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|  **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~*****Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ |

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](http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/mark/mark12.htm). 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 neighbors 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?

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**‘WEEKEND MASS TIMES’**

 **Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm**

 **Sunday: 10am (Children’s Liturgy)**

 **Talbingo Sunday: 8.00am**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm**

**Wednesday: 10am**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am**

**Saturday: 9am (every fortnight - Thursday: 11am BUPA Liturgy**

**Saturday: 9.40am BLAKENEY LODGE Liturgy)**

 **‘ROSARY’**

**Saturday at 8.45am**

**Exposition at 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

 **‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2pm in Chapel**

  **‘CONTACTS’**

 **Care Group: Anne Huebner 0406490415**

 **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

 **Year A**

 **October 8th 2017**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven ant the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

 ***Responsorial Psalm***

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

***Gospel Acclamation***

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

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 7th & 8th October   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anita Mason |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  Kirsty Beavan |  Rodney Little |
| Commentator |  Maureen Cook |  Joanne Little |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  School holidays |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman  |  Patricia & Monica |
| Altar Servers |  New Servers | Dana Parry & Jessie Raftery |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Jo Little | Group 1: Claire, Anne Hickson, Maureen & Bev |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 14th & 15th October  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Tony Butler  |  Mark Hogan |
| Reader |  Dobbie Family |  Claire Cole |
| Commentator |  Dobbie Family |  John Power |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Kerrin Henderson |
| Musicians |  Maureen Norman |  Patricia & Monica  |
| Altar Servers | Ashleigh Oriel & Kayla Crane | Jack Stewart & Ella Lindley |
| Church Care | Group 2: Cathy, Anna, Pat, Cheryl & Rhonda  |

Feast Day**Wishing all**

 R O S T E R S

**The Church once changed society, it was then a thermostate of society. But today, the church is merely a thermometer which measures rather than moulds popular opinion. *Martin Lurther King, Jr.* ~ ~ ~ Expression of Interest Would you like to be involved in the Parish Ministries by being a Reader, Commentator, Children’s Liturgy, church Care or Linen volunteer, if so, please contact the Presbytery on 69474599 or call in and see Anna on Wednesday or Friday mornings.**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

**2017 MARIAN PROCESSION** will take place today at St. Clement’s Monastery, Galong with Mass starting at 11.30am followed by lunch at 12.30pm. **OUR LADY OF FATIMA CELEBRATION** there has been a correction to this event; Mass which was to be celebrated on Friday 13th October at 6pm will not be celebrated owing to the fact that both priests will be attending the ordination of Joshua Scott in Canberra. We will however say the Rosary followed by a DVD on the story of the Miracle of the Sun.  **SONGS OF PRAISE** will be hosted by the Tumut Valley Community Church on Sunday 29th October 2017 at 7pm. We invite people interested in being part of our catholic choir group to join us for practice each Tuesday afternoon in October at 5.15pm in the Parish Chapel. **BAPTISM** we welcome into our community this weekend **Ryan Robinson** son of Daniel and Emily. We pray for baptism families. **CLERGY RETIREMENT FOUNDATION (FATHERS DAY APPEAL)** our Parish has forwarded a cheque for $485.00 in support of this appeal. We generously thank all parishioners for their kind donations. **COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR** order your calendar now for 2018 for only $8.20. Contact the presbytery on 69474599 to place an order.  **SPECIAL THANKS** to Jude our new Vigil Mass Altar Server this weekend**.**

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED Ada Jean McNamara**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Timothy Blakeney, Madeline Fenn, Jan Salan, Chris Ballard, Maude Kelly, Hector, Annie & Kevin Turner, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Norma Leyden, Russell Breward, Maria & Hans Van deBrug, Reg Millgate, Joan Liddell, Lois Shallow, Helen Corbett, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, Edward, Marcy & Clem Malone, Frank Stanfield, John Callister, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, Teresa Butler, Joan Stockwell, Emmet Donovan, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Hassel McGrath, Noel Cook, Leo & Elvie Holt, Lionel & Tereasa Holt, Hugh Oliver, Pat Malone, Jim Whitaker, Matt & Edith Downing, Con & Ennis Twomey, Pauline Shedden, Bob & Sheila Wortes, Robert & Gertrude Tuncks, Ron & Pauline Hamilton, John Hourigan, Brian Gee, Alan & Angela Guthrie, Artie & Dulcie Piper, Tom, Kevin, Ruben & Harriett Arentz, Tom & Dorothy French and James Kelly.

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