

First Reading

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has 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 house 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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

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 you 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.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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 that 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.

Thanks be to God.

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 Matthew 21:33-43

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and 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 the 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 04/10/2020

Saturday	6.00pm	Brian Nuttall RIP
Sunday	8.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.00am	Eileen Sargassan RIP
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Eileen Miszewski (Healing)</u>
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>Tina Harvie RIP</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>8.00am</u>	<u>People of the Parish</u>
<u>Friday</u>	<u>10.15 am</u>	<u>Funeral Mass for Brian Nuttall</u>

28th Sunday 11/10/2020

Saturday	6.00pm	Eric Woollands RIP
Sunday	8.00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	10.00am	People of the Parish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the Church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.
- All weekdays Masses are private for the foreseeable future.
- Hospital. In the meantime, Priests will only go into the hospital in response to a request from the Hospital switchboard or ward staff. Anyone in the hospital that requires a visit from a priest should please go through the nurse or switchboard. This will be in emergency only. There will be no Holy Communion rounds until further notice.
- To book for seat(s) at Mass online, visit our website www.barnsleynorth.hallam-diocese.com and follow the instructions. You can also call or email the parish office. You can access our weekly newsletter online.
- St Mary Magdalene Church, Cudworth is open for private prayers Saturday 12 noon to 1pm

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous offertory donations. Thank you

Saturday evening Mass from next week 10-10-2020 will be at St Mary Magdalene, Cudworth.

Volunteers are needed to help clean St Teresa's Church on Saturday 10-10-2020 at 10.00 am

RAFFLE NUMBERS – BLESSED SACRAMENT – 1ST 0552, 2ND 2807, 3RD 0931, 4TH 0981, 5TH 0949, 6TH 2570. Many thanks for all who supported the Raffle.

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

04-10-2020

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel reading today and the first reading have some resemblance. The first reading is about the owner of the vineyard and the vines. He took time to care for the vine. First, he chose a fertile ground for the planting. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones. We can imagine the energy spent removing stones from the soil. Now the soil is fertile and without stones, what else can prevent the vine from producing? Probably the specie. So he goes for choice vines. For the protection of the vineyard, he built a tower in the middle, so he could see approaching dangers. But the vine disappointed him. He was looking forward to a harvest of sweet grapes. He had dug a wine press in anticipation. But he got sour grapes instead. What a disappointment!

The Gospel has the same storyline with a new dimension added. The dimension of the tenants and their cruel desires and actions. But what is important in the stories is the importance the owner placed in caring and providing for the vines. He had given the vines the capacity to be fruitful. He did not leave an abandoned vineyard to the tenants. He took care to prepare it before leasing it out, with a bountiful harvest in view. So to be fruitful is to be in the plan of God. He has given us everything we need to be fruitful, to produce sweet fruits: Love, mercy, justice, compassion, friendliness, willingness to help, ours, then is to produce.