

The Living Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

2 May 2021

First Reading Acts 9:26-31

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

or:

(R.) 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

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

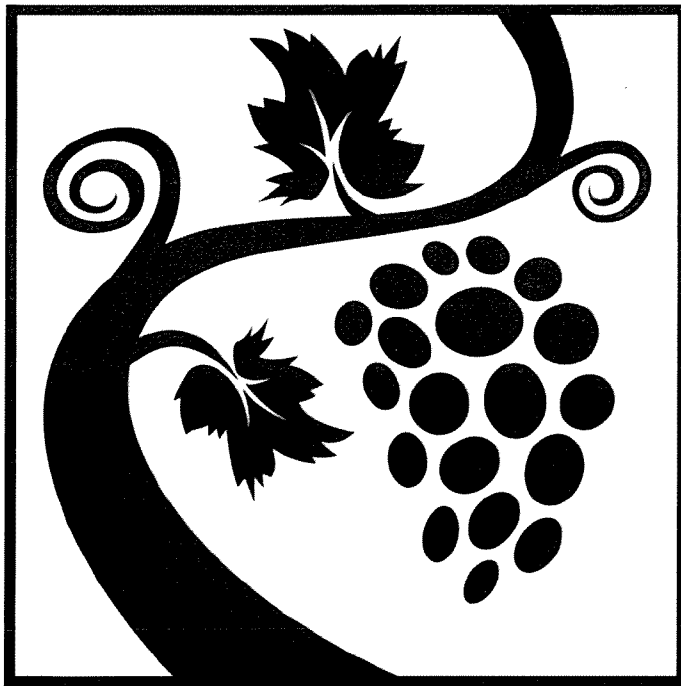
My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience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

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our 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 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!**



Gospel Jn 15:1-8

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.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

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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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is available prior to each weekend Mass

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR B

Recently Deceased: Francisca Dekker.

Anniversaries 2- May to 8- May:

Robyn Meaker, Patrick Reid, James Patterson, Ian Stoney, Adelaide Upton, Tony Cassar and Tony Robinson.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Carmel Conte, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Kate Greenwood, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Maureen O'Neill, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter Williams.

ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COUNTERS: Tuesday 4- May at 10:00am:

Judy Compton and Dan Donovan.

ELECTRONIC CONTACT TRACING & QR CODES:

From 26th March, activities involving ceremonies and religious gatherings, weddings and funerals within a Place of Worship, **must use an electronic record keeping system** that is compatible with the Victorian Government's visitation application programming interface (API). The API allows non-Government electronic record keeping systems to 'speak' with the Victorian Department of Health (DH) contact tracing system, which is the primary line of defence in keeping our community safe and open. The previous rule was that electronic record keeping was required for a Place of Worship when applying the one person per two square metres density quotient. **This density quotient still applies and API compatible electronic record keeping is now mandatory.**

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

Memorial Wall at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

The parish is taking expressions of interest for the proposed memorial wall. The niche order & information form is available on the website. Plaque details are not required at this time. All inquiries to Frank Nelson: 5256 1661 or 0413 017 053.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

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RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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We are required to undertake a count of numbers and other statistics of people attending Mass each weekend throughout May. Thanks in advance to our welcomers and volunteers who will assist in this process.

Parishioners are invited to check the Melbourne Catholic website for Positions Vacant: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>. There are a number of jobs being advertised that may be of interest.

Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College – Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal (25th April): Support the training of priests for tomorrow’s Church. Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians. Donations can be made via the website: <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>.

St Bernard’s Annual Book Fair: on Sunday 2nd May from 8am-2pm at Clairvaux School Hall (Reynolds Road, Belmont). 1000’s of books of all genres at bargain prices. Trash & Treasure stall. Cash sales only.

Ladies Social Group is having a gathering on Wednesday 5th May at 6:00pm at Ocean Grove Hotel, Bonnyvale Road. Please call Julie on 0411 578 285. Julie is working at the moment, so please leave a message.

St Ignatius College: a reminder to families that enrolments for 2022 will be closing 7th May 2021. For further information, please visit: <https://www.ignatius.vic.edu.au/enrolment/enrolment-information>.

Vinnies Winter Donations: Our shops at Queenscliff and Ocean Grove need donations of warm winter blankets and clothing. Ocean Grove contact is Jen. Phone: 5256 2050. Queenscliff contact is June. Phone: 5258 227. And think of being a volunteer at the shop!

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd May – Sts Philip and James (Feast)

Tuesday 4th May – Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 5th May – Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 6th May – Thursday of the 5th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 7th May – Friday of the 5th week of Easter

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Queenscliff with St Aloysius school students & mothers/carers celebrating Mother’s Day (see flyer)

Saturday 8th May – Saturday of the 5th week of Easter

Sunday 9th May – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER’S DAY

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Thought for the Week:

Sometimes your only available transportation is a leap of faith.

- Margaret Shepard.

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