



Gospel Jn 15:1-8

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.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

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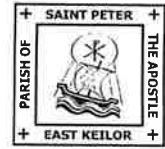
PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

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First Reading Acts 9:26-31

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

or:

(R.) 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

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 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 Jn 15:4-5

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rosa Dang Phuc, Pauline Micallef

ANNIVERSARIES

Vincent Tran Tin, Joseph Refalo

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 5th May 2024

Grace Clark

Gianni Franze

Nathaniel Spooner

Sofia Verrocchi

Please pray for these children and their families.

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ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Over the 4 weekends of May, the Annual Mass count will take place. This annual count is important for our Archdiocese' pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years. From **next weekend, 4th & 5th May**, collectors at weekend Masses are asked to please compile the figures and complete the clipboard.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 29 April St Catherine of Siena

Thursday 2 May St Athanasius

Friday 3 May Sts Philip & James

PARISH NEWS

ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL

Visit of the International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday 4th May 2024 – 6pm Vigil Mass

Holy Mass with Welcoming & Crowning of Our Lady and Parish Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday 5th May 2024

Regular Mass times: 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

After 10.30am Mass – Rosary Procession

At every Mass:

- Short inspirational talk on the Message of Fatima
- Family Consecration to the Holy Family of Nazareth
- Investiture of the Brown Scapular

MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY

Month Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary The Rosary will be recited on weekdays and Saturday mornings at **9.00am** (before the 9.15am Mass) throughout the month of May.

MASS – 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Mass will be celebrated at **9.15am** next Friday, 3rd May, *instead of 7.00pm*, followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

CHURCH CAR PARKING

As many parishioners are asking about the car parking situation, inside the grounds for the morning weekday Mass, this is to let you know that we are working on it. We understand this is an inconvenience, especially to our elderly and disabled parishioners. Please keep this project in your prayers.

SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY – Sunday 19th May at Corpus Christi College

There will be a Seminary Enquiry Day for young men who are thinking about becoming a Priest. If you are interested in attending the Enquiry Day, please contact Fr Anil or the Parish Office for further information.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Receipts for those who requested one, will be issued soon. **Last week to return boxes.**

ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED'

We need more volunteers to serve as Readers, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound and Mass Helpers for our Weekend Rosters. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference form and note which Liturgical Ministry you are interested in joining (salmon coloured forms can be found on the display stand in the narthex). Please either scan or bring in to the Parish Office. Training will be provided.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

All volunteers, staff and clergy in the Archdiocese of Melbourne must hold a current Working with Children Check and you must list St Peter's as a Parish in which you volunteer at. Please ensure your current WWCC has not expired. If you are unsure or need any assistance, please contact the Parish Office. Registered, teachers volunteering at the Parish, are exempt from requiring a WWCC but are required to notify WWCC that they volunteer at St Peter's. We also need a copy of their VIT Registration Card for our records. In coming weeks, we will be bringing you further information on Child Safeguarding requirements for our Parish.

COASIT AGED CARE are currently looking for male Italian speaking volunteers in our area to visit lonely, isolated gentlemen who would appreciate a friendly chat once a week for an hour or so. Currently CoAsIt has around 200+ wonderful volunteers who generously donate their time to visit elderly people in the community each week to help reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness. If you have an hour a week to spare and would like to make a difference to an elderly persons' life and a rewarding experience for yourself, please contact Linda Francione (Regional Co-Ordinator) by phone or email for more information on 0432 422 332 Lfrancione@coasit.com.au

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

FIRST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASSES

Students receiving the Sacrament of 1st Eucharist in July will be attending a Commitment Mass at either the 6.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 4th May or 10.30am Mass on Sunday 5th May. Please pray for these children.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.