

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

Today's Gospel has a parallel in Mark 12:1-12. There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbours can also be heard in today's reading.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

Indian School Project Race Night

The final fundraising event for the project will be a Race Night to be held in St. Bride's Church Hall on **Saturday 21 October** starting at 7pm. Tickets cost £5 and are available from Eddie Mahoney.

St. Bride's Cleaning Team

We are currently looking for some new volunteers to join the cleaning team. If you can spare some time to help out, please speak to Nicky Rae or Fr. Michael

Sunday 21 October is World Mission Sunday, when we are asked support those involved in missionary work with our prayers and financial support. There will be a special collection taken up that weekend for Missio Scotland. This year, we are invited to reach out and help the people of Uganda. This year's focus is on the work of Religious Sisters such as Sr. Jane Frances in Nsambya Babies Home. By helping to train the Sisters and to provide for the needs of the Babies Home, you are helping these women to show the love of God to those around them and in their care. Last year, 100% of all Mission Sunday donations were sent to the neediest of places.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time—

8th October 2017

Next Sunday—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A – Matthew

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Welcome to the Coastal Parishes of

St. Thomas', Arbroath;

St. Anne's, Carnoustie

and St. Bride's, Monifieth



Sunday Masses in the Coastal Parishes

Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5 p.m. in St. Bride's

Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Anne's

Mass at 10.45 a.m. in St. Thomas'

Mass at 11.30 a.m. in St. Bride's



October Devotions

*Rosary - Litany of Our Lady -
October Prayer to Saint Joseph and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*

***This afternoon at 4pm
in St. Anne's, Carnoustie***

***On Sunday 15 October at 4 p.m.
in St. Thomas'***

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the Council of Priests to the Bishop of Dunkeld will be meeting at St. Mary's Monastery, Kinnoull. Frs. Peter and Joseph and myself will be attending. The meeting takes place from lunchtime to lunchtime, **therefore Mass in St. Thomas' on Wednesday will be in the evening at 7 p.m.**

There will be no newsletter next Sunday, so please keep hold of this week's for Mass times etc.

Please pray for those who are sick: Bishop Vincent Logan, Father Tony McCarthy, Jane Higgins, Betty McGinty, George Hill, Eddie Lebida, Jessie Low, Kathleen Taylor, Susan Chalmers, Alison Oakes, Debbie McArthur, Baby Isobel McCaskey, George Kelbie, Cathie McLean, Ailsa McIntosh, James McDonald, Agnes McDonald, John McKee, Laura Bennett, Robert Meikle, Dennis Simpson, Cathie Walls, Duane Joseph, Father Luke Fong, Frank Osborne, Annie McCormack, Marie Fenton, William Docherty, Annie McKenzie, Helen Lukas, Joan and Mick Gartland, Janet Howie, Helen Blyth, Moira Fallone, Irene Burton, Ria Beattie, Norma McAra, Riley Johnston, Janina Buslowicz, Marion Jones, David Allardice, Adam Rennie, Margaret Spink, Tom Tait, Ina Stuart, Teresa Ritchie, Kim Scott, Gerard Lukas, Baby Oliver Glancy.

those who have died recently: Robert Maxwell, Henrietta Sherry

and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: Vittoria Kean, Helen Conway, Gerry Mackie, Bunty McCabe, John Collins, Janet Carroll, Philomena Rimmer, Pietro Iannetta, Patsy Schafer, William Porter, Helen Taylor, Charles Bruce, John Donnelly, Pat Donnelly, Philomena Walters, Mrs. M. Docherty, Mary Horan, Mary McEwan, Elizabeth Sharp, Mary Higgins, Nancy Pearson, Luigi Velletri, Sister Mary Justin, Margaret Shearer, Margaret O'Rourke, Ina Dunbar, Sandy McGill, Father Jimmy Henry, Charlie Hanlon, Winifred Ward, David Duncan, Sean Docherty, Winnie Golden, Molly Gorman, Baby Matthew Masson, Catherine Milne, Margaret Docherty, Richard Field, Edgar Hutchinson, Mary McGinlay, Peter Crossan, Beatty Carrie.

Finance Matters Many thanks for your continued generosity in the parishes. The offertory collections for last Sunday were: St. Bride's: £705 (+SO £437); St. Anne's: £302 (+SO £302) and St. Thomas': £258 (+SO £390)

Gift Aid: The three parishes recently received cheques for Gift Aid claims made.

St Bride's: £5743.03; St Anne's: £4090.66

St Thomas': £3587.55

Many thanks to those who have signed up to the Gift Aid scheme. Please consider, if you pay Income Tax, joining the Gift Aid Scheme. We benefit from and extra 25 pence for every pound you contribute each week. This can be done by Standing Order each month or by a numbered envelope. Please speak to Fr. Michael if interested.

Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday will take place in the coastal parishes on **Sunday 29th October**. Many thanks for your generosity so far.

On Friday 13th October, the Dundee Legion of Mary will host the final Fatima Holy Hour of this centenary year of the apparitions. It will take place in Our Lady of Victories, Powrie Place. Rosary followed by Mass at 7 p.m.

ANNUAL CEILIDH

Friday 27th October 7.30 for 8pm start

Meadowbank Inn - Arbroath With Dundee Strathspey & Reel Society

Tickets £7 for adults - children free (includes Stovies/Veg. option & bus)

Bus will leave from the Cathedral this year.

It's an excellent opportunity for our three coastal parishes and the Cathedral to get together ~ So come along for a great night out!

Tickets are on sale now!

On Friday 20th October, there will be Adoration in St. Anne's from **9am to 12pm**
Please sign up on sheets in porch.

Congratulations to John and Charlotte Ferguson, who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

SERVICES IN THE COASTAL PARISHES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Monday 9th October

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; **St. Bride's:** Mass at 10.15 a.m.

St. Thomas': Confessions 6.15 to 6.45 p.m., Rosary at 6.30 p.m.; Mass at 7 p.m.

Tuesday 10th October

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; **St. Thomas':** Rosary at 9.30 a.m.; Mass at 10 a.m.;

St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m. followed by novena to St. Antony.

Wednesday 11th October

St. Thomas': Rosary at 6.30 p.m.; Mass at 7 p.m.;

St. Anne's: Confessions 6.15 to 6.45 p.m.; Mass at 7 p.m.; **St. Mary's Home:** Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Thursday 12th October

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; **St. Thomas':** Rosary at 9.30 a.m.; Mass at 10 a.m.;

St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Friday 13th October

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; **St. Thomas':** Rosary at 9.30 a.m.; Mass at 10 a.m.;

St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Saturday 14th October

St. Thomas': Rosary at 9.30 a.m.; Mass at 10 a.m.

St. Bride's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; Confessions from 4 to 4.30 p.m.

Sunday Masses as usual

Monday 16th October

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; **St. Bride's:** Mass at 10.15 a.m.

St. Thomas': Confessions 6.15 to 6.45 p.m., Rosary at 6.30 p.m.; Mass at 7 p.m.

Tuesday 17th October *Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Bishop and Martyr*

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; **St. Thomas':** Rosary at 9.30 a.m.; Mass at 10 a.m.;

St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m. followed by novena to St. Antony.

Wednesday 18th October *Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist*

St. Thomas': Rosary at 9.30 a.m. Mass at 10 a.m.;

St. Anne's: Confessions 6.15 to 6.45 p.m.; Mass at 7 p.m.; **St. Mary's Home:** Mass at 6.30 p.m.

Thursday 19th October

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; **St. Thomas':** Rosary at 9.30 a.m.; Mass at 10 a.m.;

St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Friday 20th October

St. Anne's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; **St. Thomas':** Rosary at 9.30 a.m.; Mass at 10 a.m.;

St. Bride's: Mass at 10.15 a.m.

Saturday 21st October

St. Thomas': Rosary at 9.30 a.m.; Mass at 10 a.m.;

St. Bride's: Mass at 9.30 a.m.; Confessions from 4 to 4.30 p.m.