

First Reading: 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.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

(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. (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

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 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.’

Communion Antiphon: Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God’s plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control. When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God’s tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God’s plans.



ST. JUDE’S PARISH – LANGWARRIN

"May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance" - Jude 1:2

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 03/04 OCTOBER 2026

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday – 06 Oct 2026
6.00pm – 6.30pm:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayer
(Priest available for confession)
6.30pm – 6.45pm:
Silent Adoration
6.45pm – 7.00pm:
Devotion to St. Jude and Reposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Mass: 7.00pm

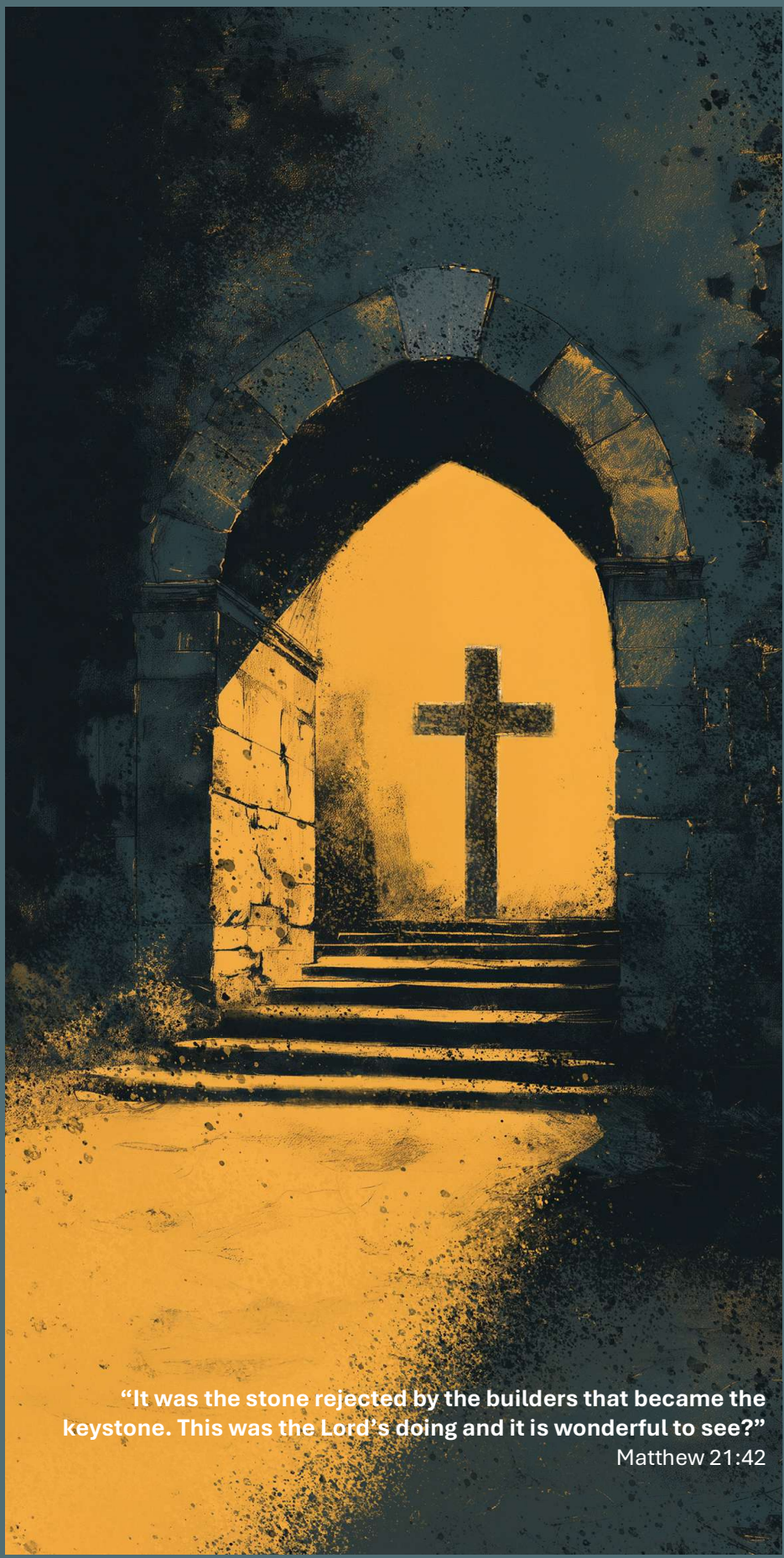
Wednesday to Saturday
07 – 10 Oct 26
Mass: 9.30am

Weekend Mass
10 Oct 2026
Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
11 Oct 2026
Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

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Priest available for Confession on Saturdays
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“It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see?”
Matthew 21:42

Next Sunday’s Readings – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A (11th October 2026)

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

PARISH MINISTRIES & NOTICES

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER			
10/11 October 2026 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	Saturday Vigil	Sunday	
	6.30pm	8.30 am	10.00 am
Leader	A. Talbot	C. Keecherer	G. Fernandez
Reader	A. Muller	L. Young	K. Uden
Special Ministers	L. Rooney	D. Balcke	B. Fernandez
Meet and greet	Volunteer Required	S. Peckham M. Larizza	M. Staffa D. Hall

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

We also pray for all those who are sick, Joan Burrowes, Janice Garac, Liz & Robert Yole, Jeff Balcke, Martin and Kris Corcoran, Bill Warner, Christine Suriano, Jim Drinan, Isaac de Figueredo and all our family, friends and parishioners that they may feel God’s healing love.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth Brady

ANNIVERSARY:

If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one, please contact the parish office

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
1ST COLLECTION - PRESBYTERY
\$721.40 <i>This collection supports the priest in our parish.</i>
2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING
(not including the Direct debts and card payments)
\$620.3 <i>This collection goes towards the running costs of the Parish (staff wages, utilities, insurance, cleaning, etc).</i>
SPECIAL COLLECTION
Archbishop Campaign 2026 Total Collection \$1,089.65 Timor Leste - \$322.20
The best way to give to St. Jude's is via direct debit <i>You can set up a recurring donation with your credit card or bank account by contacting the parish office.</i>
Please send any Newsletter related announcements before Wednesday 1.30 pm to langwarrin@cam.org.au

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- 4th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of **\$1,000**
- 5th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of **\$500**

DRAWN: Saturday 5th December 2026 at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Parish 844 Centre Rd Bentleigh East

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Open Lunch Gathering

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to an informal lunch gathering at

Baxter Tavern
117 Baxter-Tooradin Road, Baxter

Wednesday, 7 October 2026 | 12.00 noon

This social gathering is organised by interested parishioners and offers an opportunity to enjoy lunch, conversation and fellowship in a relaxed setting.

A sign-up sheet is available in the foyer for those wishing to attend.

The notice is shared as a courtesy to parishioners, with all arrangements and participation remaining the responsibility of those attending.

Everyone is welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul Society Good Works

Piety Stall

New from the St. Vincent de Paul Society piety stall are some **books** and **bibles**.

We have received a few copies of the **Magnifica Humanitas, Large Print Prayer Books** and some **Children's Catholic Picture Bibles**.

EFTPOS is now available.
Please stop by and have a look.

All profits from sales go towards **helping those in need** in our community.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OCTOBER 07

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on 7 October. Its origins go back to the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, when Pope St Pius V called Christians to pray the Rosary for the protection of the Church. Following the Christian victory, the day became associated with Our Lady of Victory and later with Our Lady of the Rosary. Today, the feast is not simply about a historical battle, but about Mary’s loving intercession and the power of prayer. It invites us to pray the Rosary while meditating on the mysteries of Christ’s life, death and resurrection.

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/onemillionchildrenpraying

“When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change.” - Saint Padre Pio



Dear Parishioners
You are warmly invited to **tour our New School Buildings**

After 10am Mass on **Sunday, 18th October**

Join Father Martin as he blesses the new facilities, followed by morning tea.



Help support our parish



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ST JUDE'S PARISH LANGWARRIN

Save the Date

CELEBRATION OF THE PARISH FEAST

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2026 7.00pm

We will commence prayers at every weekend in October to spiritually prepare for the celebration.

THE THREE DAYS OF CELEBRATION

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER Parish History Presentation  A presentation of the parish history with some light refreshments. 7:00 – 8:00pm Parish Hall	TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER Holy Hour & Mass  Holy Hour: 6:00 – 7:00pm Mass: 7:00 – 7:30pm <i>A time of prayer, adoration and thanksgiving as we prepare to celebrate our parish feast.</i>	WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER Feast Day Mass & Reception  Mass: 7:00pm Reception follows in the Parish Hall. <i>Let us come together in faith, joy and fellowship as we celebrate our patron, St Jude.</i>
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50 years since the first Mass in Langwarrin (1976) | **44 years** since St Jude's was formally established as a parish (1982) | **33 years** since the present church building opened (1993)

A Parish with a Rich History Invite family and friends



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YEAR A | 4 OCTOBER 2026
MATTHEW 21:33-43

Choose what is right

A Moment to Reflect
The Parable of the Wicked Tenants
Matthew 21:33-43

“What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” They said, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the right time.’

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”?”

Did You Know?
The Wicked Tenants and God's Patience
The parable reminds us that God's love is patient, but not without limits. The vineyard is a picture of God's kingdom, and the tenants represent those who are given the opportunity to respond to His invitation. When they fail to do so, God entrusts the vineyard to others. It challenges us to bear good fruit and to use the gifts we have been given with gratitude and faithfulness.

A little word about the vineyard
The vineyard is a symbol of God's people and the Church. It is not just a piece of land, but a living community called to produce good fruit through faith, love and service.

This Week, Try This

Be Honest Take a moment to examine your own heart. Are you truly putting God first in your life?	Choose Good Look for opportunities to do what is right, even when it is difficult or unpopular.	Encourage Others Support family and friends to live their faith, even when it is not easy.	Trust God's Mercy Remember: no one is beyond God's love. It is never too late to turn back to Him.
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A Thought for the Week
“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.”
MATTHEW 21:42

Let us open our hearts to God's call, and choose to live our faith in action, not just in words.



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