

OCTOBER WORLD MISSION MONTH

Month of October focuses on the essential work of priests, religious and lay missionaries in Cambodia, supporting people with disability and their families.

Through our prayerful support and solidarity, and through our generosity we are able to make resources available to mission churches, to help spread the gospel, and also to be of service to people who are often very vulnerable." (Fr. Brian Lucas)

HOW TO BUILD A POST-COVID WORLD?

VATICAN CITY-Pope Francis asked members of the United Nations how they think they can respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and build a more peaceful, more just world when many of their countries spend billions on military weapons and when their treatment of the unborn, of refugees and of women shows so little respect for human life in his video address, which was broadcast 25th September.

"We must ask ourselves if the principal threats to peace and security -- poverty, epidemics, terrorism and so many others -- can be effectively be countered when the arms race, including nuclear weapons, continues to squander precious resources that could better be used to benefit the integral development of peoples and protect the natural environment."

In his message Pope Francis returned to themes he has repeated since the COVID-19 pandemic began: Humanity faces a choice between trying to go back to an often unjust "normal" or taking the opportunity to rethink economic and political policies, putting the good of all people and the environment ahead of concern for maintaining the lifestyles of wealthy individuals and nations.

He drew particular attention to the pandemic's impact on children, "including unaccompanied young migrants and refugees," as well as to reports that "violence against children, including the horrible scourge of child abuse and pornography, has also dramatically increased."

"The pandemic has shown us that we cannot live without one another, or worse still, (be) pitted against one another," Pope Francis insisted in his message. "The United Nations was established to bring nations together, to be a bridge between peoples. Let us make good use of this institution in order to transform the challenge that lies before us into an opportunity to build together, once more, the future we all desire." (vaticannews.va)

Last week 1st Collection \$495.35 2nd Collection \$767.20

ALL SOULS MASS—MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 7:30PM,
the Parish remembers those parishioners and parishioners' dear ones who have died in the past 12 months.

IF YOU INTEND TO ATTEND THE MASS AND WANT TO LIT A CANDLE FOR YOUR DEAR ONES, PLEASE SIGN IN ON THE LIST IN FOYER NAMES OF RELATIVES WHO HAVE DIED SINCE 2/11/2019 ONLY.



Sacred Heart Parish Koorungal 3rd/4th October, 2020

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Sunday Mass Times:

Sat.Vigil:5:30pm Sunday: 10am

Daily Mass Times:

Monday - Friday: 5:45pm

Saturday: 9.30am

Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.

Reconciliation: Sat. 10.00am-10.30am

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WE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett, Tony Madigan, Allan Davis, Barbara McDonnell, Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, John Stout, Bill Matthews, Beverly Crouch., Vitas Mangahis, Bette Fitzpatrick, Bob Barclay, Beth Gillard, Eileen Gaynor, Theresa Gallucci, Rosalind Lim.

ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES: Theresa Lim, John Lee, Eileen Gaynor, Kerrie Sherman.

SICK: Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Terry Phegan, Mary Condell, Genevieve Keogh, Dorothy Waterford, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O'Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Garry Brigham, Brianna Papworth, .

THE STONE
THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE
— PSALM 118:22 —

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

FIRST READING: A reading from prophet 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:

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 your 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.

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the 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 and sisters, 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:

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 21:33-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.**

GOSPEL CONNECTIONS

Wild Grapes at Harvest

Rejection isn't easy. Everyone remembers the first time they were rejected at school, by the sporting team, or by the boy or girl who wouldn't be our friend. As we get older, rejection can become a serious problem. We have seen or heard account after account of violence and even murder by men who feel rejected by women who do not respond to their advances in the way they would like. However, rejection is inevitable. You will be rejected, one way or another. How we prepare resilience in our children/students to deal with this rejection is an important character-building lesson that we need to teach them.

In Philippians, Paul talks to us about rejection that occurs when we choose to follow the Jesus way. If anyone had a resume and pedigree that would endear him with the most noble of people, the most popular, the most wanted, it certainly was Paul. But if one is serious about following the way of Jesus, we can expect that not everyone will be so accepting of us. When we begin to align our values with those of Christ, rejection might just be inevitable. But for Paul, the goal was not to be accepted by others but to experience the power of resurrection, the power of a life lived in harmony with God. What happens when we shift our goals toward that goal? Does our concept of rejection and acceptance change? Do we discover the power of being true to ourselves and to everything that God calls us to be, even though there is a very real possibility that we might experience the rejection of others? This just might be the finest life work of a disciple: to thine own self be true.

Consider 'what you have done, and what you have failed to do'. Which weighs on your conscience more? (gpbs.com.au)