



**ST BRIGID'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
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**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time A - 4 October 2020**

**First Reading** *Is 5:1-7 A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

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.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7*

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

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| 1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;<br>to plant it you drove out the nations.<br>It stretched out its branches to the sea,<br>to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.) | 3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,<br>look down from heaven and see.<br>Visit this vine and protect it,<br>the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)                       |
| 2. Then why have you broken down its walls?<br>It is plucked by all who pass by.<br>It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,<br>devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)          | 4. And we shall never forsake you again:<br>give us life that we may call upon your name.<br>God of hosts, bring us back;<br>let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R) |

**Second Reading** *Phil 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 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.

**Gospel Acclamation** *See Jn 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** *Mt 21:33-43 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

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.'

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Dear Friends in Christ

Imagine a tenant or somebody you lend something to, turning around to claim that your property is his or hers or theirs. Imagine this person trying to wipe out every record and evidence of your ownership of the said property, while claiming ownership of it. Think about someone who knows you as the owner but refuses to pay his or her rent, puts in other tenants, and collects the rents for him- or her-self? Some of us may not be far from that description when it comes to our relationship with God, the owner of everything we possess. The first reading and the Gospel of today draw our attention to this: that we are custodians, caretakers of creation, and tenants of God's vineyard which he has given to us out of an immense love.

Following the teachings of the Sacred Scripture and Tradition, with an eye on passages we have read today, Pope Francis, since the inception of his Pontificate has sought to drum it loudly and clearly into the ears of all who would care, that we are stewards of God's creation – stewards entrusted with the care of the earth, our common home and of the poor and needy. The Pope has expressed this in different ways, even dedicated an Encyclical Letter: *Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home*, published 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. And he encouraged every Catholic in union with all Christian Churches, to participate in the Season of Creation events which lasted from 1<sup>st</sup> of September to today being 4<sup>th</sup> of October the feast day of St Francis of Assisi (a saint well known for his love for creation). Though this ends today, it is a wake-up call to prayer and care for the planet earth, our common home and to care for the poor and the needy. It is a whole of life task for each and every one of us.

Nowadays, many people, different governments and different parties of political, civil and religious affiliations are clamouring for environmental protection and for the need to stop climate change. These are good projects and ideas, and we should all be part of it. Although, climate change, global warming, gas emission reduction, etc. dominate the news, and have been highly politicised unnecessarily, the truth of the message is undeniable: that we are custodians, stewards on earth, who were placed here to care for and improve our common home – the planet earth. Therefore, we shall be accountable to God for how we have used his gifts, especially the gift of the human body and mind. Thus, our duty and responsibility start with the care of the person (ourselves and others) in the light of God's teachings and command. Saint John Paul II, in his encyclical letter, *Centesimus Annus* (May 1, 1991) said, "Not only has God given the earth to man, who must use it with respect for the original good purpose for which it was given to him, but man too is God's gift to man. He must therefore respect the natural and moral structure with which he has been endowed" (No. 38).

Every effort, therefore, has to be in complete consciousness of the fact that we are tenants of God's vineyard and that God expects us to give him his own share of the produce of his vineyard at the vintage time (see today's first reading and the Gospel). We should all know that in spite of the politicising of it, we shall all personally and individually, render account of all we have been given, especially the human body and life which are gifts from God to humanity. St Paul tells us that the body is not our own as he says, "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honour God with your bodies" (1 Cor. 16:19-20). We are caretakers of every human life. We have no authority to do with our lives or those of others whatever we like. Every life is first for God's glory and honour and secondly for our wellbeing.

Each of us will have to give account of all that we did while breathing in this body. A time shall come, as it has already come for some others, when the body will be taken from us for a period of reckoning. If we are found to have been good stewards: faithful and accountable, we shall pick it up on the day of resurrection of the dead as a glorified body. If we are found wanton, we shall still pick it up but as a heavy burden for eternity. Conscious of this fact, St Paul in today's second reading tells us **not to worry** about anything but with gratitude to God, the ever-dependable provider, to pray for whatever we need. More importantly, he tells us to fill our 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". That is the only way we can produce good fruits and remain good stewards of God's creation.

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**MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH**

**Week Day Mass**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7.00 am

Wednesday 5.45 pm

Saturday Morning 9.00 am

Mass for the Sick with Anointing is on the  
Third Saturday of the month at 9.00am

**The next Anointing Mass will be to be advised**

**Sunday Mass**

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm

Sunday 8.30 am  
10.30am (except 4th Sunday each month)

**Rosary**

Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 7.30 am,  
Saturday at 8.30am.

**Divine Mercy Prayer** Thursday 7.30 am

**Adoration** Thursday 6.00-7.00pm

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Saturday 9.30 am

**Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church** By appointment only

**St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont** 4th Sunday of each month

**Next Mass at St John's** 25th October 2020



**We remember** all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus

**We pray for the recently deceased:** Rose Florence Moldrich, Aumsley Denis Carmel Moldrich, and Russel Kurz

**We pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:** William Pennings, John Baldacchino, Kerry John Victor, Jozo Krajivovic

**We also remember** their families—may they be comforted in their loss by this Community of Faith.

**We pray for those who are sick or in hospital:** Gregory Hume, Peter Doring, John Sweeny, Daryl Williams, Ava Mansfield, Shirley Jean Carr, Kath Fisher, Brenda Dale, (Baby) Paris Organ, Maureen Bourke, Patricia Smith, Maureen & Paul Hume, Valda Silvy, Joan Gordon, Amanda Gordon, Shelly Ryan, Sandra Miller, Linda Hari, Nona Maguire,

**Our prayers are also offered for those who are elderly and in Nursing Homes.**



**ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE**

Our faith is more than a private matter. It shapes our lives in public as well as how we relate to God personally.

The Catholic Bishops of Queensland have released a State Election Statement calling on Catholics to consider Catholic Social Teachings as they go to the polls on October 31.

To read the statement visit: <https://bit.ly/2FDLtlH>

**Protect our unborn babies**

**Cherish Life** is running a PRO-LIFE Queensland State Election Campaign. Please volunteer at [www.cherishlife.org.au/volunteer](http://www.cherishlife.org.au/volunteer) or call: 07 3871 2445

Under present legislation, abortions in Queensland can be performed at any time during a pregnancy, right up until the end of the third trimester.

Archbishop Coleridge recently said "My thoughts were made very clear when the debate on abortion was going on in the state (of Queensland) and the Church's position is unequivocal on it. I think the legislation that was passed was seriously mistaken. I've made no secret of that. Therefore, I would support legislative change."

**Week-day Mass Readings**

Days	Memorials/Feasts	Readings (R1 and R2)	Gospel Reading
Mon	5/10/20		R1: Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37
Tues	6/10/20		R1: Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42
Wed	7/10/20	Our Lady of the Rosary	R1: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Lk 11:1-4
Thurs	8/10/20		R1: Gal 3:1-5 Lk 11:5-13
Fri	9/10/20		R1: Gal 3:7-14 Lk 11:15-26

**MASSES FOR ALL SOULS**

November is traditionally the month when we remember and pray for all our departed loved ones. Envelopes are available at the entrance to the church. Please complete and either return to the office or place on the collection plate.

All the names will be placed in our Book of Remembrance and Masses will be offered throughout the month.

Next Sunday, 11th October 2020 is  
**NO EUTHANASIA SUNDAY**

Parishioners are encouraged to pray for laws against euthanasia.

**COVID-19 Mass Guidelines**

**Dear Parishioners**

All parishioners who wish to attend any or all of the weekday or Sunday Masses must now ring or email the office to have their name included in the list for that particular day. If you wish to attend daily and/or weekend (Sunday) Mass, your name can be listed for the entire month of October if you let us know and then you do not have to contact us until the end of October to re-register for the following month.

Unfortunately many people are under the assumption that they do not need to register but it is a requirement of the Archdiocese that we must comply with. Please note: The Government's social distancing guidelines will also apply. With the new cases reported in Queensland we ask for your prayers.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SCHEDULE**

**Meeting dates for Confirmation are:**

17th October 10.10 am  
24th October 3pm to 5.00pm Retreat  
25th October 9.30am to 10.30am continuation of Retreat  
30th October 6.00pm Confirmation night

**Meetings for First Eucharist are:**

10th October 10.10am after Mass  
11th October 9.30am after Mass  
31st October 10.10am after Mass  
1st November 9.30am after Mass—brief meeting only  
7th November 10.10am after Mass  
14th November 10.10am Retreat  
15th November 9.30am to 10.30am continuation of Retreat  
21st November 6.00pm First Eucharist  
22nd November 8.30am First Eucharist

**ST BRIGID'S PARISH WEEKLY FINANCIALS as at 27th September 2020**

**1ST COLLECTION:** \$ 695.55 For Clergy Support (Greatly affected by COVID 19 Crisis)

**2ND COLLECTION:** \$ 1298.20 For Parish expenses such as administration & maintenance of all our buildings & properties.

We appeal to all our Parishioners and friends who are not on planned giving already to consider switching over to planned giving or find another means of supporting the Parish and our ministry financially. We will send to parishioners the planned giving forms on request. I sincerely thank you for your continued financial support. Be assured of our prayers, and of your divine rewards.

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**INSTALLATION OF CAMERAS IN THE CHURCH**

With the COVID 19 restrictions and lockdown still in place, we would like to continue our live streaming to reach out to members of our community who may not be in the Church with us and also to make available to those who participated at the Mass an opportunity to watch the Mass and listen to the homily again if they so wish. Installing cameras for professional video recording and uploading to the internet will also benefit the Church and families who would like to live stream the funeral of loved ones to relatives and friends who may be unable to attend. The same applies to weddings, graduation ceremonies, celebration of the sacraments like baptisms, first Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, and Anointing of the sick. Grand-parents and sick relatives and friends would not miss out completely. There are other uses and benefits as well which could accrue from the Church having fixed cameras in place. If anyone feels touched to support this project, please do not hesitate to talk to me about how you could help. We are grateful to generous parishioners who have donated more than \$6,075.00 towards this project.

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