



WHITSUNDAY CATHOLIC PARISH

St Catherine's - St Martin's - Whitsunday Islands

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A — 04 October 2026

GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 5:1-7

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.

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

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.)**

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.)**

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.)**

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.)**

Philippians 4:6-9

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.

John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

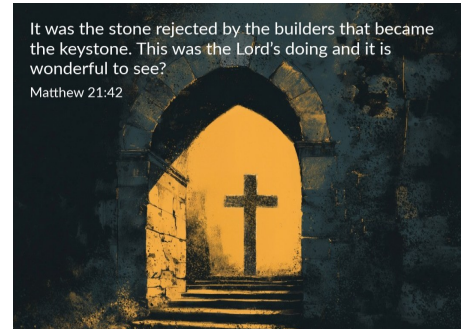
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Matthew 21:33-43

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

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Matthew 21:42



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.'

REFLECTION

by Dinanne Bergant/LitugyHelp

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

Welcome to Visitors and New Parishioners

A warm welcome to all of you! Our community is built on faith, love, and service, and we are excited to have you with us. We would love to connect with you. Please feel free to visit us in the office during office hours.

Diocesan Notices

Christian Initiation in Our Diocese

Bishop Tim has promulgated a Christian Initiation Policy for all parishes in the Diocese of Townsville. It guides preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and participate in the life of the Church.

Preparation is centred in the parish, with families, schools and diocesan agencies working together. The policy recognises that people come with different circumstances and needs, and calls for thoughtful pastoral care, including appropriate support for people with disability. The policy will be rolled out over several years, with parishes focusing on the baptism of young children next year. The policy can be found here:

<http://tsvcath.au/initiationpolicy>

Catholic Mission

Please support the Catholic Mission. Envelopes will be available in the church.



ONE IN CHRIST
UNITED IN
Mission
100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/UNITED.

Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/UNITED

Life Messages

Are we good fruit-producers in the vineyard of the Church?

Jesus has given the Church everything necessary to make Christians fruit-bearing:

- The Bible to know the will of God.
- The priesthood to lead the people in God's ways.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the remission of sins.
- The Holy Eucharist as our spiritual Food and Drink.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation for a dynamic life of Faith.
- The Sacrament of Matrimony for the sharing of love in families, the fundamental unit of the Church.
- The Sacrament of Anointing to restore and strengthen spiritual life and bring mental emotional and physical healing as well, if that is what God wills
- Role models in thousands of saints We are expected make use of these gifts and produce fruits for God.

On the Way

On the Way is a monthly newsletter sharing stories, reflections and resources to support the growth of faith across our diocesan community. Each issue offers a glimpse of how people and parishes are living out their faith, learning from one another and growing together. Subscribe to receive new issues by email and discover stories and resources to inspire your own journey: tsvcath.au/ontheway

National Police Remembrance

On Tuesday, 29th of September, the Queensland Police Service personnel from across the Whitsundays celebrated the National Police Remembrance Day at St Martin's Church, to pause, reflect and remember. It was also great to see representatives from Queensland Fire Department, Queensland Ambulance Service and PCYC - Airlie Beach there in support — a reminder of the strong bonds shared across our emergency services and community. The 13 names read during the service were a sobering reminder of the people behind the uniform — those who have served, those we have lost, and the families and colleagues who carry their memory forward.



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Parish Notices

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

On October 7, the church celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary to thank the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Christian naval victory at the Battle of Lepanto, which was widely attributed to the faithful praying the Rosary. We are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily throughout the month to meditate on the mysteries of Christ's life.

Parish First Aid or Medical Support Volunteer

Our parish is looking for First Aid or medical support volunteer to help ensure the safety and well-being of our parishioners during weekend Masses, feast days, and special parish events. If you are a certified first aid personnel, nurse, doctor, or trained healthcare professional and would be willing to offer your skills to our community, we would love to hear from you. Please visit the parish office during office hours to register your interest and fill out a volunteer form. Thank you for your generosity and care for our parish family.

Migrant & Refugee Sunday

It was a beautiful celebration of "When I Was A Stranger" and "Migrant & Refugee Sunday" last week at St Martin's Church in Cannonvale. Small number of churchgoers there but the spirit as one parish community was warm and welcoming. Everyone shared food representing their home country, with some dressed up with their cultural costumes.



This Week's Confession

Saturday 10-10:30 am St Catherine's Church

This Week's Anniversary

04 Oct - Lino Borellini, Peter Cecini, Theresa La Caze, Lorenzina Garde
06 Oct— Carmel Duell, Ann Jones
07 Oct—Phillip Valnay, Mary Couper, William Sullivan, Fr. Vincent Ashwood, Henry McNeill, Yvette Yen Vu, Doris Norman & Anna Pasega
08 Oct—Eunice Gray, Jane Telford, Edward Dray, Gary Crossle, Patrick Gerard Faust
09 Oct— Nives Baumgarten, John Prussenski, William Bloxsom, Raymond Bennet, Ronald Mahoney
10 Oct—Ronald Roger Perott, Giovanni Demartini

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
 O Lord. Let perpetual light shine
 upon them. May they rest in peace,
 Amen.*



Last Sunday's Collection

1st Collect \$ 442.20 2nd Collect \$ 326.20 PG Envelope \$ 488.50

Planned Giving Program: For your contribution to the parish, you can direct deposit it to the parish account:

Whitsunday Catholic Parish
BSB 034-207 ACCT 810014
Reference: PG_Name

You can also scan the QR code to make donations or payments.

Thank you for your generosity!



Mass Schedule

This Weekend (Oct 3 & 4)

St Catherine's (Proserpine)	Saturday Sunday	6:00 pm 8:00 am
St Martin's (Cannonvale)	Sunday	6:00 pm <i>Liturgy of the Word w/ Communion</i>
All Saints Chapel (Hamilton Island)	Sunday	7:00 pm

Weekday Masses (Oct 5-9)

St Catherine's (Proserpine)	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	No Mass 7:30 am <i>Rosary, Novena, followed by Mass</i> 8:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am
Nursing Home	Tuesday	9:30 am <i>Liturgy of the Word w/ Communion</i>

Next Weekend Masses (Oct 10-11)

St Catherine's (Proserpine)	Saturday Sunday	6:00 pm 8:00 am
St Martin's (Cannonvale)	Sunday	6:00 pm

MASS ROSTER

	SAT 03 OCT 2026 6pm St Catherine's	SUN 04 OCT 2026 8am St Catherine's	SUN 04 OCT 2026 6pm St Martin's
Sacristan	Joan MG	Margaret A	Lynne E
Welcomer	Peter O	Joan H	Lynne E
Intro. & POF	Julia B	Margaret A	
1st Reading	Bill B	Sarah VB	Michael H
2nd Reading	Glenda P	Maryanne P	
Gospel	Fr Emmanuel	Fr Emmanuel	Paul C
Offertory	Aaliyah C & Gabby	van Blerk family	-
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan MG & Chris D	Mandy A & Dan D	Paul C
Collection	Raymond & Brian	Miller & Arnold	Kha & Khoi
PowerPoint	Aleena J	Jill F	Isaiah
Altar Servers	Cedric & Eli		

Parish Groups

Catholic Women's League

Fourth Thursday of the month at 09:40am in the Parish Hall.

Care and Concern

A group reaching out to the lonely, grieving and most in need, needs communion, offering friendship and support. If you'd like to help and join the group. Please see the office.

Marian Devotees

Wednesdays at 7.30am, St. Catherine's Church. A group of people say a Novena to Miraculous Medal and pray a Rosary .

When I was a Stranger

Every last Sunday of the month, we gather after the 6pm mass St Martins Church. Please bring a plate to share.

Young Family Group

Each first Sunday of the month for the Eucharist Celebration, followed by the Parish Hall.

Our Team

Administrator:

Fr Emmanuel Anorue

Secretary: Mariz Fletcher

Mission Leadership Team Chair:

Jill Farinelli

Mission Council Chair:

Mandy Ayers

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Chris Lane

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From the

PRIEST'S DESK



Dear brothers and sisters,

I want to welcome everyone to the 10 th month of the year, the month of October. Three feasts came up during the week and had a deep impression on me. The feasts of the Archangels and Guardian Angels reminds us of Gods special love and care for us his children. Through the ministry of Angels, we receive God's message, healing, protection and guidance. They remind us of God's presence anywhere anytime.

Again, the feast day of St Therese of the child Jesus also know as "the little way" reminds us that holiness of life does not depend on doing everything more than other people, but doing the little things, the ordinary things in extraordinary way. That your little contribution, service, gift, volunteering, smile, hello, g'day, can go a long way to change someone's life, can bring life to the community. When love is at the heart of all we say and do, then the kingdom of God is near to us.

We are then reminded this week as children of God and as Christians that there is a high expectation on us to bear good fruits and to be ambassadors of Christ not just in this new week but always. Let us remember that the vineyard of the Lord is St Catherine's Parish and we all are the parishioners. Have a blessed week and let's pray for one another.

Fr Emmanuel

PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Please be advised that this Monday is Public holiday for King's birthday. Office is closed. You can still reach us through email.



"The kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

Matthew 21:43

WORDS TO PONDER

"Become the producers of good fruit in your families."

By the mutual sharing of blessings, by sacrificing time and talents for the members of the family, by humbly and lovingly serving others in the family, by recognizing and encouraging each other and by honoring and gracefully obeying our parents, we become producers of "good fruit" or good vines in our families and give God the Glory for these accomplishments.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do we measure the quality of our parish by what happens during Mass, or on what happens when we leave Church?