

St. Joseph's Church Wilton

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Sunday Gospel.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

Those hearing the parable were asked what the landowner should do. They answer, *"He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants."* Little did they realise they were sentencing themselves!

This was Matthew's way of telling the Jewish leaders of his day, together with their followers, that because they had excluded Jewish Christians from their midst, God had turned his vineyard over to new tenants.

Christians are, of course, the new tenants. But before we congratulate ourselves, we must ask whether as a church or as individuals we have lived up to our responsibilities. History and our own conscience forbid us to answer with an unqualified "Yes".

A Prayer for the Church on Safeguarding Sunday.

Dear God,
Help us to be a Church that:
Loves, welcomes, protects.
Listens, learns, serves.
Repents, restores, transforms.
Values, cares, believes.
God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.
Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Bishopstown ICA

The Bishopstown ICA have resumed their meetings in the SMA Parish Centre. They meet every second Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm. New members most welcome.

Season of Creation 2026.

The Season of Creation 2026 is celebrated from September 1 to October 4.

Prayer for climate justice calls on God for wisdom, protection, and action to safeguard the planet and support vulnerable communities affected by climate change.

Pray for world leaders to have **wisdom and conviction** in making decisions that address climate change, ensuring that policies are just, effective, and prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable communities. Ask that international agreements, such as the Paris Agreement, are honoured and that leaders act with accountability and courage to protect the planet for future generations.

Bishopstown Lions Club

Bishopstown and District Lions Club would like to express their appreciation for the support they received from our parish in their recent appeal for used spectacles. They collected more than **1,000 spectacles**. These have been forwarded to France where they will be checked and then forwarded to various Lion Clubs in Africa.

The club wishes to thank our parish for our generous support in aid of their appeal.

Sharper Brains Masterclass

If you have begun to notice changes in memory or your ability to think clearly and stay focused, don't wait to take action. Protect your brain health now by enrolling in the Sharper Brains Masterclass. This 6-week programme, starting Thursday October 15th from 7pm-8.30pm in the SMA Parish Centre, is designed to slow cognitive decline and build a resilience to dementia.

Contact 085-7492311 or email: info@beatalz.com

Irish Subbuteo Circuit

Round 6 of the Irish Subbuteo Circuit will take place Saturday 10th October from 11am in the SMA Parish Centre, Wilton. Everyone welcome.

Urban Bulldogs Against Kids Abuse

A picture of Fr. Michael who made the presentation of a cheque for **€1,500** to a representative of our most recent parish charity, Urban Bulldogs Against Kids Abuse. The group have expressed a genuine desire to be of service if the need to support young people arises in our parish.



SMA Church & Parish Centre smawilton

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The graces and gifts which God gives to us are both signs to us of his love and his care, and also his expectation that they will bear fruit in our lives.

4th October 2026



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.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us… **Amen**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**



OPENING PRAYER

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.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

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 on 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.***

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 79:9.12-16.19-20

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

A reading from St. Paul's letter 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 that will produce its fruit.'
The Gospel of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*All bow for following two lines:***
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

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. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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.
Through Christ our Lord.

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