

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.

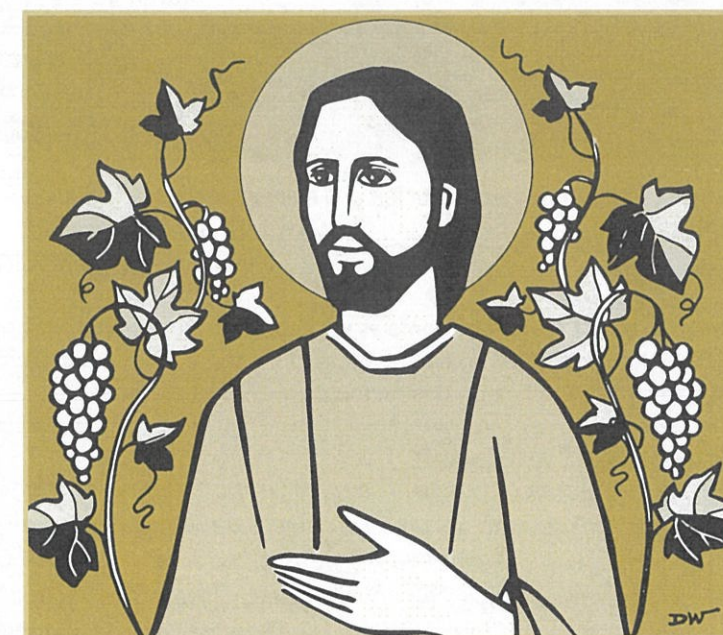
■ **The word of the Lord.**

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.

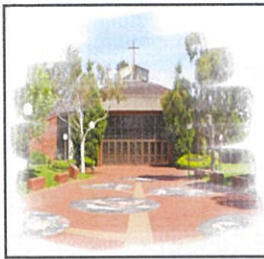
My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience 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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

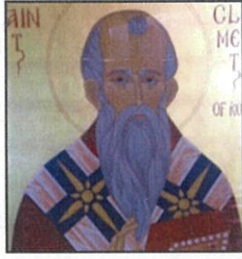
Jn 15: 4-5

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



St Clement of Rome Church

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Parish Vision Statement : Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our stewardship of God's creation and strive to promote the dignity of all God's people.

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter
Today's theme is : All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit
 We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

Safeguarding Policy update

We are pleased to announce the release of the updated Safeguarding Policy Version 2. This revised document replaces all previous versions, including the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy and May Our Children Flourish Child Safety Code of Conduct. The updated policy is now available on our website. We encourage everyone to familiarise themselves with the changes to continue promoting a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community. Thank you for your continued commitment to safeguarding.



Safeguarding Training Session at St Clement's

Attention Parish volunteers (and potential volunteers)
 On Sat 18th May at 10.30am, the Archdiocese Eastern Region Safeguarding Officer, Brech Burgess will be conducting a safeguarding training session for our Parish. This session will run approximately 75 minutes and will cover safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults including the elderly. With this training, volunteers will be able to update their working with children check, complete code of conduct 2024 and the online training module. Please notify the parish office of your intention to attend by Tue 7th May.

Annual Mass Count

Over the four weekends in May, beginning from next weekend, the annual Mass Count will take place at St Clement's at all Masses. Collectors at weekend Masses are asked to help with the forms please. Thank You.

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 or call (03) 9287 5513.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS
 Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am & 11am (Italian)
 Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 9.45am (and on request). Marian Devotions & Eucharistic Adoration : Sat 8.40am
 Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
 We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

PARISH DIARY

Tue 30th Apr @ 7.30pm—Finance committee meeting in the parish office
 Fri 3rd May @ 6pm—Sacrament of Confirmation
 Sat 4th May @9am—ASRE Eucharist classes
 Sun 5th May @ 9am—Baptisms and morning tea afterwards in the Clifton Centre
 Wed 8th May @ 7pm—PPC meeting in the parish office
 Fri 10th May @ 9.15am—Mother's day School Mass

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the souls of **Maria Deiana** and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

After School Sacramental Program

The preparation classes for the Sacrament of Eucharist commenced last Saturday. Please visit our website to see the information about our program. Thank you



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URGENT: VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

CO.AS.IT is an organisation which is funded by the Department of Human Services & the Commonwealth Government. The organisation is currently looking for Italian speaking individuals who are willing to volunteer one hour per week to visit an elderly person who is lonely, socially isolated and in need of some companionship. By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to someone's life. If you are interested or require further information, please contact Tania Barbaro on 0481603702. Please note that we require Volunteers who are fully vaccinated against Covid19. Continuing support is provided.

Covid 19 update : Following the latest Liturgical guidelines, Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. They are recommended in crowd settings. No vaccination requirements for attendees. Please check the government website for updated isolation rules.

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
27/28 April	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	John Bruce	Grace Cannatelli
	Reader	Jacinta De La Cruz	Rocco Gagliardi
	Special Ministers	Martin Teh	Maria Papalia
		Enza Wilcocks	Gloria Ng
		Warwick Wright	Maria Papalia
4 /5 May	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	Jacinta De La Cruz	Rocco Gagliardi
	Reader	Rene De La Cruz	Mark Gregor
	Special Ministers	John Bruce	Shirley Pyndiah
		Martin Teh	Grace Cannatelli
		May Teh	Anne Fusca

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all the children who will be confirmed next Friday 3rd May by Fr Mark. Please keep this children and their families in your prayers.



Information session for the Permanent Diaconate

Will be held on Sat 4 May 2024, 10—11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

Online Training Program—Minister of the Word

4th June—ACU Centre for Liturgy
 This 4 week program will be led by a experienced liturgy instructor who will guide participants through our engaging materials in a friendly and supportive learning environment. For more information, contact the ACU Centre for Liturgy Email : centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au
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