

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*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.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask... **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 79

RESPONSE: *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. **R.**
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. **R.**
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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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 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

Alleluia, alleluia!
*I chose you from the world
to go out and bear fruit,
fruit that will last,
says the Lord.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the sacrifices instituted by your commands
and, through the sacred mysteries,
which we celebrate with dutiful service,
graciously complete the sanctifying work
by which you are pleased to redeem us... **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume... **Amen.**

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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new appointment.

Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

Please consider setting up a standing order in favour of the parish instead of a weekly cash offering. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please complete a form which you can find in the church porch.

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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 8th October 2023: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A

Services during the coming week – Twenty-seventh Week of the Year, Year I

Saturday 7 th	5:30 pm	Confessions
October	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass of 27 th Sunday, offered for the people of the parish. Reader: R Cork, Offertory: Cork Family
Sunday 8 th	8:00 am	Holy Mass, offered for the repose of the soul of Stephen J V Smith RIP. Reader: J Cleary, Offertory: Moore Family Eucharistic Minister: C Moore
October	10:00 am	Holy Mass, open intention. Reader: A James, Offertory: M Geisel/M Mayhew, Eucharistic Minister: R Shorten

Please join us for tea and coffee in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass, prepared & served by Val & Molly

Monday 9 th	St John Henry Newman
October	No Mass Today
Tuesday 10 th	Feria
October	10:00 am Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Albertina Vieira RIP
Wednesday	Feria
11 th October	12 noon Holy Mass, open intention
Thursday 12 th	Feria Holy Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Sister Scholastica Rambayon
October	10:00 am and deceased members of the Rambayon family
Friday 13 th	Feria
October	10:00 am Holy Mass, offered for the Vieira Family followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 14 th	5:30 pm Confessions
October	6:00 pm Vigil Mass of 28 th Sunday, offered for the repose of the soul of Frederick Dooley RIP.

Today's Gospel: Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. Jesus then questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. The Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner God, the servants the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful.

Parish 150 Club: The September prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made last Sunday. The winners were Mrs M Krajewski, Mrs D Turner, Mr P Riches, Mrs P Williamson, Mr & Mrs A Iannelli and Mrs M Ogden. Full details of the prize-winners can be found on the notice board in the church porch and on the parish web site: just scan the QR code.



Harvest Fast Day: Friday of this week was the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets lifesaving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD so that more families can get the expert help they need. There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend in support of CAFOD's appeal: please use one of the CAFOD envelopes in the church porch, or you can donate on-line at the CAFOD web site - scan the QR code to take you directly there or follow the link on the parish web site.



Parish Social Activity: There will be a meeting in the Garden Room at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 11th October to discuss social activity within the parish. This will be an informal meeting open to all. Please do come along, have your say and engage with fellow parishioners to help build a stronger community within the parish through social activities.

Prisons Week: Prisons week starts this Sunday, 8th October. For nearly 50 years, the charity *Prisons Week* has encouraged Christians everywhere to pray for prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities and those working or volunteering in the criminal justice system. Please pray each day during Prisons Week. A special prayer will be posted each day on the parish social media channels, and we are all encouraged to pray for this cause. Scan the QR code each day to take you to that day's prayer.



First Holy Communion 2024: Parents of children seeking to make their First Holy Communion next year please note registration forms are now available at the back of church and on the web site – scan the QR code to take you directly there. Please return completed forms to Fr Luke or Fr Paul. Closing date for registration is 8th November.



The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for Patrick Doran and all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted, housebound or distressed.

Lord, comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit. Amen.

Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Ernest Thomas (2020), Peter Youngman (1979), Lilian Park (2008), Jean Denny (2003), Agnes Marchant (1997), Giuseppe Buglione (2006), Frederick Dooley (1969), Dr Leslie Moss (1990), Margaret Nicholls (2002) and William Lynch (2009) whose anniversaries occur about this time.