

**GOSPEL**

Jn 15: 1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

28 APRIL 2024

**'MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME'**

The juxtaposition of the story of Saul (Paul) in the first reading from Acts with the image of Jesus as the vine in the Gospel speaks to the formation of disciples of Jesus. In Acts we have a glimpse into the beginnings of Saul's (not yet called Paul) ministry who, with all the zeal of his experience of the risen Christ, joins the believers. Barnabas takes him under his wing. Trouble erupts with the Hellenists and Paul is whisked away from Jerusalem to his hometown to where he contemplates his call.

When we then hear the Gospel's beautifully elegant description of the vine and the branches we can connect with the formation of the disciples and discern our own call. The clear instruction is 'to make your home in me', to make our home in Jesus. It is a symbiotic relationship just like the vine and its branches. We need to remain/abide in Jesus to bear fruit. No matter our zeal, our life of faith and ministry grows and flows from Jesus. This is further enriched by the words of the second reading from the First Letter of John where we hear that 'our love is not to be just words or mere talk but something real and active'. We are to live the life God wants, to love one another and live in God.

Vines and their fruit are no stranger to us here in Australia, so we take time to reflect on this image to see how closely we abide in Jesus the vine.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**

**FIRST READING**

Acts 9: 26-31

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESP PSALM**

Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32. R. v. 26

**R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (or Alleluia!)**

1. 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! **R.**

2. 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. **R.**

3. 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.' **R.**



**SECOND READING**

1 Jn 3: 18-24

**A reading from the first letter of St John.**

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

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 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.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 15: 4-5

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; / my branches bear much fruit. / Alleluia!**





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**MASS TIMES**

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

**Fifth Week of Easter YR B**

- 21 Sun:** Fifth Sunday of Easter
- 22 Mon:** No Mass
- 23 Tues:** 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter
- 24 Wed:** 5<sup>th</sup> week of Easter (Yr 6)
- 25 Thu:** St Athanasius
- 26 Fri:** Sts Philip & James
- 27 Sat:** 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter/Vigil 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS**

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm
- \*For Baptisms & Weddings\*  
Please call the Parish Office*

**PARISH FAITH FORMATION**

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

**PARISH SCHOOLS**

- Notre Dame Catholic Primary**  
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- St Maria Goretti's Catholic School**  
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**WELCOME TO MASS!** A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER- YEAR B**

*REMAIN IN ME. The branches of a vine will bear fruit only if they are attached to the vine. It is from the vine that they draw the life-giving nourishment they need. Likewise, we must remain attached to Jesus if we are to receive the life of God and produce the fruits of the Spirit in our world: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control' (Gal 5: 22)*

**MASS COLLECTIONS**

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details	Second Collection EFT Details
	<b>A/C Name:</b> Cloverdale Presbytery	<b>A/C Name:</b> Cloverdale Parish
	<b>BSB:</b> 086 006	<b>BSB:</b> 086 006
	<b>Account #:</b> 140 608 771	<b>Account #:</b> 667 172 433
	<b>Reference:</b> Name	<b>Reference:</b> Name

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm</b>	Robert Lam Nguyen		M Jackson T Hanson	L Nguyen M Jackson	J Chapin I Sharp D & C Oee
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 8.00am</b>	Ashley Rebeiro	L Blake	J Joji S D'Castro	K Nguyen M Smith	N King
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am</b>	Andy Nguyen	F Brown	J Branchi C Neville	R Ratnayake F Brown	A&M Alacantha Z Chong
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm</b>	Mikaele Piliae		G Godfrey V Conier	T Doan T Fernandez	A P Leo J Mai

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**Parish Events**

**Masses in the Parish**

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

**Pilgrim Statues**

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **27<sup>th</sup> April 2024:** M Sann 282 Daly St, Belmont & C Quamson 33 Pearl Rd Cloverdale.

**Holy Water - Now Available**

Holy Water will be available from the church over the next few weeks. Please bring a small bottle or jar and it will be filled for you.

**Working with Children Card**

Again just a reminder for all those that hold a WWC Card, please check the expiry date. You can renew it online or forms are available at the parish office. It is a requirement by the Archdiocese that all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Acolytes, Choir Leaders & Catechists have a current WWC Card to carry out their ministries.

**Parish Youth Group**

Will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month commencing on 24<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm in the Parish Centre. More details as the date gets closer.

**Footy Tipping AFL Season 2024 Results Rnd 6**

**40pts:** N Blake & R Harrison **39pts:** K McLean **38pts:** J P Bijoux, Fr Ian & P McLean **37pts:** 7 Entrants. See notice board for Top tipsters List. Just a reminder that no points are awarded for Draws.

**Annual Mass Count – May 2024**

During the month of 'MAY' we are required to record how many people attend our weekend celebrations. We are looking for volunteers to help with Mass count. There is a sign up sheet school side entrance of the church for you to place your name at which Mass or Masses you can assist at. Thank you in advance.

**Catholic Mission Appeal 2024 4/5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Catholic Mission Appeal invites you to assist our missionaries in Mongolia provide safe haven & support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence and homelessness. Your gift will also assist many other similar Catholic Mission programmes throughout the developing world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at [www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)

**First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall**

Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May in the Parish Centre after the 8am & 10am Masses. Light snack served for morning tea. Variety of delicious food items for sale. Cash Only. All proceeds to the PBF.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course**

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. For more information Ph: 08 9221 7762  
E: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.  
Next online Sessions for 'April': Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm.

**Vocations Office – Short Stories on YouTube**

A collection of short stories from St Charles Seminarians on how they answered God's unique call to commence their vocation journey into ordained ministry has been released on youtube. Movie Tickets available at both entrances on how you can view these stories.

**St Charles Seminary Open Day – Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>**

A Priesthood Vocation Day for men aged of 17 years and above at St Charles Seminary in Guildford from 9am to 1.30pm including brunch. This Open Day will answer questions about the Seminary and discernment into the Priesthood. For more information email [stcharlesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:stcharlesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au) call 08 92791310

**Fr Mark Baumgarten's Album Launch Concert**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 7.30pm @ Armadale Parish Hall. See notice board for Barcode scan for tickets.

**Notre Dame Community**

**Containers for Change**

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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**In Our Prayers...**

**In Memoriam**

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Augusta Clark Kessler, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, George & Michael de Rozario, Denzil DeVisser and all souls in Purgatory.*



**Parishioners who are unwell:**

*Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Maureen & Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Glen Arathoon, Wilton Ottaway, Allan Jones & Honey Heldt.*

**Baptisms:**

We welcome to our Catholic Faith Community: *Mia (Maria) Vo & Cole Christopher Thomas.*