

### From Sunday's Gospel



*'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the scribes, 'There was once a landowner who planted a vineyard, rented it to some tenant farmers and then went off far away. When the fruit season came, he sent some of his servants to the farmers to collect the produce. But the farmers seized his servants. He then sent his son, saying to himself "They will respect my son...". But the farmers said to one another, "Look, here is the heir; come on, let's take over his inheritance." So they seized the son, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers? "He will bring those bad men to a bad end," was the reply, "then he will rent the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruit at harvest time." Then 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 is wonderful to see? I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to people who will produce its fruit.'"



## **Sacred Heart & St William**

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### **The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4th 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)**

#### **The intentions are as follows:**

- Saturday: Frank O'Daly  
Sunday: People of the Parish  
Monday: Robert Snellin  
Tuesday: **9.30am** Michael Butler (**Church open for Mass**)  
Wednesday: November Dead List  
Thursday: **9.30am** Joan Pearson (**Church open for Mass**)  
Friday: Sr Anne O'Toole  
Saturday: **6.00pm** Janet Heaton (**Church open for Mass—Booking necessary, please see newsletter for details**)  
Sunday: People of the Parish

**The Church is being opened for three Masses a week as indicated above. Social distancing and the wearing of masks applies**

Confessions by appointment.

#### **Contact Details:**

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**Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, how wonderful it is to proclaim to everyone the love of God which gives meaning to their lives." Today's word is**

**Messenger.** Jesus told the story in today's gospel to some religious leaders who were not listening to God's messengers. God continues to send messengers to us today and the question is do we listen to them, being reminded that God has a great plan for each one of us. Pope Francis also reminds us that each one of us can help other people to discover the joy of Jesus' message, more by the way we live than the words we speak. If we listen to God in prayer at the beginning of the day, it will help us to show God's love and kindness to those around us. We may never know what good an act of kindness can do to another person.

## Re-opening the Church for the celebration of Mass



Thanks to the generosity of our stewards and cleaners we have been able to celebrate Mass again on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Saturday evening. We have had good numbers at all the Masses. Thanks to Susan we had a full turnout last Saturday evening at the 6.00pm Mass for which booking is required. **To ensure a place at this Saturday evening Mass parishioners are asked to 'book' a place.** To do this please phone

Susan Gibson between **4.00-6.00pm on**

**FRIDAY 2nd October on**

01457 878055 or 07778856089



We have made a slight adjustment to the side benches which means we now have **25** places. Once those 25 places have been allocated Susan has to advise any further callers that the Church is full for this Mass. In this event Susan could offer a place for the following Saturday 6.00pm Mass, but she **is not able to take block bookings for the weeks ahead!**

If the Church is fully allocated and someone arrives who has NOT booked a place they will be advised by a steward that, unfortunately, on this occasion, there is no room. **The Live Streaming of Mass on Sunday Morning at 9.00am**

**will continue as over the past few months.**

### Stewards/Cleaners for the coming week

Saturday October 3rd: 6.00pm : Mary Farmer & Celia Hall

Tuesday October 6th, 9.30am: Carole Street Brown & Liz Moores

Thursday October 8th, 9.30am: Emma Kirkman & Claire Ward

Saturday October 10th , 6.00pm: Celia Hall & Liz Taylor

Tuesday October 13th, 9.30am: Carole Street-Brown & Liz Moores

Thursday October 15th, 9.30am: Chris Ellis & Mary Farmer

Saturday October 17th, 6.00pm: Liz Taylor & Mary Farmer

**Due to illness or injury 4 of those who volunteered to be stewards are unable to do so at present. IF ANYONE IS ABLE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE LET FR BERNARD KNOW. No stewards means no open church. Thank You**



## CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY—Coronavirus Appeal—

### Survive—Rebuild—heal

This is a Harvest like no other as families around the world face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty as the result of coronavirus. This Family Fast Day on **Friday 9 October—NEXT FRIDAY**, let's stand alongside the poorest and most vulnerable people and help them to rebuild their lives. The Envelopes will be left at the back of the church from this weekend onwards for people to collect. We are in very different times and many charities have suffered a huge loss of donations during the pandemic. If you are unable to pick up and return an envelope please go to the CAFOD website where there is an opportunity to make a donation on line. Thank You.

### NHS COVID-19 APP



This was launched on 24th September and can be downloaded onto a smartphone. At the entrance of the church there is a QR code which can be scanned as you enter.

### IMPORTANT UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN PLACES OF WORSHIP 28TH SEPTEMBER 2020

The Government has updated its guidance for Places of Worship. This is to ensure that social interaction is limited in order to reduce the risk of viral transmission. From Monday 28th September, the following numbers will be permitted for: **Wedding Services:** a maximum of 15 people will be able to attend the service and reception. **Funeral Services:** up to a maximum of 30 people can attend a funeral service but the "rule of 6" will apply to wakes and receptions afterwards. **Attending Mass in Catholic Churches:** There is no change to attendance at Mass. All should limit social contact as much as possible and minimise all interactions with those they do not live with within the church building and immediately outside of it.



### CTIS Autumn Reading Group

Anyone interested in joining small online book reading/discussion groups this Autumn? We will be reading **'Saying Yes to Life'** by Ruth Valerio. Using Biblical themes of creation she opens discussion on light, water, land, animals, the seasons & humankind, rest & Resurrection hope for the world. The invitation is to all Saddleworth churches. Let me know please if you are interested. Blessings. Sharon sharonjones@cofeinsaddleworth.org.uk