

Holy Rood Catholic Primary School Mass Sheet

Monday 5th October 2026

Theme

This week we reflect on how we are called to respect Jesus, by listening to His message of love and sharing it with others.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing a song about the vineyard of my dear friend. It was dug on the side of a fertile hill, my friend dug the ground, removed the stones and planted the best vines. He built a watchtower and dug a place to press the grapes. He hoped they would be good but bitter grapes were all that grew. Now listen people of Jerusalem and Judah! You be the judge of me and my vineyard, what more could I have done for my vineyard? I hoped for good grapes but bitter grapes are all that grew. Now I will tell you what I am going to do, I will cut down the hedge and tear down the wall. My vineyard will be trampled and left in ruins. It will turn into a desert, neither tended or hoed, and it will be covered with thorns and briars. I will command the clouds not to send it rain. Israel is the vineyard of the Lord all powerful. Judah is the garden that makes him rejoice. He had hoped for honesty and for justice, but dishonesty and crying were all he found.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel: Matthew: 21:33-43

Jesus told another parable to the people: 'There was once a farmer who planted a vineyard. He had to go away on business, and so he put some farm workers in charge of the vineyard. When it was time to harvest the grapes, the farmer sent some servants to collect his share. But the farm workers beat his servants and chased them away. The farmer did not give up, and sent more servants to collect what belonged to him. Again, they were beaten and chased off. Finally the farmer sent his own son "I am sure that they will treat him better" he said. Instead the farm workers seized the son and killed him.' Then Jesus asked 'What will the farmer do when he arrives at the vineyard?' The people who had been listening answered 'He will punish the farm workers and put other people in charge of his vineyard.' Then Jesus said to them 'Do you remember the words of the Scripture? "The stone which the builders discarded has become the most important stone of all. This is God's doing and we marvel at his work." Listen to me! God's kingdom will be taken from you and given to other people who will bear fruit!'

The Gospel of the Lord