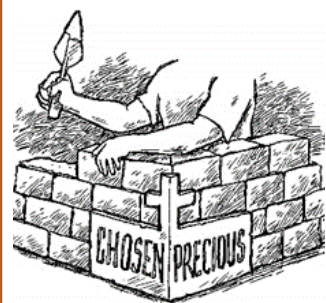


**Reflection** *The stone that the builders rejected*

What does it mean that Jesus, after telling the parable of the vineyard, evoked imagery of a common parable about the temple's construction?



To answer that question, we must look at another. The Jews at the time of Jesus did not know who the Messiah would be, and there were many competing theories as to his identify. Would he be called by God from a farm, a common peasant? Would he be a famous rabbi before being called by God? Some

even thought there would be two messiahs, a priest messiah and a king messiah. Jesus here identifies the Messiah for us. He identifies the Messiah as the son of the owner of the vineyard. In the Hebrew Bible, (our Old testament), the vineyard is Israel, and the owner is God (e.g. Jer 12:10). In other words, by linking the 'capstone' (Messiah) to the son of the owner of the vineyard, Jesus declared his Messiahship and Sonship (deity) in one breath.



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- Saturday 3rd **The 27th** Vigil Mass 4 pm *Parishioners*
- Sunday 4th **of Ordinary Time** Mass 9.30 am *Lawranzina George & family*  
 Sacrament of Holy Baptism 12 noon
- Monday 5th Feria NO MASS
- Tuesday 6th Feria Mass 10 am
- Wednesday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary Mass 10 am *Holy Souls*
- Thursday 8th No Mass in Morning Sacrament of Confirmation 6.30 pm
- Friday 9th **Feast of S. John Henry Newman** followed by Exposition  
 & Benediction at 10 am *All seeking reception into the Catholic Church*
- Saturday 10th NO MORNING MASS
- 28th Sunday Ordinary Time** Vigil Mass 4 pm *Parishioners*
- Sunday 11th Mass 9.30 am



**Next Week : THE 28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
 Saturday 10th October 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm.  
 Sunday 11th October 2020 Mass 9.30am



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This charity reaches out to provide social care in the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham. We have an annual collection for the Father Hudson's Society . It is this weekend. You will find envelopes on the benches in church at Mass. Please be as generous as you can. For those of you at home isolating, please make a donation and place it in envelope marked **Fr. Hudson's Care and put it through the presbytery door. Thank you.**

**MASS ATTENDANCE IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020**

5/6- 26. & 29	12/13- 14 & 23
19/20- 14 & 12	26/27- 19 & 19

**IF YOU ARE GOING TO COME TO MASS THIS WEEKEND YOU NEED TO INFORM FR. PAUL BY TELEPHONE -07973239942 OR E MAIL [Fr.paul.lomas@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:Fr.paul.lomas@rcaob.org.uk)**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRI-DAY 16TH OCTOBER.**

*The envelopes for the Cafod Harvest Family Fast Day will be available next week. As we give thank for the harvest can we be generous for those who need our support? Those at home can send donation in an envelope marked Cafod. Thank You!*

**St. Benedict's Primary School needs your help. We need two people to volunteer to become school governors. Please contact the school if interested. Ask to speak to Mrs. Sargeant .**

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES THIS WEEKEND. WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THIS POINT. PLEASE :-

1. SANITISE YOUR HANDS WHEN ARRIVING AND LEAVING CHURCH.
2. WEAR FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES.
3. ONLY SIT ON PEWS WHERE DIRECTED TO.
4. MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES. (NO PHYSICAL CONTACT AT EXCHANGE OF PEACE).
5. WHEN RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION, DO SO ON HAND ONLY AND MOVE WHEN DIRECTED TO.
6. THERE ARE NO NEWS SHEETS HANDED OUT, NO HYMN BOOKS TO HOLD, NO SINGING BECAUSE OF SPREAD OF VIRUS.
7. LEAVE CHURCH AFTER MASS WHEN DIRECTED BY STEWARDS.

The Confirmation had to be postponed earlier this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Bishop has now decided he will come himself THIS Thursday 8th October. There will be five children and three adults being confirmed. As we still have to socially distance, we have to limit the number at Mass, this means it has to be by invitation only. **Please pray for the confirmands as they prepare for this sacrament.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

It will be Saturday morning 11.30 to 12 noon each week. Due to the social distancing it will be on the benches in the front presbytery garden. **Please telephone to let me know your are coming 07973239942.**

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

**Mass each day continues to be shown live on my Facebook page—Paul Roy Lomas. It is also available to use after the Mass has ended in case you can't be on your computer,**