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4th October 2026 **27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat	03 Oct	5.30 pm	P J Crosbie RIP & Mark Crosbie RIP
Sun	04 Oct	9.30 am	Christine Meehan RIP, 8th anniversary, and all deceased members of the family
Mon	05 Oct	9.30 am	For victims of domestic abuse
Tues	06 Oct	9.30 am	Michelle Sparkes RIP
Wed	07 Oct	9.30 am	Sp. Intention for Patricia Abbott
Thu	08 Oct	9.30 am	.Tommy Doherty and family for good health
Fri	09 Oct	9.30 am	For peace in the world
Sat	10 Oct	9.30 am	People of the parish
		5.30 pm	Tom O'Reilly RIP, 10th anniversary
Sun	11 Oct	9.30 am	Colin-John Lehan RIP

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The parable of the wicked tenants has an interesting link to the theme of yesterday's reflection on Luke 10:17-24, which focused on the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus. For the parable declares that the vineyard will be leased to other tenants who will be more faithful and will deliver the produce when the season arrives.

The context of the parable is Jesus' being challenge in the Temple by the chief priests and elders of the people. They were questioning his authority. Jesus answered them in three ways. First of all, he asked them what they thought about John the Baptist's authority. Then he presented a scenario of two sons being asked by their father to go and work in his vineyard – one of whom says he will not go but then thinks better of it and goes, while the other says he will go but in fact does not.

Jesus used this example to say that it was the tax collectors and sinners who responded to the Baptist's preaching and indeed to the preaching of Jesus, while the Jewish leaders did not. The parable of the wicked tenants was the third part of Jesus' response to the Temple authorities. Importantly, Matthew tells us in v.45 that 'When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.'

They were angry, because the implication was not only that they were like the wicked tenants, but also that their position was to be given to others, that others would be taking responsibility for God's vineyard (an image of God's people).

The Jewish leaders haven't simply been replaced by new leaders. It is Jesus himself who has replaced the tenants! In the end, no one could shepherd God's people faithfully, no one could really care for God's vineyard in the way God wanted. Only Jesus, the Son could fulfil the role. Jesus is now and forever the one who cares for the vineyard. In fact, he has become the Vine itself. Our life and mission is simply a sharing in his life and mission,

Lord Jesus you are the Vine, we are the branches and the Spirit is the wine of the new covenant lavished and poured out upon us.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY: Its October again 'The season of mist and mellow fruitfulness' wrote John Keats in his lovely poem 'Ode to Autumn'. In the church it is the month of the Holy Rosary and the memorial mass is celebrated on 7th October 'Our Lady of the Rosary".

In 1572 Ottoman Turkish expansion with its religion of Islam was moving across the Mediterranean and also in Eastern Europe. The Pope and other Catholic leaders asked their people to say the Rosary, to pray for Christian victory. A great naval battle took place at Lepanto. There was a Christian victory and to celebrate it the Pope instituted the October feast of Our Lady of Victory, later renamed Our Lady of the Rosary. Also, the Ottoman forces were defeated at the gates of Vienna. At this time, especially via the messages of Medujorge, Our Lady requests us to pray, pray, pray for peace

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CAR PARKING: Again, we have put notices on cars parked often at St Gorge's car park, to ask they be moved for weekend Masses. However, we have a number of places to park behind the presbytery, 40 Village Street. Please feel free to use them on Saturday 5.30 pm and Sunday 9.30 am. New gates will be going on soon on the car parks. Fr. Alan.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.

SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD donations and envelopes to be collected this weekend.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY is for PACT, Prisoners Sunday.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 5th Oct: St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin (Saint of Divine Mercy)
Blessed Robert Sutton, Anthony Turner, George Douglas and Companions, Martyrs of Leicestershire

Tues 6th Oct: St Bruno, Priest

Wed 7th Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary

Fri 9th Oct: St John Henry Newman, Priest & Doctor

Sat 10th Oct: St Paulinus of York, Bishop and the Anglo-Saxon saints of our diocese

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The Wonders of God

He does great things past finding out, marvellous things beyond reckoning. JOB 9:10

Last year, I kept a daily journal that I called "A Year of Awe." In this journal, I recorded moments when I had experiences of astonishment or awe. Some days were easy. Standing on a beach watching the sunset. Listening to a beautiful piece of music. Gazing at a baby or at Monet's "Water Lilies."

But what happens when the days become all too familiar and ordinary or when we find ourselves trapped inside because of weather or sickness? It wasn't always so easy. But I discovered, sitting with my journal at the end of each day, that I just needed to keep looking. To pay closer attention to the details.

I asked: What surprised me today? What made me either sad or happy? What left me speechless or singing?

In those simple moments – a kind word, a certain slant of light, a cool breeze across my face – God did "marvellous things beyond reckoning." God showed up. Every day.

Give me a sense of you today, Lord.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY
THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS

It is good to practise a little self-denial regularly and specially on CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. The idea is that we save a little on food or drink or whatever we decide and give the saving in the CAFOD envelope. We then bring it to our weekend Mass where it is collected and the proceeds sent to CAFOD, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development. CAFOD supports many projects in many countries especially in water provision, food and education eg one water pump helps an entire community in Zimbabwe. In Bangladesh, Obayedul received training to build floating gardens on his flooded land, to provide food all the year round. CAFOD funding helped find a community kitchen founded by Filipino women for families affected by war in Lebanon. Help has been given to victims of war in the Sudan. In Latin America support has been given in Columbia, Brazil and Honduras.

CAFOD says, A better world needs all of us.

For more information go to CAFOD.org

THE FREE PAPERS, Catholic Post and Catholic News, have arrived for October. In Catholic News there are lots of items about activities in our own diocese, especially news of our Bishop Patrick and his journey around the parishes of the diocese. "Prayer is at the heart of all that we do he says". Also in the Catholic Post there is a very informative article on A1 entitled 'Artificial Intelligence will provide an explosion of creativity, but brakes are needed'. Also Archbishop John Sherrington of Liverpool writes of his gratitude and thanks to all who helped towards the defeat of the Assisted Suicide Bill.