

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4<sup>th</sup> October- 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020

NEWSLETTER

# SACRED HEART

Year A • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 3

## WHAT MORE DOES THE LORD WANT FROM US?

**T**his gospel parable is often taken as a story to teach a lesson. It is sometimes seen as a 'window parable' which gives us insight into God or His kingdom. However, it is much more than that. It is both a story and a message. It is a 'mirror parable' a story that acts as 'verbal mirrors'.

It gives us an insight, not into other things outside of us, but into ourselves. Jesus constructed the parable in such a way that people in this parable represented people in his listening audience. In other words, people listening to Jesus were able to see themselves in one of the characters in the parable. The message is in the story and the story itself is the message. It simply speaks to you and me.

God is asking us today: what more was there for me to do that I did not do? What more was there for me to bless you and your land with that I did not do? What more? What more? This is a question we must answer, even at the beginning of this session. What more was there, what more is there, and what more will be there that God did not do; that God is not doing; that God will not do?

We must not see this parable merely on an individual level. It takes many vines and many branches to make a vineyard. God's vineyard is the Christian community. What sort of fruits is God expecting from his people, from us, today? We are certainly not talking about grapes. We are talking about right living.

The fruits that God expects of us are clearly listed in the second reading: "Finally brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4: 8 & 9) See also Galatians 5:17 - 26 (Fruits of the Spirit).

The parable teaches us about God's patience and mercy with us and our accountability to God. When His servants are killed, He sends more and more in the hope that people will turn from their evil ways. Even when these are killed, He still hopes that His beloved Son will make His people change their ways. Jesus is God's last appeal, His final challenge. Depending on our response to Him judgement is then made. If we are now tenants, then we are subject to God's expectation of us and subject to His judgement of us. God looks to us for fruits of faith and love and obedience. He expects that we will deliver forgiveness and mercy and justice.

God's Desire for our Fruitfulness. Our spiritual lives need to be fruitful. We need to cultivate our spiritual lives and work hard to produce the fruit that will lead us closer to God. Our Lord desires that we be fruitful as He states, "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples" (John 15:8), and also, "I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last" (John 15:16).

This is our entire story. It is almost incredible that the owner of the vineyard sent his 'beloved' son to people who have already beaten and killed many servants. That is just the point of the story. No human father on our planet would behave like this. This is the story, not a human story but divine display of love. In the words of St. Paul "when we were sinners Christ died for us". He demands the same love from us. He loved us enough to die for us. Let us love Him enough to live for Him.

## READINGS

**FIRST READING:**  
ISAIAH 5:1-7

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM :**  
PSALM 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

**SECOND READING:**  
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

**GOSPEL:**  
MATTHEW 21:33-43

## LEARN

**"The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just.**

**The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to "the slavery of sin"**

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# SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark  
Twenty—Seventh Sunday - Year A

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## SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am  
10:00am 11:30am\* 6:00pm  
\* with Children's Liturgy  
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

## CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am  
5.00pm - 5.45pm  
Eucharistic Adoration:  
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm  
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

## MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am  
Saturday 9:45am

## ROSARY

After weekday Masses

## PRAYER GROUPS

### Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm  
1st Friday 7:30pm

### Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

### Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

### St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

### Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

4TH OCTOBER—10TH OCTOBER, 2020

### SUNDAY 4TH 6.00PM

#### TWENTY—SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Josephine Popp, RIP  
Mrs. Franca Okeke, 11th memorial  
Stanislaw Janecki, RIP, Violetta Zaremska successful operation.

### 10.00 AM

Deceased members of the Dooley family Jelena Kalasic intentions  
Maureen Kelleher, RIP

### 12.00 PM

Sweet Bazuaye, in thanksgiving to God for blessings upon her life and  
the family, Glendora Jameson, 50th Birthday Thanksgiving.  
St. Theresa Society, in Thanksgiving to God. For the intentions of  
Magdalene Onoche and her children.

### 6.00 PM

Ibrahim Tarawaley in Thanksgiving to God for healing.

### MONDAY 5TH 9.00 AM

#### FERIA

For the intentions of Odia, Imiavan, Vanni, Ehiguese & Omonbude  
Lucy Ahonkhai for successful surgery  
Glendora Jameson, 50th Birthday Thanksgiving

### 7.00 PM

### TUESDAY 6TH 9.00 AM

#### FERIA

Ada Ntoutou Marie Josiane Griffin, children and grandchildren  
Glendora Jameson, 50th Birthday Thanksgiving

### 7.00 PM

### WEDNESDAY 7TH 9.00 AM

#### MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Germaine Ngoran, praying for God's blessings in all her project  
Emmanuel & Madeine Pem Kamla, In thanksgiving to God for 31  
years of Sacramental marriage praying for more of God's blessings  
upon their lives.

### 7.00 PM

### THURSDAY 8TH 9.00 AM 7.00 PM

#### FERIA

Johanna Sims, for health and wellbeing

### FRIDAY 9TH 9.00 AM 7.00 PM

#### MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

### SATURDAY 10TH 10.00AM

#### MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY

Winnie Pepple, RIP. Mrs. Josephine Ibronke Idowu, Birthday  
thanksgiving and for God blessings

### 6.00PM

Johnny Scahill RIP, 12th year Anniversary

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unending love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

ESTHER 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all

## FIRST READINGS

ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had 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 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(80):9,12-16,19-20

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel**

- 1 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 .
- 2 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
- 3 God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.
- 4 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

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 than 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**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 15: 15

**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

Jesus said to the chief priests and the 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 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**

# NOTICES OF THE WEEK

## PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:  
**Sacred Heart Church Camberwell**  
**Sort Code:** 60-50-01  
**Account Number:** 79102409

## GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors of the Church for those who wish to drop their Offerings and gift aid envelopes as you come for Mass or to pray before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are encouraged to make our offering after Mass. Thank you for your generosity to the Church.

## GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your numbers indicated on the envelopes.

## FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:  
[camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk).

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday children first holy communion: Our children in the Saturday first holy communion class will have their first confession on **Saturday 17th October at 10:30am** and their first holy communion on **Sunday 18th October at 2pm and 6pm** respectively. Parents please ensure all the paper work relating to your child's details are properly completed to enable us prepare their certificates.

## CAFOD ENVELOPES

Please pick a CAFOD envelope as you leave the Church today at the exit door. Kindly return these envelopes next week with your generous donations towards the support of the work of CAFOD.

## THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October is the month of the Holy Rosary: Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily especially during this time of the global pandemic. May our Blessed Mother Mary continue her powerful intercession on the world.

## NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

For those who have registered with this app you don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation.

## TO BE READ BEFORE THE 10AM AND 12NOON MASSES

Dear brothers and sisters as the coronavirus is now on the rise again, we shall take **option 1** approach for our collective safety recommended by the Bishop's conference for any mass with more than 50 people. This option enables the priest to conclude the Mass before the distribution of Holy Communion. As soon as you receive Holy Communion, please go home immediately communing with the Lord in your heart. This option is to stop parishioners from socialising at the end of Mass as we have observed recently. Thank You

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

We are getting ready to begin our Confirmation classes that were postponed since march. The candidates will be grouped in a class bubble of 3 groups, inline with Covid-19 restrictions. Each class group will take place once a week, Wednesday for group one, Thursday for group two and Friday for group three. All classes will begin at 7pm in the parish hall. We hope to begin this schedule from **Wednesday October 21st**. Fr. Victor will be contacting parents of our confirmation candidates in the next few weeks to notify them of their different groups and to reassure them of safety procedures we have put in place for a successful programme.

## PILGRIMAGE 2020

Dear Pilgrim,  
It is with regret and sadness that, due to the unprecedented circumstances caused by COVID-19, the decision was made to postpone your planned 2020 Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto. Deposits have been paid to both British Airways and the hotels, but they have agreed that we can postpone the reservations until 2021.

As you have already booked and paid a deposit for the 2020 Pilgrimage, we of course will give you the option to take up a 2021 place, before advertising generally. Therefore do please advise if you wish to have one of these places. The dates are not as yet set but we should have some information in the near future. The deposit paid will simply be transferred to your booking for 2021. please be rest assured, Tangney Tours is a fully bonded Company and your money is safe with them. **PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHOICE BY EMAILING [gill@tangney-tours.com](mailto:gill@tangney-tours.com) OR CALL 01732886666.**

## FACE MASK/FACE COVERING

Please be reminded that face mask or face covering is recommended for everyone attending Mass except for those exempted on health grounds. The parish is no longer able to provide you with one. Kindly ensure you have your own mask for the safety of us all.



# NOTICES OF THE WEEK

## RESUMPTION OF WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

### IN THE PARISH

Any of the Pious Prayer Groups in the Parish, who feel they are ready to begin prayer meetings again under the new restrictions guiding us for Masses, are now encouraged to do the following:

1. Each prayer group should appoint a safeguarding officer and a steward and submit the names and contact information to Fr. Victor.
2. Soon after meeting this request, prayer groups can begin their weekly prayers. For the sake of clarity, the following are the weekly prayer groups of our parish: The Legion of Mary, the Charismatic, the Divine Mercy group and Sacred Heart Association.
3. At all prayer meetings, the 2 meter social distancing must be observed, sanitise your hands before entering the Church and when leaving the Church. Face covering must be used except by those exempted due to health reasons. The steward should ensure everyone writes their names for Track and Trace. No group singing is allowed during prayers. However, a cantor or a soloist can sing and the organ or Piano is permitted. No passing of prayer books, each person should have his/hers. Physical contact with anyone is not permitted during prayers. The duration for prayer meeting is maximum of one hour. After the prayer meeting, the safeguarding officer for the group and the steward will ensure the pews are thoroughly cleaned with recommended anti bacterial wipes without bleach.
4. The UCM and St. Theresa's society are also permitted to meet only for prayers avoiding their usual meeting patterns. This way such meetings are permitted inside the Church. Both groups can alternate their meetings at the choir gallery. If they must proceed with this arrangement, please give us the names of your safeguarding officer/steward as requested for other societies.
5. Please note that cultural/social gatherings of communities within the parish are not permitted at this time.

Finally, as we all are aware, the coronavirus is still very much with us and restrictions are being tightened. We have to adapt to safety rules and learn to live with it. In the last two weeks, two parishes and their parish priests tested positive of the virus and have been shot down for two weeks. Let us remain careful and cautious as we create a safe environment for our collective worship. God bless you all.

Father Victor

## CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For any other consultations please email [camberwell@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:camberwell@rcaos.org.uk) or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

## CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

## BLESSING

*I ask Gods blessings on you all for all you do.*

*I remain particularly grateful to all who continue to support the church and the clergy at this difficult time. Fr. Victor Darlington*

## HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debitu Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Andra Martin, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Ursula Lubrano, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, MarieAugust, Rueben Jameson, AlbaJuliana Ramirez. Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray. Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Paulin Ngang, Cian Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Jackie Skeete, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermenstine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Cloo, Liam Whitfield. Monica White. John Howard, Charlie Quigley, Joshua Tomas, Collen McDonagh

