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29th April, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: Saturday 6.30pm,
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 6.30pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday 6.30pm, Wednesday - Saturday 9.00am



PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Father Longinus Onyechesi 9763 7302
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Sr Mary Brady: Wednesday, Thursday 9763 7302
Parish Office: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday. 9am - 5pm 9763 7302
Parish Office Fax: 9753 3534
Email: scoresby@cam.org.au **Website:** pol.org.au/scoresby
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SERVICES & CONTACTS:

BAPTISM: 9763 7302
By Appointment 4th Sunday of the month at
12 noon. Welcoming: Sunday prior at
10.30am Parish Mass.

BIBLE STUDIES: 9763 0712
Xavier David (AH)

BLESSED SACRAMENT EXPOSITION:
8.30am, Wednesday - Saturday

CENACLE OF PRAYER:
First Saturday of the month 9.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 9752 9829
Ruth Fidow

COMMUNITY CENTRE BOOKINGS:
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RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 6.00pm

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Today's Readings
First Reading: Acts 9:26-31
Second Reading: John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8
Next Week's Readings
First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Second Reading: John 4:7-10
Gospel: John 15:9-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
*I will praise you, Lord, in the
assembly of your people.*

ROSTERS
ALTAR SOCIETY 5th May, 2018
Amy David
BINGO: "Eyes Down" 8.00pm
Neethin Thottan, Don Uberti
CLEANING ROSTER 5th May, 2018
Anne McCarthy, Robyn Pinches
COUNTERS TODAY:
Terry Doyle & John Lee
COUNTERS NEXT WEEK 6th May, 2018
Frank & Mirella Valastro
CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Ruth Fidow - today
READERS NEXT WEEK
6.30pm Rosary Pereira, Arina Healy
8.30am Rachel Cheng, Kim Baxter
10.30pm Sr Mary, Sydney & Victor De Guzman
6.30pm Bronwyn Dean

MUSICIANS & COMPUTER SUPPORT
Next Week:
6.30pm Margaret, Jayden & Dane
8.30am Therese & Bill Ta
10.30pm Sr Mary, Sydney & Victor De Guzman
6.30pm Bronwyn Dean

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BREAD RUN:
Apr 30 Monday Carmen & Monika
May 03 Thursday Anna Teofilo
May 07 Monday Anthony & Anita Anthony
May 10 Thursday Robert & Angela Koevoets
May 14 Monday Anita D'Mello
May 17 Thursday Carmen & Monika

*Thank you to all those who continually
"Serve the Lord with joy"
by participating on these rosters.*

**SOME IMPORTANT
DATES 2018**
Apr 29 Parish Sacramental program
May 01 Judeans - Keystone
May 01 St Vincent de Paul Meeting
May 03 Reconciliation - Parent/Child workshop
May 06 Parish Sacramental program
May 10 Mass Villa Maria
May 13 Mother's Day
May 15 St Vincent de Paul Meeting

*Reflection -
The vine and branches*
*Lord, you said:
'I am the vine, you are the branches.
Separated from me you can do nothing,
but united with me you will bear much fruit.'*
*Thank you, Lord, for the bond you formed with us.
And thank you for the bond that exists among us
because of our union with you.*
*Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches
to share with one another.*
*Grant that we may never be separated from you,
so that we may produce in the world
The fruits of faith, hope, and love.*

PARISH SCHOOLS: PRIMARY
St. Jude's School Principal Mr Tim Mc Mullen 8761 9600
Holy Trinity Acting Principal Mr John Downie 9801 8296
St Mary's College for Hearing Impaired Students 9800 2733

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1st Reading – A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

2nd Reading a reading from St John

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 – A reading from the Gospel according to John

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.'

Stewardship Corner

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." – 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

Thoughts on the Gospel

We are called to be fruitful

"We could easily overlook the fact that what comes through clearly in this gospel is the call to fruitfulness – sharing with the Son all that makes him the 'true' vine, beloved of the Father who has given him over for the sake of the whole world. The vine's branches are 'pruned' by the Father by means of 'the word' – a clear call to nourish our Resurrection life through a knowledge and love of the Scriptures.

"The fruits we will bear are primarily the witness we must give to others, and the outreach through which we are called to embody the Saviour's presence in our world. Israel was called to be 'a light to the nations' but failed; the New Israel, brought into existence through our solidarity with Jesus in his Paschal Mystery, must fulfil that great mission – an apparently impossible task, until we recall that what is at stake is the Father's great design in creation, and we recognise that all that is to be achieved derives from the One who is 'the true vine'."

From a homily on the Gospel by Fr John Thornhill sm



Exploring the Word

Jesus continues to speak to the disciples through imagery which they understood from their everyday experience and with symbols that come from their Jewish tradition. The vine is a staple part of Israel's agricultural life. It carries the idea of the life which flows into the branches from the thick stalk of the vine.

Jesus becomes that giver of life and prosperity, but behind his life-giving presence is the Father. Like the vine dresser, the Father must cut away anything that impedes that life or comes from a source that is not nourished from the 'true vine'. Jesus exists to make the Father known and so it must be with disciples of Jesus. We must 'remain with' Jesus and thus make the Father known.

Symbols and Images

"Make your home in me." Jesus invites his disciples to place complete trust in him and not be distracted by the cares of the world. Being 'at home' is a powerful image appealing to the desire of all people for acceptance, love and security. Even if our lives are troubled, in Jesus we can always be secure and at peace.

Did you know?

The vineyard was one of the ancient images of the people of Israel, God's chosen people and God is the vinedresser.

In John's Gospel the term "I am" has a special significance. When Moses encountered God on Mt Sinai, God revealed himself as "I am who am". Jesus reveals himself as the Son of God in the use of this term and tells something of his mission: *I am the living water, I am the good shepherd, I am the way, the truth and the life, I am the light of the world, I am the bread of life.*

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the Parish please contact the Parish Office on 9763 7302, or put your details in the New Parishioners book so that we can add you to our Census base.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

If you would like to join our Thanksgiving/Stewardship program please phone the Parish Office on 9763 7302.

Serve the Lord with Joy

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – Today 29th April, 2018

The Parish Sacramental program for the Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will begin on the 29th April, at 9.30am in the Community Centre. The Sacrament will be received on the 23rd & 24th May.

Please contact the Parish office on 9763 7302, or email scoresby@cam.org.au to enrol.



Thankyou to all who participated in our Anzac Day Mass and helped to make it a truly prayerful celebration.



Many thanks also to those who prepared our morning tea and enabled us to socialise and give thanks

Evenings with Jesus and Mary:

There will be two evenings at St Jude's in 2018

Wednesday, 30 May, 7.30 pm and

Wednesday 10 October, 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Come and sing hymns, pray a multicultural rosary in many languages, adore Jesus in the blessed sacrament and receive a blessing.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - COMPULSORY

Thank you to all parishioners who have obtained/up-dated their Working with children Check.

It is a **legal requirement** that all parishioners who assist in the Parish in any capacity must have a valid **Working with Children Check**. It would be appreciated if you could organise this check by the 30th May, 2018.

Volunteer Working with Children Checks are free, applications can be completed on-line. Please ensure that you have a current WWC check.

If you have recently renewed your card please notify the Parish Office. Thank you



Thought for the week –

Old Chinese Proverb

If there be righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character.

If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home

If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation

When there is order in each nation, there will be peace in the world.



Prayers of the Faithful

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Many Thanks Carmel and Vinnies Committee

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Attention all Parish Groups



Community Centre Bookings for Parish Groups and Committees will be taken before dates will be accepted from the wider community.

If your group /committee is planning functions please advise Leigh Fleming 0419 381 058 as soon as your plans are confirmed.

**Please Note: Friday and Saturday Evenings
Functions finish time 11pm - Cleaning finish time 11.45pm**