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5th Sunday of Easter

Year B

1st/2nd May, 2021

Remain in me and bear fruit

Many of us think that living a Christian life is just a matter of following a set of God-imposed rules, more or less strict, following which qualifies us to enter a beautiful place called heaven. At the end of our life, He adds up the columns. If the good works column tallies up higher, then we go to heaven. If not, then we go to hell.

Obviously, Christian life is more than just the above. This is precisely what the Parable of the Vine and Branches tells us (Jn. 15:1-8). Jesus is the true vine and His Father is the vine grower. As vine, Jesus accepts the authority of the Father over Him: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me" (Jn 4:34). This is how Jesus achieves "fullness of life."

This happens when we believe in Jesus and show it by our love for one another. For as John says in the first reading (1 Jn. 3: 18-24), "His commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us." "I am the vine; you are the branches." Just as the branch receives its life from the vine, we, individually and as a member of the community of believers, receive divine life through Jesus.

The branch must bear fruit. How? By remaining in Jesus. "If a person remains in me and I in them," says Jesus, "they will bear much fruit. For the vine to bear much fruit, it must be constantly pruned."

There is one test for the genuineness of our life of love: Does our life bear fruits of faith and love in others? Does it inspire others to seek Jesus because of the fruits we bear? If not, then the life of Jesus is not in us. On the other hand, when our relationship with Jesus blossoms into good relationships with others, when we are concerned about and actually help the sick, the poor, the lonely -- all those who suffer -- then we as branches make the vine thrive and bear much fruit. Love for God and for one another shown in deeds is the unmistakable sign that we are truly the disciples of Jesus.

Our "fullness of life" cycle is thus this: We have life by "remaining" in Jesus Who in turn "remains" in the Father. And for us to "remain" in Jesus, we have to bear fruits of love in the service of others.

(Fr. Al Cariño, O.M.I.)

Weekend Masses

Mass bookings for weekend masses are still required.

All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

Booking Links for Weekend May 15th and 16th

[St Joachim's Mass, Enrolment week - Parishioners | TryBooking Australia](#)

[St Agnes Mass, Enrolment week - Parishioners | TryBooking Australia](#)

Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

READINGS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may
raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be
afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:
'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears
fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.
If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you
shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my
disciples.'

Parish Diary

Monday, May 3rd

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, May 5th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, May 6th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, May 7th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, May 8th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, 8th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, May 9th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN
FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the fosterer father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Tony Barry (Jack Barry's son). May he rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Tony's team (Due to public holiday counting will be Tuesday)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, May 4th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday, May 7th will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by a hospitality which will be held at the front of the church.

URGENT NOTICE – Mass Bookings May 15th and 16th

The Masses on the weekend of May 15th and 16th will be Enrolment Masses for the Sacramental Program. There have been sections of the churches allocated to the candidates and their families and sections allocated to parishioners. This means there will be fewer seats available at each of the masses for parishioners. The bookings for these masses are by a separate link and will open on Friday, May 7th at 8:00am.

[St Joachim's Mass, Enrolment week - Parishioners | TryBooking Australia](#)

[St Agnes Mass, Enrolment week - Parishioners | TryBooking Australia](#)

If you find that the all the seats have booked out when you go on-line please contact the Parish Office. We will be taking names and allocating any seats that may be available in the Family Section once the family bookings have closed.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2021 National Count of Attendance

Over the first 4 weekends of May we will be participating in the National Count of Attendance at all masses.

The first 2 weekends are straightforward however on the 3rd and 4th weekend we are being asked to provide additional information by noting the sex (3rd) and ages (4th) of those attending. On these 2 weekends we will be asking you for your assistance to enable us provide this information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE "SPIRIT OF HOPE" CITY MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

To be held in **St Stephen's Chapel**, on **Wednesday 5th May 2021** (10.45 - 12.15pm) following the regular 10am Mass in the Cathedral. (You will need to ring the Cathedral 33243030 to book for Mass). Please join us for Praise & Worship, a Witness talk & Personal Prayer Ministry. To book please ring 0403002199 or email maureenallison43@gmail.com

Enq:- Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

CLAIRVAUX MACKILLOP COLLEGE 2021 COLLEGE TOURS

Friday, 7th May from 9am – 10.30am.

Due to COVID-19, all registrations need to be made online. An approved COVID Safe Event Plan is in place for this event. In accordance with the plan, when you arrive at the event, you will need to register via our QR Code on your smart phone. To register or for more information please go to www.cvxmck.edu.au

ST MAY MAGDALENE'S HEALING MASS

Would you like to receive healing prayer? Come to the Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, Bardonia on Friday, 7th May at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun will be the celebrant. Personal healing prayer will be available. COVID restrictions will be followed. Sponsored by CCR Bardonia. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421977849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

MARCH FOR LIFE, BRISBANE

You are invited the Brisbane March for Life on Saturday, May 8th and are asked to meet at Speakers' Corner, Cnr Alice and George Sts, City at 2:30pm for COVID check-in with rally starting at 3:00pm. After the rally there will be a March for Life around the CBD ending back at Speakers Corner. The rally and march will be specifically for:

- Protesting the Queensland Govt's abortion-to-birth laws that passed in 2018, and the result of a 58% increase in abortions
- Petitioning the Federal Govt to allow the Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2021 to go to a Petitioning the state government to urgently increase palliative care funding and against legalising assisted suicide in Qld - please sign and circulate the parliamentary petition
- We also will observe a minute of silence to remember those babies that have died in abortion in Queensland.

A gold coin donation, when you check-in is appreciated. This will be a family-friendly event, and Qld Police will have a presence.

6 DAY TOUR TO PORT MACQUARIE – SEPTEMBER 23rd – 28th

Arranged for retirees and their friends, there is room for either you and/or your friends to join the group. Aldinga Tours have been used previously and have been found to be excellent providers. The price is \$1830 pp twin share and the single supplement is \$420. A non-refundable deposit of \$100pp is required by 28/5/21 with the balance by 6/8/21. Should you be interested, please contact Tony Toohey on 3349 4308 or email ajjtuy@optusnet.com.au to answer any queries you may have and to obtain a copy of the itinerary.

MAY EDITION OF THE CATHOLIC LEADER IS NOW AVAILABLE - COST \$4.


This month's issue features:

- Special coverage for the Year of St Joseph
- St Mark's Inala celebrates 65 years
- Emmanuel City Mission is 'a holy place'
- Polish-born couple commission to make sacred art throughout Brisbane
- Four-page Your Choice education feature
- Final Despatch from a Dominican column

Pope encourages faithful to pray Rosary at home

Pope Francis is encouraging all the faithful, to pray the Rosary, especially during the month of May.

Catholic Mission invites parishioners to join them via Zoom to pray the rosary daily. Details are below.



May Rosary Prayers

Join Catholic Mission Brisbane online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary.

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane time

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/28xh55p8>

Meeting ID: 874 9118 8450
Password: prayer

The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagara people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



HOME ASSISTED MODIFICATIONS

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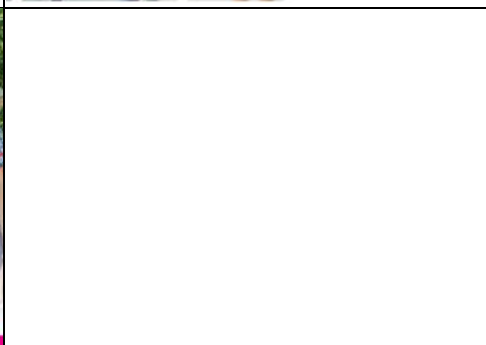
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