



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's easy to get caught up in the daily busyness of life and forget what life's really all about. However, to assist us on our path through life, God sends messengers to help us remember what is most important.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the servants represent God's messengers (the Prophets) and the tenants of the vineyard represent the leaders of Israel at that time. Jesus told this story because some of the leaders were not listening to God's messengers.

Wednesday 30th September 2026

In many ways we are like 'tenants' in this world. The messengers that God sends today remind us that God has a plan for our lives. We are created for everlasting life and, for now, we are here to share, enjoy and develop what God gives to us in this life.

Enjoy a very special time together hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **MESSENGER**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



**A Word from
the Saints**

"Let the message of Christ live in you." St Paul

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH **Sunday 4th October 2026**



Jesus said, "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 his fruit. But the farmers seized his servants. He then sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. But the farmers said to one another, 'Look - here's 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'll bring those bad men to a bad end," was the reply. "Then he'll rent the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruit at harvest time."

*Adapted from Matthew 21:33-43
The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*

**Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your
local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.**

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf

**Good News
for Everyone**

Our schools and parishes continue to share Jesus' message today, so that all people can live in a right relationship with God. Through our words and especially through our actions we too can be God's messengers, sharing God's joy and love at home, at school and in the community.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus said, "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 servants to collect the fruit which he was owed. But the farmers seized his servants. Finally, the landowner sent his son, but they treated him like the other servants so that they could have the vineyard for themselves." Then Jesus said, "When the landowner returns to the vineyard he'll remove those tenants and give the vineyard to good tenants instead."

Did the tenant farmers listen to the servants sent by the landowner?

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.



Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"How wonderful it is to proclaim to everyone the love of God which gives meaning to our lives!"

Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

Ask your child what the word 'messenger' means to them. Who do they think are God's messengers today? Who brings the message of Jesus to them? Which of Jesus' messages does your child like best, and which is your favourite? You may want to tell your child which messengers brought the good news about Jesus to you when you were younger (e.g. a family member, a teacher, a priest, a friend), through what they said and how they lived.



What do we think are the best ways that we can be God's messengers in these coming weeks? Perhaps we can: demonstrate our faith in God through being peacemakers - showing God's love and kindness to those around us; remember to start our day with a quiet time of prayer, just listening to God in our hearts before moving into action; talk with others about why we believe in God. Let's help God's messengers throughout the world by offering this week's Family Time prayer below for priests, missionaries and for all those who share the message of God's love.

MESSENGER



3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for all your **messengers** who help us to know you. Help us to be your faithful **messengers**, so that others will come to know the joy of loving you. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

☒	LANDOWNER	☒
☐	VINEYARD	☐
☐	MESSENGERS	☐
☐	SERVANTS	☐
☐	SON	☐
☐	REJECTED	☐
☐	REMOVE	☐
☐	TENANTS	☐

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **x k z** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

gikvexz goxkozd Wkhexzn krexturzn

_____ the landowner _____ to the vineyard

he'll _____ the vineyard to _____ tenants instead.

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD! This Friday, 2nd October, is CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. Find out how you can make a difference, and spread the message to others about this special day at: cafod.org.uk/primary



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley