

# I am the vine and you are the branches

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## CROSSWORD

SHOW LOVE FOR OTHERS BY TRULY HELPING THEM



### Across

- 1: Saul saw the Lord, who spoke to him on the road to this place
- 4: some people were afraid of Saul because they thought he was not a true
- 6: someone who looks after gardens
- 7: if something is not dirty it is
- 10: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I am the \_\_\_\_\_ and you are the branches'
- 11: the opposite of false
- 12: you do this with scissors

### Down

- 2: young people
- 3: saying a \_\_\_\_\_ is a good way to speak to God
- 5: this man saw Jesus on the road to Damascus and became one of his followers
- 8: God said that you show \_\_\_\_\_ for others by truly helping them
- 9: apples and bananas are both types of \_\_\_\_\_

## WORDSEARCH

Try to find these words:

- children
- clean
- cut
- Damascus
- follower
- fruit
- gardener
- love
- prayer
- Saul
- true
- vine



## SAINT OF THE DAY: SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, 29 APRIL

The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time. She was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation. She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the

world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374. Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope. In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her "children" and was canonized in 1461. Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*. Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/>

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# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH Bayswater



## HOLY MASS

### Weekend

- Saturday: 9am Morning Mass; 6pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday: 8am, 10am & 5pm

### Weekday

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am  
**(Benediction & Adoration on First Friday at 8:30am)**
  - Tuesday: 7:30pm  
**(Adoration, Divine Mercy Novena & Benediction at 6:30pm)**
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary:** 30 minutes before weekday Masses

## SACRAMENTS

- **Baptism** 2nd Sunday of every month, 11:15am (2 months advance notice)
- **Baptism Preparation** 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30pm.
- **Reconciliation** Tuesday: 6:30pm & Saturday: 9:30am and 5:30pm
- **Marriage** Minimum 6 months advance notice is required
- **Sacramental Preparation:** Call the Parish Office

## PRESBYTERY

- Parish Priest: **Fr. Sabu Thomas Adimakiyil VC**
- Secretary: **Millicent Cabisidan (Peachy)**
- Bookkeeper: **Emalyn Rivera**

## OFFICE HOURS

- Wednesday & Thursday 9am - 3pm
- Friday 9am - 12pm

## OLOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Chair: Michael Di Paola

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## VISION

Our parish be a faith-filled, caring and sharing community that will actively embrace multiculturalism and team building reaching out to joyfully demonstrate God's love to the wider society.

## MISSION

That our parish hold spiritual and social programmes to cater to all levels and interests of parishioners, drawing in toddlers, youth, elderly, and new families into the orbit of the parish.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.'







# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

28 APRIL 2024

*'We aim a Safe and Inclusive Parish'*

YEAR 8/2



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10  
Gospel: John 15:9-17

### RESPONSE

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

### ACCLAMATION

*ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. ALLELUIA!*

## I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

We are deeply rooted in the love of Christ. The risen Christ is the source of all that we need to grow ever closer to God. In the First Reading, we hear how shortly after his conversion, St Paul was initially treated with fear and disdain by those he had been persecuting. Paul's zeal for the Lord was grounded in a very personal encounter with Christ. Knowing that he was loved completely despite all that he had done before, gave him the encouragement to spread the Good News.



In the Second Reading, the writer counsels that even if we feel we have failed or fallen short in our response to God's love for us, his love is so immense and all-forgiving that we need not be afraid. Knowing this, we can be free to live out the great commandment to love one another.

In the Gospel, the beautiful image of a vine carefully tended by the Father is used by Jesus to describe his and our relationship to God. We are all sustained in an intimate co-existence with the Holy Trinity. Jesus invites us to remain close to him. Without him, our life is nothing, with him, we discover our true identity and purpose.

Source: Excerpted from the Scripture reflection courtesy of St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham, available at [www.australiancatholics.com.au](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au). Image from [Liturgy Help](http://Liturgy Help).

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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.

### FIRST READING: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 9:26-31

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.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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 JOHN 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of 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.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

A reading from holy 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### 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.



## POPE AT REGINA COELI: JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD AWAITS US WITH OPEN ARMS

At the Regina Coeli on Good Shepherd Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us that Jesus loves us without limit, giving His life for us. He prays that we may go meet the Lord and allow ourselves "to be welcomed and lifted up by the loving arms of our Good Shepherd."

The image of the Good Shepherd then shows us how the Lord is not only our guide, the Head of the flock, but how above all He "thinks of each of us as the love of His life," the Pope underscored, as the Lord sees each of us as "important, irreplaceable, worth the infinite price of His life." And this is not just a way of speaking, the Pope said, the Lord "truly gave His life for me, He died and rose again for me, because He loves me and He finds in me a beauty that I often do not see myself." Full report at [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)



## LABOR LOOKS TO PASS RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION LAWS WITHIN MONTHS

Labor will move to get religious discrimination laws passed in the middle of the year, as Attorney-General Mark Dreyfus says the issue can't be dragged out.

The Government has said it won't proceed with the legislation without support from the Opposition but Mr Dreyfus said on Friday he has had productive talks with his counterpart on the Opposition benches.

"Right now is a very good time for us to try and come together and legislate in a way that unites the country that protects kids and teachers and protects people of faith." Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)



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## CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

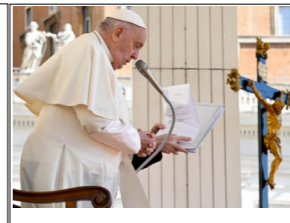
Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. 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.

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](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES:

• **ANNIVERSARY:** Kathleen Piergrosse, Toni Pittorino, Nora Vertessy, Marlana Morris, Gordon Wilby, William Rice, Richard Ledochowicz, Peter Detering, Noreen Brown, Robert Cain, Joan Patricia Dempsey, Barbara Tozer, Mary Detering, Roman Politowski.

• **SICK:** Peter Lisle, Wendy Markby, Fiona Scudds, Elisa lacovitti, Evelyn McDougall.



## POPE ISSUES NEW PLEA FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE, ISRAEL AND UKRAINE

Pope Francis has issued a new plea for peace in Palestine, Israel and Ukraine, urging dialogue over conflict and remembering the suffering of those affected.

He expressed his hope that dialogue, negotiation, and diplomacy might prevail in the Middle East. He urged against succumbing to "the logic of assertion".

"I continue to watch with concern and sorrow the situation in the Middle East. I reiterate the plea not to yield to the claims of war but rather to prioritise dialogue and diplomacy, which can achieve much. Every day, I pray for peace in Palestine and Israel, hoping these two peoples can soon end their suffering."

Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)



## CHURCH TAKES VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT TO COURT OVER LAND ACQUISITION

Church lawyers have taken the Allen Government to Victoria's highest planning tribunal over the state's newest public hospital, claiming it was severely shortchanged when it gave up the land.

The state Government acquired the land for the new Melton Hospital, 45kms west of Melbourne, using special legal powers and paid the Church just shy of \$9 million, with the hospital expected to be finished within the next five years.

"We dispute the amount of compensation which the authority has offered and claim the sum of \$17,530,127.37 for compensation plus reserved amounts for interest," its lawyers said in tribunal documents seen by the ABC.

Full report at [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 29 April - St Catherine of Siena
- 30 April - St Pius V
- 1 May - St Joseph the Worker
- 2 May - St Athanasius
- 3 May - Sts Philip and James

**DONATION TO ST VINCENT DE PAUL**  
Thank you to the generous parishioners who have been leaving food donations for St Vincent de Paul. We are very grateful for your support.  
List of suitable food items is on side of the basket. No fresh food (e.g. bread /fresh fruit) please.

### MIRROR OF GOD'S WORD

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

SOLDIER, WHY AREN'T YOU READY FOR INSPECTION? DIDN'T YOU CHECK YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR?

I DID, SARGE!

WELL, CHECK AGAIN!

ZOWIE! I SEE SOME THINGS I SHOULD TAKE CARE OF!

WORD OF GOD

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

- JAMES 1:23-24 NIV