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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A. 4th October 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 137 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book. Reflection:

The story in today's gospel is not really about a vineyard. The vineyard represents what God has entrusted to us. God has given each of us gifts, opportunities, relationships, time, abilities and responsibilities. We are not the absolute owners of these things; we are stewards. God has entrusted something to each of us

The first reading from Isaiah gives us the image of God as the loving owner who plants a vineyard and does everything possible to make it fruitful. God has done so much for us. He has given us life, He has given us family and friends, He has given us talents and opportunities, He has given us the Church and the sacraments, above all, He has given us His Son, Jesus Christ.

The deeper question is: "What am I doing with what God has given me?" A person's life becomes meaningful when the gifts received from God are transformed into blessings for others. There is a danger of forgetting that we are stewards. The tenants in the Gospel gradually begin to behave as though the vineyard belongs to them. That is often the temptation of the human heart.

We can begin to think: My life belongs completely to me, My money is entirely mine, My time is mine, and My talents are mine.

But Christianity reminds us that everything ultimately comes from God. We are stewards, not owners. This applies not only to material possessions but also to authority and leadership. Whether we are parents, teachers, priests, employers, community leaders or simply members of a family, whatever responsibility God gives us is meant to be used for service. And so true leadership asks:

"How can I use what I have been given for the good of others?"

God expects fruits from His vineyard. The landowner expected fruit from the vineyard.

God also expects fruit from our lives.

What kind of fruit you may ask? The fruit of love, The fruit of forgiveness, The fruit of justice, The fruit of generosity, The fruit of patience, The fruit of compassion and The fruit of faithfulness.

It is possible to be very religious and yet produce very little spiritual fruit.

We may come to Mass, say our prayers and participate in church activities, but the real test is what happens in our relationships and in our daily lives. Does our faith make us kinder?

Does our prayer make us more forgiving?

Does the Eucharist make us more generous?

Does our relationship with Christ make us more compassionate towards those who are struggling? These are the fruits God looks for in our lives.

What kind of vineyard are we building? What has God entrusted to me?

Am I using it for His glory and the good of others? What fruits is my life producing?

Perhaps God has given us a family that needs our love, Perhaps He has given us a position that gives us an opportunity to serve, Perhaps He has given us financial resources with which we can help someone in need, Perhaps He has given us a gift or talent that we have not yet used for the benefit of others, Perhaps someone needs our forgiveness, Perhaps someone needs our encouragement, and Perhaps someone simply needs us to listen.

We Pray for the sick and housebound. John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Anne Leavy. Margaret McAteer. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene Rice, Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McNenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. James Nally, Vincent Foy, Delia Groarke. Bernadette McLaughlin.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Rose Rogers. Kevin Milmoie

Memorial Anniversary: Dominik McGoldrick. Vincent Fahey (8th). Marie Clerkin (11th)

Birthday Remembrance: Michael Hough

Special Intention: Delia Groarke. Welsh Family.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. October is the month of the Holy Rosary so 25 minutes before Mass we will pray the Rosary, please try to be in Church to join in the Rosary. Also, on each Wednesday in October, we will say the Rosary at 6:30pm in St Marys. (apart from 14th)

2. On Wednesday 14th October at 6:30pm A Parish Annual General Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall. Fr would like the following members to attend: The Parish Pastoral Council, The Building Committee, The Finance Committee, representatives from the choir, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, cleaners, people who manage the collections, and the group involved serving in the hall. Also, any parishioner from St Richards or St Marys who would like to attend will be most welcome.

3. **There will be a second collection this weekend for CAFOD.** There are envelopes at the back of Church if you wish to place your donation in an envelope, the envelopes also explain the ways you can donate to CAFOD.

4. **Registration to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion is open for any child who is not attending a Catholic School.** Application forms are available from the Sacristy.

5. The Funeral service for Rose Rogers RIP will be held in St Marys on Thursday 8th October at 1pm.

6. It is the wish and expectation of Bishop John that all Roman Catholic schools in Salford Diocese will convert to become an academy in a strong Catholic Academy Trust (CAT). St Richard's RC Primary School is currently in the process of converting to become a primary academy in the Emmaus CAT. This is not likely to make any significant difference to the day-to-day operation of our school from the perspective of parents, pupils or the parish community. More information is currently available on the Diocese of Salford's website at

<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/academy-trusts-strategy/> . If you do have any comments or questions, please use the email address

7. If you know someone who cannot attend Mass due to illness, inability to leave their home or they live in a Nursing Home and would like Fr Kris to visit, please contact the office with the necessary details and Fr will include them on his visits.

8. World Mission Sunday is on 18th October; the new autumn booklet from Missio is available at the back of Church. Please take one and read it. A second collection will be taken for World Mission on 17th/18th October.

You can now pay your donations to Church by using the card machine at the back of Church or by scanning this QR code on your phone. You then follow the simple instructions.



Parish Usual Weekend/Weekday Masses'

Check the points in the newsletter for any changes to Mass times.

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00pm @ St. Richard's 6:30pm @ St. Mary's

Sunday Masses: 9:30am @ St. Richard's 11:00am @ St. Mary's

Baptism: 12:30pm First and Third Sunday of the month @ St. Mary's

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Weekday Masses: St. Mary's 9:30am – Tuesday & Thursday

St. Richard's 9:15am – Wednesday & Friday

EXPOSITION/ADORATION: SATURDAYS @ St. Mary's 10:00am Mass: 11:00am Sacrament of reconciliation: @ St. Mary's on Saturdays between 10:15am – 10:40am