass on 10th & 11th You can leave your donation in the box provided at the back of the Church.