

Sunday 2nd May 2021

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Year B

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B



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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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Baptism

Rocco Rowe, Hazel Rowe,
Indiana Murphy

Recent Death

Alison Prior,
Margaret Mc Pharland

Sick

Elizabeth Palumbo, Chris Kroll,
Leslie Riley, Bernadette Carson,
Sara Little, Simon Donaghue

Anniversaries

Tony Tesoriero, Adam O'Brien,
Br Peter Peart, Aidan Bloink,
Salvatore Francischelli,
Leo Smith, Fr Daniel McMahon



LIVING THE GOSPEL

Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The 'True' vine

The image of the vine has its origins in Psalm 80 where the nation of Israel is likened to a vine: 'You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.' (Ps 80:8-9) However, the people of Israel have forgotten who they are and who it was that planted them in their country – it is like the rootstock of a grafted plant has taken over and gone wild. Jesus' presence as the 'true vine' reminds them of what they are called to be.

MAY: Month of Mary

2nd St Athanasius

3rd St Philip, St James

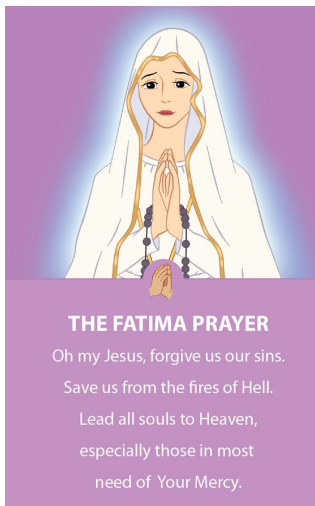
4th St Florian

5th St Gothard

6th St Dominic Savio

7th St Flavia Domitilla

8th St Acacius



St Finbar's QR CODE for COVID CONTACT TRACING.

It is now compulsory for all mass attendees to sign in upon entry to the church using this code. Should you not have a mobile device, it is essential that you ask one of the greeters to register you.

9th May 6 th Sun of Easter/Year B	5.30pm	9.00am	11.00am
Lectors	Paul Dungan	Mary Devlin	Richard Wakeham
Special Ministers	Clare Sabatino	Mary Callea	Teresa Myer
Data Projector	Carmel Cristiano	C & T Dial	Teresa Myer

All Welcome..... SENIORS LUNCHEON

When: Tuesday, 11th March, 12 noon

Where: Brighton Beach Hotel (Milano's)
4 Esplanade, Brighton

Please phone: Sue Sharry 9592 7229 or 0458 086 602

Joan Hamilton 9592 2498 or 0432 449 122



Can a Scientist Believe in God?

Many people say (or fear?) that God and science don't mix. "I believe in science ..." is often a reason people give for not taking Christianity seriously. This session is an introduction to the 'conflict myth' and will offer some clues about how to understand the science and faith relationship as a harmonious one.

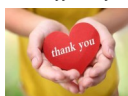
Bookings close: Friday 28th May at 12.00pm

Monday, May 31, 2021, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Cost: \$20 per session

Thank you all for the extremely generous gift you gave me for my 70th birthday. I am very grateful to you all and your continued support. Extended gratitude to the amazing parishioners who helped in preparing the morning tea/supper for my birthday. It was really wonderful having a nibble and chat after the masses. Fr Ian Ranson.

Due to the success of this get-together, we are considering future tea/coffee after masses. Watch this space!



PLEASE ADHERE TO THE 1.5M PHYSICAL DISTANCING RULE AT ALL TIMES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.