

**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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**Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri, 9.30am – 4.30pm

## OUR CHURCHES

**Kilmore:** St Patrick's Church, 37 Sutherland Street, Kilmore Vic 3764  
**Broadford:** Our Lady Help of Christians, Cnr The Parade & McKenzie Sts, Broadford Vic 3658  
**Wallan:** Our Lady of the Way, 30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East Vic 3756  
**Wandong:** St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

## MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm  
**Sunday:** Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am  
**Weekday Masses:** Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)  
**Reconciliation:** Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore  
**Adoration:** Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore  
**Rosary:** Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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## ROSTERS:

	<u>27/28 Apr</u>	<u>4/5 May</u>
<b>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</b>	<b>27 Apr</b>	<b>4 May</b>
Reader	Pat Donovan	Julie Fleming
Eucharist Minister	Arthur Donovan	Paul Fleming
<b>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</b>	<b>27 Apr</b>	<b>4 May</b>
Reader	Danijela Babic	Marg Fleischmann
Eucharist Minister	TBA	Velia Barro
PowerPoint	Boyd Family	Pauline Duff
<b>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</b>	<b>28 Apr</b>	<b>5 May</b>
Reader	Lance Phillips	Justine Sapiano
Eucharist Minister	Jeannette Jain	Lance Phillips
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<b>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</b>	<b>28 Apr</b>	<b>5 May</b>
Reader	Norbert Ryan	Evelyn Robertson
Eucharist Minister	Vivienne Lawrence	Chris Banon
PowerPoint	Fetu Thompson	Tracey Brincat
<b>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</b>	<b>28 Apr</b>	<b>5 May</b>
Reader	Chris Edulan	Ian Pirie
Eucharist Minister	Angela Liddle	Christine Dodd
PowerPoint	Nadeesha Mendis	Kathy Curry
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Marg Fleischmann	Ann Harrigan
<b>HOME EUCHARIST:</b>	John Dixon	Leonie Dunlop
	Mary Donovan	Rose Rich
<b>CLEANERS KILMORE:</b>	TBA	TBA

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

### Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Vera Bosevski, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, John Pannuzzo, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Vicky Katte, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley, Susan Foster, Carol Messer & all the sick of the parish.

### Anniversaries:

Gwen Cleve, Desmond O'Toole, Jim Fennell, Bryan Minogue, Carmen Sant, Sheila Desira, Mary E. Young, Kate Austin, Peter Thomas Zoch, Renzo Cernesi, Brent Michael Gorman, John De Vere Hunt, Ted Butler and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

### Recently Deceased:

Kevin McLaughlin

**Sick List updates:** If anyone is to be removed from the sick list and is now enjoying good health, please let the parish office know. Thanks

**Please note:** No 9am Morning Mass in Kilmore on Monday 29/4 & Tuesday 30/4, Communion service instead. No 9am Morning Mass in Wallan on Wednesday 1/5.



**Bulletin Email Distribution List:** Would you like to join our St Patrick's email list and receive the weekly bulletin? If you would, please email us at [kilmore@cam.org.au](mailto:kilmore@cam.org.au), and we will add you onto our distribution list.

## **Message from St Patrick's Primary School**

Ben and I would take this opportunity to thank everyone in our parish and school communities for welcoming us into our new roles as Religious Education Leaders at St Patrick's this year. Term One certainly was eventful and Term Two is shaping up to be just as exciting!

One of the most rewarding experiences for our teachers, students and families is being able to attend and participate in the Tuesday and Thursday morning Parish Masses and Class Liturgies in the church. Thank you to Fr Prakash and the parishioners for their continued support of our students and their families, we are so grateful!

We currently have our Year Four teachers, Mrs Finnin, Mr Peric and Mrs Bennetti, preparing their students to receive their First Eucharist in May and June this term. Fr Prakash will be leading the students and their families in a Eucharist Faith Formation evening in the church and we look forward to you welcoming them at their Commitment Masses in the coming weeks also.

Below are some details for an exciting online and public Marian scripture exploration opportunity:

### **MARIAN LECTURE - 7 MAY 2024 - *The Jewish Jesus: Why It Matters***

Professor [Amy-Jill Levine](#), internationally renowned scripture scholar, explores the Jewish context of Jesus and what message his words and actions have for us in the Church today.

**Venue:** Online and open to the public

**Time:** 7 MAY 2024 - Sydney time 6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Cost:** Free



We are looking forward to working alongside you all this term and for the rest of the year.

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### **CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal**

**Next weekend** is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

**Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

### **ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?**

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. **COME & SEE!** An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **4 May 2024 Saturday**, 10:00 - 11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

For more information: The Vocations website for the Archdiocese is available. The links below (copy, then paste) are a source of additional information.

**Watch:** Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

**Watch:** Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Deacons and video

<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

**Visit:** Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage

<https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

**Read More:** [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

**Contact:** Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)



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COMPASSION BOXES, BY THIS SUNDAY 28TH  
APRIL. WE HAVE PROVIDED BOXES FOR THIS, AT  
EACH OF OUR PARISH CHURCHES. THANKS**

