



Readings for  
this week: Isaiah 5:1-7  
Philippians 4:6-9  
Matthew 21:33-43



Readings for  
next Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-10  
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20  
Matthew 22:1-14



## Liturgical Jottings

### Eucharistic Prayer part 5 Oblation

“The oblation is the offering by which, the Church gathered here and now, offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father. The Church’s intention, indeed, is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves, and so day by day to be brought, through the mediation of Christ, into unity with God and with each other, so that God may at last be all in all. GIRM 79f

Oblation was once a name for the Eucharist yet while focussing of the offering of the material elements of the bread and wine the name also included offering of ourselves, offering of praise to God, offering our prayers. “Offering” and “offer” is mentioned seven times during the First Eucharistic Prayer, and less in the others.

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## Looking at the Readings

Two parables about vineyards in the readings today both end in disaster. From the prophet Isaiah, the property is fitted out, the vineyard is properly planted and tended but produces sour and bad grapes and then destroyed. Jesus’ parable tells of a similar building, planting and tending, but this time the harvest is good but the owner is robbed of its produce and his son is killed by the workers he trusted. Australian wine makers reflect another twist to this fragile industry when their great produce faces uncertain markets.

In the first parable, the vineyard is the image of God’s people, or as expressed in the Responsorial Psalm: “The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.” In the second parable the owner’s son is an image of Jesus, the workers who rejected the son are the ones Jesus addressed the parable to: “the chief priests and the elders of the people.”

Today, “the Church receives the parable as an admonition addressed to itself. It cannot fail to do so because Matthew has too consistently insisted on the necessity of bearing fruit. The Church will be faithful to its mission and election only if it welcomes the prophets whom God does not cease to send it, only if it practices the gospel of his Son, only if it remains faithful through everything. The vineyard song still resounds in today’s Church: Master of the vineyard, do not reject the work of your hands.” (Year of the Lord Vol.4 p.213)

## Feast of the Week Saint John Henry Newman 9 Oct.

As an Anglican clergyman for over 20 years he won renown as a preacher, theologian and one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement. On 9 October 1845 he was received into the Catholic Church and ordained priest on 30 May 1847. He was an influential writer on many subjects: the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education and author of several hymns. He died in 1890 and canonised in 2019.

## Prayer for the Week

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead thou me on;  
the night is dark, and I am far from home; lead thou me on.  
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene;  
one step enough for me. *St John Henry Newman*

## On the Lighter Side


Oenology: the study of wines

Ontology: the study of being and properties of nature

Oology: the study of bird’s eggs

Otology: the study of the ear and its diseases



	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Paolo DeAngelis, Mick Villani
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Santo Vraca, Josie Anderson, Bernie Maher

### Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 9 October

**Weekday Mass**

Mon 9 October	No Mass
Tue 10 October	No Mass
Wed 11 October	9:15 am Mass
Thur 12 October	No Mass
Fri 13 October	9:15 am Mass

**Weekend Mass**

Sat 14 October	No Mass
Sun 15 October	10:30 am Mass

**Weekday Mass**

Mon 16 October	No Mass
Tue 17 October	No Mass
Wed 18 October	9:15 am Mass
Thur 19 October	No Mass
Fri 20 October	9:15 am Mass

**Weekend Mass**

Sat 21 October	6:00 pm Mass
Sun 22 October	10:30 am Mass

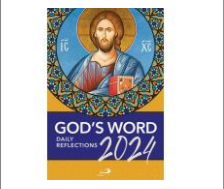


**Reconciliation** 4 November

### PLEASE ORDER YOUR GOD'S WORD, DAILY PRAYER BOOK AND COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

This year we are going to have to ask Parishioners to pre-pay for God's Word, Daily Mass Book and the Columban Art Calendar, we apologise for this but our Cash Flow does not allow us to be in a position to pay for this up front.

If you wish to order them please fill in your details on the form in the Narthex and put your money in the envelopes provided.

Order will be placed on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

		
God's Word \$22	Daily Mass Book \$32	Columban Art Calendar \$10

## Marian Festival

*Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary*



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.

11:00 am - Mass celebrated by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson  
12 noon - BYO Lunch in the Colonnade  
1:00 pm - Festival begins  
3:45 pm - Festival concludes with afternoon tea in the colonnade.  
Piety stall in cathedral

— PRAY THE ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE —

*Finally my Immaculate Heart will Triumph*  
- Our Lady of Fatima, July 15th, 1917

### SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw)

**Rosters for October & November are in the Narthex please collect a copy**

## Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliari Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2024 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Australia and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

Cagliari volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliari volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliari volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliari.org.au/>

Applications close October 31st, 2023.

## St Malachy's Nagambie 150th Celebrations:

St Malachy's Church Nagambie invites you to the celebration of our 150th Year Commemorating the past moving forward in faith A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay DD Bishop of Sandhurst at St Malachy's Nagambie Sunday 19 November 2023 10.00 a.m.

After which will be the renaming of the former presbytery to the Kearns Centre followed by light refreshments at St Joseph's School

RSVP: 1 November to Wendy Keenan: 0459 595 908)

## Seminar - Our Lady of Good Counsel Charismatic Prayer Group:

Does your heart burn to better understand the Eucharist, and have knowledge to be better equipped to defend the Real Presence?

You are invited to attend a Catholic School of Evangelisation seminar on Fri. 20 Oct, 7:30pm to 9:00pm; continued Sat. 21 Oct 8:45am to 4:30pm.

St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 44 Russell St., Quarry Hill, Bendigo. \$30 adult, \$25 concession, or Full cost can be waived by prior arrangement, with a donation of your choice. Please bring lunch to share on Saturday. Book before 5pm Mon 16 Oct at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLSSY> Contact person: Denise Ilott 0407 506 813 .

Sponsored by Our Lady of Good Counsel Charismatic Prayer Group.

## Liturgical Ministry Seminars:

3 workshops are being offered at Wangaratta South on Saturday the 14th October, 10:30am start and Shepparton Wednesday the 18th of October 5:30pm start.

Plenary Keynote Presentation. Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* (2022) on Liturgical Formation of the People of God invites renewed reflection on the preparation and celebration of the Church's liturgy. In this keynote address, Prof. Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy will provide an overview of Pope Francis' letter and suggest some implications for liturgical ministries.

This will be followed by a choice of 3 workshop options:

1. Ministry of the Word - Dr Chris Cotter;
2. Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion - Ms Lyn Breen; and
3. Ministry of Liturgical Music - Dr Paul Taylor; that will explore areas of affirmation, challenge and invitation in these ministries.

For Bookings or more info  
[www.trybooking.com/CJJVX](http://www.trybooking.com/CJJVX) for Wangaratta or  
[www.trybooking.com/CJJVO](http://www.trybooking.com/CJJVO)

## Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

## Themes for 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

<https://young-catholics.com>

The readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time for Year A focus on discipleship and our choice to follow Jesus or not. In the first reading Israel is warned that they must be faithful. The psalm begs God to return to the vineyard and care for it once again. The second reading encourages Christians to continue along the path that Jesus has shown us. And in the gospel Jesus tells the parable of the tenants, who rejected the landowner.

**Parable of the Vineyard:** The parable of the vineyard highlights the theme of God's ownership and care over His creation. The vineyard symbolizes God's kingdom, and the tenants represent humanity's responsibility to steward it.

**Rejection of Messengers:** The theme of rejecting God's messengers is evident as the tenants mistreat and kill the servants sent by the owner. This reflects the historical pattern of disregarding God's messages and messengers.

**Sending the Son:** The owner's decision to send his son underscores the theme of God's ultimate outreach. Sending His Son, Jesus, reflects God's desire to restore the relationship with humanity through a new covenant.

**Crucial Choice and Accountability:** The theme of choice and accountability emerges as the tenants plot to seize the inheritance. Their decision leads to severe consequences, highlighting the importance of right choices and their consequences.

**Transfer of Responsibility:** The transfer of responsibility from unfaithful tenants to others underscores the theme of God's plan for redemption. This symbolizes the transition from the Jewish covenant to the inclusion of the Gentiles in God's kingdom.

**Rejected Stone and Cornerstone:** The reference to the stone rejected by the builders becoming the cornerstone illustrates the theme of God's sovereignty. This emphasizes that God's purposes will ultimately prevail, even if initially rejected by people.

### Reflection Questions for 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- How does the imagery of vineyards in the Bible relate to the relationship between God and His people?
- What message is conveyed by likening Israel to a vineyard tended by the Lord in the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7)?
- How does the metaphor of "wild grapes" symbolize Israel's shortcomings and sin?
- What significance does the responsorial psalm (Psalm 80) hold in reflecting on Israel's history as a planted vine?
- How do the vineyard narratives emphasize God's enduring connection to humanity despite their mistakes?
- What parallels can be drawn between the parable of the wicked tenants (Matthew 21:33-43) and the treatment of prophets throughout history?

- How does Jesus' use of Psalm 118 reinforce his commitment to fulfilling his Father's will despite rejection?
- What solace does Paul's exhortation provide to the early Christian community in facing tribulations?
- How can Paul's counsel of seeking Christ's peace resonate in our contemporary world's complexities?
- In what ways can we actively protect and support truth-bearers who face opposition, as depicted in the parable?
- How does the parable emphasize our responsibilities to nurture and steward the blessings and responsibilities entrusted to us?
- How does actively caring for our "vineyards" contribute to honoring God's intentions and the flourishing of our lives and relationships?

## Rosters

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October

*Commentator:* – Rob Miller

*Reader:* – Ann Marie Nihill

*Gospel Procession:* - Domelina Phelan

*Gifts:* - De Lai Family

*Special Minister:* - Steve De Lai

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

*Commentator:* – Carol Coulston

*Reader:* – Shiela Gregg

*Gospel Procession:* - Mary Vraca

*Gifts:* - P Moroney & D Corrigan

*Special Minister:* - N/A

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

*Commentator:* – Debbie Worm

*Reader:* – Rob Miller

*Gospel Procession:* - Connie Serra

*Gifts:* - D Phelan

*Special Minister:* - Anna Ciavarella

### Last Week's Plate Collection and Envelops

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Parish. May God bless you always.

**Last week's collection was \$591.70**

### CWL Retreat Day

The Catholic Women's League are hosting a Day Retreat in Mooroopna on Wednesday October, 18 commencing with Mass at 10am, conducted by our Diocesan Spiritual Director, Fr. Ferwerda.

Everyone is welcome, please BYO lunch, concluding approx. 3pm.