

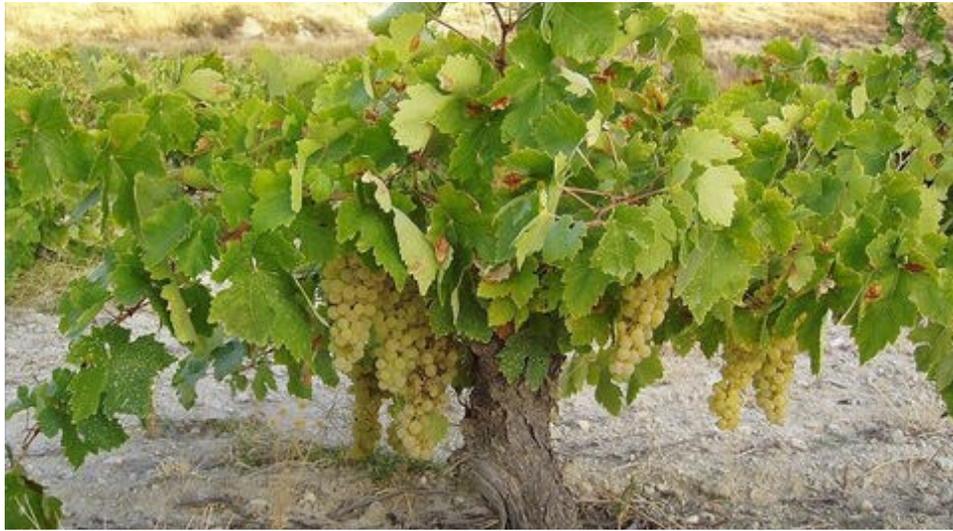


OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

5th Sunday of Easter

Year B Cycle II

28 April 2024



Earthy & Practical

Each baptised person is a branch of the vine. God is a dedicated gardener who spends long hours pruning and caring for the plant. Only if this care is taken will it produce good fruit. God looks after each person so that gifts may be used for the good of all. Faith must lead to action. Simply to speak of love, or to focus exclusively on one's relationship with God and ignore one's neighbour, was one of the temptations in the early Church, as it is today. Some Christians spent all their energy praising God but never had time for their neighbour. Christianity is much more earthy and practical than this. Followers of Christ are to live the commandments, and his commandment is to love one's neighbour, and especially to love one's enemies. This demands that the enemy is treated in the best possible way. It is difficult and demanding, but a part of the Gospel.

To love others we have to overcome prejudice and fear. We have to recognise that the other person has dignity and is an equal. Sometimes this involves the hard work of conversion. What are my prejudices? What are my fears? Only through listening to the history of pain and suffering, and through understanding the differences between people, can peace come. As part of the vine, each person is invited to bring his gifts for the good of others. Maybe in preparation for Pentecost we might identify the gifts of those around us, all the people in our community, celebrate them and allow them to be used for the building up of the kingdom of God.

The Living Word Redemptorist Publications

An Action

The Fifth Sunday of Easter offers us the opportunity to reflect on the importance of love and its role in our lives. The readings for this Sunday remind us of the love that Jesus has for us and how we are called to love one another as he loves us. In the First reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the early Christian community embraced the love of Christ and shared it with others, even in the face of persecution. The Second Reading from the First Letter of John assures us that we are loved by God and encourages us to love one another in return. In the Gospel reading from John 15:1-8, Jesus calls himself the vine and us the branches, reminding us that our connection to him is essential for bearing good fruit in our lives. As we reflect on these readings, let us remember that love is not just a feeling, but an action. It requires us to be patient, kind, and selfless in our interactions with others. Let us strive to love one another as Christ loves us, even in difficult times. By doing so, we will bear good fruit and bring glory to God.

Colleen Smith Pastoral Associate



Feast Days this Week

**St Catherine
of Siena**
29 April

St Athanasius
2 May

**Sts Philip &
James, Apostles**
3 May



Anointing of the Sick

will be celebrated
Friday 3 May
during 11:45am
Mass for those
over 65 or with
serious or long-
term illness.



Adoration

Adoration of
the Blessed
Sacrament is held
on each first
Saturday (4 May)
following 9am
Mass, for one
hour, closing with
Benediction.



Low Gluten Hosts

Please see one
of the Priests
before Mass
if you are
a coeliac.

To be Pruned

Jesus is very fond of the image of the vine. He also uses other pastoral images: the flowers of the field, ears of corn and seed that is sown, but he likens the kingdom of heaven to a vineyard on more than one occasion and stresses our responsibility for helping the vines to flourish. In today's reading he goes even further and speaks of himself as the vine of which we are the branches. He then uses images from the practices of cultivating a vine to deepen our understanding of how we may become his disciples. The images he uses apply equally to vine cultivation today as in the time of Jesus. You can't leave a vine to its own devices. It will just sprawl all over the place and produce leaves rather than fruit. To counteract this tendency the vine grower severely prunes each vine during the winter months.

Jesus says we are pruned by his words. It is through listening to him that we stay on the right course and produce fruit. If we don't do this, if we don't remain attached to him, then we are like dead branches that are good for nothing but to be thrown away. There is no easy choice: we either submit to being pruned, that is, to be formed and developed by his teaching, or we are thrown on the fire. Jesus will go on to say that this is the mystery of his love, the Father's love for him and his love for us. Bound to him through this love we can survive the troubles earthly life brings us and be able in our turn to bear the love that will last.

We sometimes think of our lives as purely enclosed by our individual occupations and relationships. Our responsibilities end at the garden gate. The state of our present world urges us to extend that viewpoint so that we ask more wide-reaching questions. Is there anything I can do in my life that will make this world a better place to live in? The image of the vine as expressed by Jesus may help us to find a way of responding to this challenge. As Jesus sees it, we can only bear fruit if we are in union with him. We celebrate that union in the Eucharist, where his word also helps us to see our way more clearly. The fruit we then bear is not restricted to being kind to our family and friends but to seeing how our stewardship of the world may best be achieved. If this is done by working with nature rather than against it, it is also achieved by working with the many others who are working with the same intent, even if their values and motivation may, in other ways, differ from ours.

The fruit we are trying to bear is literally a fruit that will last and is grown, not through exploitation, but through cooperation and shared goodwill – and as the civil rights anthem encourages us, “we shall overcome someday!”

Sunday Living Word Majellan Media

See Jesus

We need to be pure in heart to see Jesus in the person of the spiritually poorest. Therefore, the more disfigured the image of God is in that person, the greater will be our faith and devotion in seeking Jesus' face and lovingly ministering to him. We consider it an honour to serve Christ in the distressing disguise of the spiritually poorest; we do it with deep gratitude and reverence in a spirit of sharing. The more repugnant the work, the greater the effect of love and cheerful service.

No Greater Love Mother Teresa

Vocations to the Priesthood

Just like marriage, priesthood is a life-long commitment before God. But taking the first steps towards priesthood doesn't commit you forever. Initially, you meet with the vocation director who will accompany you for several months as you decide if you want to take the next step of moving into the seminary. Joining the seminary isn't binding either – it's a time of discernment too, with self-reflection each year to see if you are deepening your sense of calling from God to priesthood, or to something else. It's like a very long engagement! It's not until your final year that you are asked to commit to ordination and to life as a priest.

If you're interested in finding out more there are a few things you can do:

- Talk to a parent or a friend you can trust.
- Talk to a priest, youth minister or teacher.
- Contact the Vocations Team at the Diocese of Broken Bay on 0418 522 449 or Vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au
- And definitely, keep on praying. God knows your heart better than anyone, better than even you do yourself, and it is through prayer that you can truly discover the wonderful plans God has for you.

Time for a Friday Cuppa!

All parishioners are invited to a cuppa and a chat on the 1st Friday of the month after the Anointing Mass. We will supply cuppa and bikkies, feel free to bring a sandwich if you would like something more substantial, and relax in good company instead of rushing off home! Next Friday 3 May in the Parish Centre after the 11:45am Mass. See you then! Enq: 4332 2216.

KidsClub

KidsClub will return next Saturday 4 May with the theme of Easter. KidsClub is a parish social group for 5-12 year olds who want to make new friends, have fun, and learn more about Jesus! Games, craft, activities and snacks provided. Siblings also welcome. Parents may stay or drop off and pick up. Parents of under 5 year olds must stay with child. We meet at 3-4:45pm in the Reynolds Room. You are most welcome to join us at 5pm Mass afterwards. No RSVP required - just turn up! Enquiries to 4332 2216.

Please Note

Commentator for 8am Mass

We would love a new Commentator to provide some relief for Richard, who has been manning the fort single-handedly for years. If you could assist please call the office on 4332 2216 or approach Richard at the Mass.

Breaking News – Jason Evert is coming to Broken Bay

Young Adults save the date: Wednesday 22 May 6pm at The Light of Christ Centre. Foodtrucks and activities from 6pm, Talk begins at 7pm, Free entry.

May Celebration in Honour of Our Lady

The World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to join us at St Mary's Cathedral Saturday 4 May 11.30am Entrance Procession with the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Prayers, Act of Consecration and Mass. Enq: 9984-8988.



It is good to have you with us these holidays. For any enquiries speak to Fr Brian or Fr Joshi or call the parish office during business hours on 4332 2216.



Welcome to the Howell Family for the Reception of their child for the Sacrament of Baptism.



1st Reconciliation Preparations
Congratulations to Alexander, Harrison and Dominic Woods on the completion of your preparation for Reconciliation.

Ministry Roster						
Order	Ministry	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1	Readings					
2	Prayers					
3	Homily					
4	Prayers					
5	Prayers					
6	Prayers					
7	Prayers					
8	Prayers					
9	Prayers					
10	Prayers					

New Ministry Rosters

New rosters are now available from the Sacristy. Thank you for your assistance at the Masses.

THE ENTRANCE PARISH DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)
Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am
Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm
Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am
Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

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

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Peter O'Grady, Irene Bouchet, Annette Howell, Millie Ingram, Ron Batger, John Guider, Aristhea Whelpdale, Ken Smith.

Funerals: Irene Bouchet is next Wednesday at 12:30pm, Peter O'Grady is next Thursday at 11am, and Annette Howell is next Friday at 1:30pm. Please keep Irene, Peter, Annette and their families in your prayers.

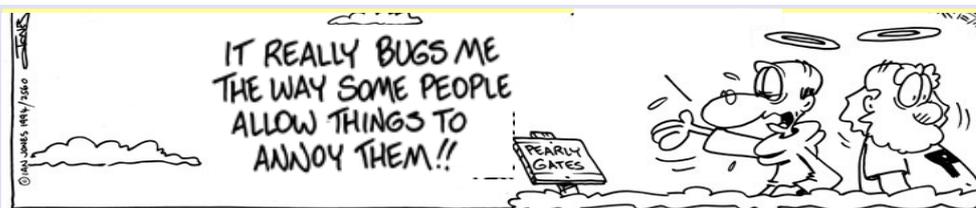
Anniversaries: Donald O'Sullivan, Bruce Parry, Bernard McCudden.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Domenico Antonio, Filippo Barbara, Pasquale Puchiele, Alan Jones and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sick: Susan Simmons, Maria Nassar, Jenny Balacco, Laila Calvi, Paul & Keith Snell, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Macie Oliver, Reef Herbert, Carter Chapman, Clara Brown, Stevie & Tilly Clifford, Toshi & Miki Dalby.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

GIFT
CENTRE

For all your devotional needs...

Everyone Welcome!

The Gift Centre is open each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Enquiries 4332 2216