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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

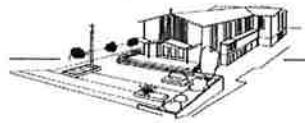
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Matraville

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let us continue to work together to create safe and protective environments where children and young people can flourish.



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Giovanni Andreatta, Gloria Ardler, Jennifer Rule, Fr John Langtry, Jim Walshe, Mario De Roit, June Fernando and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Dorothy Hall, Tom (Anthony) Hayson, Gail Lippmann, Aljoz Sluga, Yolande & Robert Aquilina, Rosalie Marino, Nettie (Janette) Veringa, John Parnell.

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify the priest.

Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.

We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church.

Caring about other people is what being a human is all about, and I have great faith in the humanitarian nature of the average Australian. Fred Hollows



Sacrament of Confirmation 2020

There will be an important meeting for parents /carers in the church at Malabar on Wednesday, 14 October at 7pm
Young people in both parishes in year 6 or upwards may be eligible to receive this Sacrament.
Confirmation Dates: **21 November** at Matraville & **28 November** at Malabar this year.

A mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take. Cardinal Mermillod

Parish Financial Support

As the Government is reducing the JobKeeper Subsidy from next week, there will be an added financial burden on our parishes while so few are attending.
Thank you to all those who contribute in any way to the upkeep of our parish

Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference. Anonymous

All are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask while at church.

Please sign in and use the sanitiser every time on your way in.

Please invite your fellow parishioners to celebrate Mass with us.

100 people at each Mass at Matraville and Malabar

Please: Those who are unwell or at high risk should not attend.

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form **one line** and keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping each other safe.

Speaking without thinking is like shooting without taking aim. (Spanish proverb)

Planned Giving Envelopes for St Agnes' Matraville

If possible, please stay in the Planned Giving System, even if you don't require a tax receipt.

Our Lord wills that you cling to Him alone!

If your faith were greater, how much more peaceful you would be even when great trials surround and oppress you. Saint Paula Frassinetti

Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses at Malabar will resume on Tues 6 Oct.

There is 7am Mass on Tues, Wed & Fri, and 9.10am on Thurs. at Matraville

There is no Sat morning Mass at Matraville until further notice.

Funeral: for the late Giovanni Andreatta - 10.30am, Tues, 6th Oct - Malabar

Funeral: for the late Gloria Ardler - 11.00am, Wed, 7th Oct - Malabar

Funeral: for the late Jennifer Rule - 1.30pm, Fri, 9th Oct - Malabar

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. 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.

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

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.

Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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THE SONG SUNG OVER THE CHURCH


Jesus probably told the parable of the Tenants against the religious leaders in Jerusalem in his day. Having resisted the prophets sent by God, they are now resisting the last of them, namely, himself. As such they have shown themselves to be usurpers, retaining for themselves the 'vineyard' (Israel) and its 'produce' (the life of the people). For them, the arrival of the Kingdom (of God) will mean dispossession and retribution.

The early Church retold the parable in the light of Jesus' death and resurrection, and a belief in his status as God's Son. Also present is a bitter awareness of the *No* given to the Gospel by the bulk of Israel and a sense of the Church itself, made up of Jews and non-Jews, as the community of the Kingdom. Through the continuing presence of the risen Lord (Matthew 28:20), the community can and ought to produce the 'fruits' that God desires.

The long and tragic history of Christian intolerance and persecution of Jews calls for sensitivity in handling texts like this that reflect the early Church's disappointment with Israel. Today we should move on from Christian triumphalism at Jewish expense to concentrate upon the 'fruits' that God looks for from us. God has made the 'rejected stone'—the crucified and risen Lord—the 'cornerstone' of the Church. The question for us is whether the 'song' sung by God over this new vineyard (cf. the First Reading) is one of delight or disappointment. Inevitably, perhaps, a bit of both. In either case it will be a song of love.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

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FIRST READING

Isa 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

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.

RESP PSALM Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. R. Isa 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

Phil 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

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