



This Sunday's Gospel

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

(Matthew 21: 33-43)

"Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it."


The Gospel of the Lord

Prayer One

The Sign of the Cross

Let us remember that everything we do is
In the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Reflection: Our Gospel reading this week tells us the story of a landlord who rented his vineyard out to tenants and how they did not respect him, his servants or even his son.



Our Gospel reading this week tells us the story of a landlord who rented his vineyard out to tenants. The tenants pretty soon decided to stop paying the rent. When the landlord sent messengers to collect, the tenants killed them and when the landlord finally sent his son along, the tenants killed them too!

The story is quite obviously a parable about God, creation and Jesus. God created the world but people refused to respect their God.

THINK:

How do you think God wants us to respect him?

- *By Loving others?*
- *By receiving the Sacraments?*
- *By forgiving when we have been wronged?*
- *By trying to live good lives and to be good people?*
- *By praying?*

If we can master these things, then we can show God respect and make ourselves happier into the bargain!



Final Prayer

LOVING FATHER...

May we never turn our back on you, our creator, just as we know that you will never turn your back on us.

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,
AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**



Prayer Two

The Sign of the Cross

**Let us remember that everything we do is
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the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection:

***On Saturday we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady
of the Rosary. This is why October is known as the
month of the Rosary***



October is a time to remember Mary, and also a time to perhaps try to reconnect with one of our most ancient prayer traditions: The Rosary.

It has been prayed since St Dominic's time in the 12th century. The first rosary was prayed as we do today, a person would pass their fingers over each bead and say a "Hail Mary" or "Our Father" according to which bead they were holding

Holy Mary Mother of God... Pray for us!



Idea for an Activity- make your own rosary beads (One decade)
Resources available from Chaplaincy



You will need:

- **Pipe cleaners**
- **Small craft beads**
- **scissors**

- Place 10 beads of your choice onto a pipe cleaner
- Bring the pipe cleaner around into a circle and twist it shut
- Place on one more bead for the our father
- Cut off the extra piece and twist it around to make the cross, trim of the excess where necessary.

Final Prayer



Hail Mary, full of grace.

The Lord is with you.

**Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your
womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.**



Prayer Three

The Sign of the Cross

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the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

Reflection

***Perhaps the start of loving and respecting others
is the ability to love and respect ourselves***



Prayer Three

Perhaps when things go wrong for people it is largely because they are conflicted in their own minds and hearts and at pains to come to terms with something.

This week, take some time to ask yourself if there is anything in your own heart that you are not dealing with.

If there is think about what steps you could take to help you deal with these things?



Final Prayer

LOVING FATHER...

**May our hearts always be at peace, so that they are
always ready to pour out love on others.**

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,
AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
AMEN**



Final Thought...



*Next Week: **Invitation***