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Jesus is the true vine



28 April 2024 5th Sunday Easter Year B

In these weeks after Easter and before the feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, our gospel readings come from Jesus' farewell discourses in the Gospel of John. These are the teachings which Jesus shared with his disciples in that precious time just before his arrest and crucifixion.

His teachings offered solace to his disciples who were soon to endure his passion and death. We now read and ponder them in the light of his resurrection and Ascension. They also offer comfort to us in our time and place, as we face life's challenges and sorrows.

Last week, the gospel recounted Jesus telling the disciples that he is the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep by name, who cares for them and protects them, and whose love and care is so great that he lays down his life for his sheep. This image of the Good Shepherd and his sheep describes a relationship of steadfast love and care.

This week, Jesus describes his relationship to his followers differently, this time in terms of a vine and its branches. This image highlights the intimacy, interconnection, mutuality and reciprocity of the relationship of Jesus to us, of Jesus to the Father, and of Jesus and the Father to us, individually and as a community.

Jesus explains that he is the true vine, the Father is the vine grower, and we are the branches. The image reminds us that we,

just like the vine and its branches, rely on each other in order to bear fruit.

But, most important of all, Jesus urges us: "Abide in me as I abide in you." To abide means to remain, to stay, to dwell, to make a home in, to endure, and to hold fast. This notion of 'abiding' is of utmost importance in John's Gospel. (Even in today's short reading this word, abide, occurs 8 times.)

Jesus is very clear: this abiding is essential and core to our relationship with him. It is this abiding in him and he in us that will result in great fruitfulness. The fruits will be life-giving fruits, internal as well as external, for us personally and for the community. They will be peace, freedom, justice, joy, and the flourishing of creation.

What then is the call and the challenge for us? It is to nurture our relationship with Jesus. This is the discipleship to which he calls us: it is abiding in him, keeping company with him, living in daily conversation with him. We are called to a life-long process of entering ever more deeply into this relationship with him, learning to abide in his love, and learning to love one another as God has loved us. It is learning to live like that every day!

And, in the process, we will gradually come to better see the world, ourselves, other people, and whatever situations we face with our hearts and minds attuned to his.

Anne Hunt

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year B—April 28, 2024**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Are you new to our lovely South West and Parish? Please write your details in our *New Parishioners Book* in the foyer. We can then be in touch to arrange a time convenient to you to reach out with Parish information and a friendly welcome.

BAPTISMAL INFORMATION

For more information please contact the parish office. Our phone number for the parish office is **9797 1886**. However, the quickest way is to contact us by email so that the required forms and information can be forwarded straight back to you **admin@leschenaultcatholicparish.org.au** The office is usually attended on a Thursday, but email is usually the best contact

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND

Anyone in the parish who cannot attend Mass due to illness or being house bound is welcome to contact **Anne Stanaway** who can arrange for a Special Minister to call. Anne is available on **0400 492 592**.



PARISH

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**SAFEGUARDING
OFFICERS**

Our parish safeguarding officers are Cath Di-Bona; Anna Stevens and Laurie Sutherland

Call 0431 502 560



to discuss any safety concerns or incidents.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Please leave a message on 1300 794 054 and a member of the team will be in contact.

**Next Meeting:
Thur 30 June at 5.30pm
New Members Welcome**

**PREGNANCY ADVICE
BUNBURY**



**PREGNANCY
ASSISTANCE**

Support for any pregnancy
Call 97924759

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Noongar people. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region.

MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of Christ the Living Vine, Inspired by the Holy Spirit, create a community of Christian love by reaching out to meet the needs of all in our Parish and beyond in a spirit of love, acceptance and compassion.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

Recently Deceased:

Remembrances:

Prayers for the Sick of the Parish: Delores Fisher; Pat McKenna; Myrna Vandeleur; Ray Green; Rosemary Spurgeon; Robin Samuels; Sheila Tuppen and Lennie Hynes.

Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm. Sunday 8:30am

Weekday Masses: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.00am

Bethanie: Liturgy of the Word: First Thursday of each month at 11.00am

Mass: Third Thursday of each month at 11.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5-5.45pm or by arrangement

GREETERS ROSTER

The new Greeter's Roster is about to be published, and if you are NOT a Greeter and would like to be included there are Slips in the foyer for you to fill in.

If you are a Greeter and would like to change something you can also use the Slips to make any changes or call me on ph: 9797 0191

Thank you—VAL

The Dinner table

Majellan are on a mission to reunite families at the Dinner Table.

Join Majellan to help families reconnect and communicate more effectively, help families be closer, sharing and loving. The dining table is not only for eating at, but a place for gathering, sharing, communicating and where relationships grow.



When was the last time you sat at the dinner table with your family and friends to simply share a meal and be present with each other? For more information, please visit **Majellan.media/the-dinner-table/**



Sunday 28 April 2024
John 15:1-8
5th Sunday of Easter

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Maze ★ ★ ★

We need to stay with Jesus. He will help us to love other people. Can you find your way to Jesus through this maze?

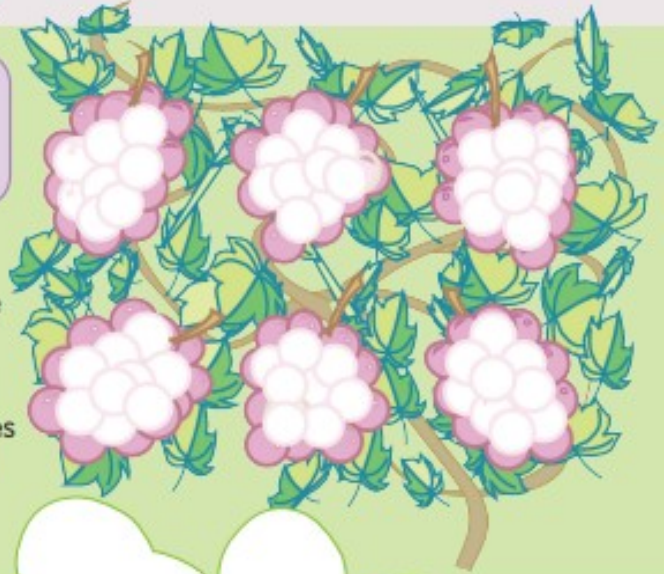


Jesus says that he is like a vine and we are the branches. If we are attached to the vine, we will grow lots of fruit. The fruit we grow is all the good things we do.

I AM THE VINE!

Jesus is like a vine and we are like the bunches of grapes!

Draw your face on one of the bunches of grapes - and the faces of your family and friends on some of the others.



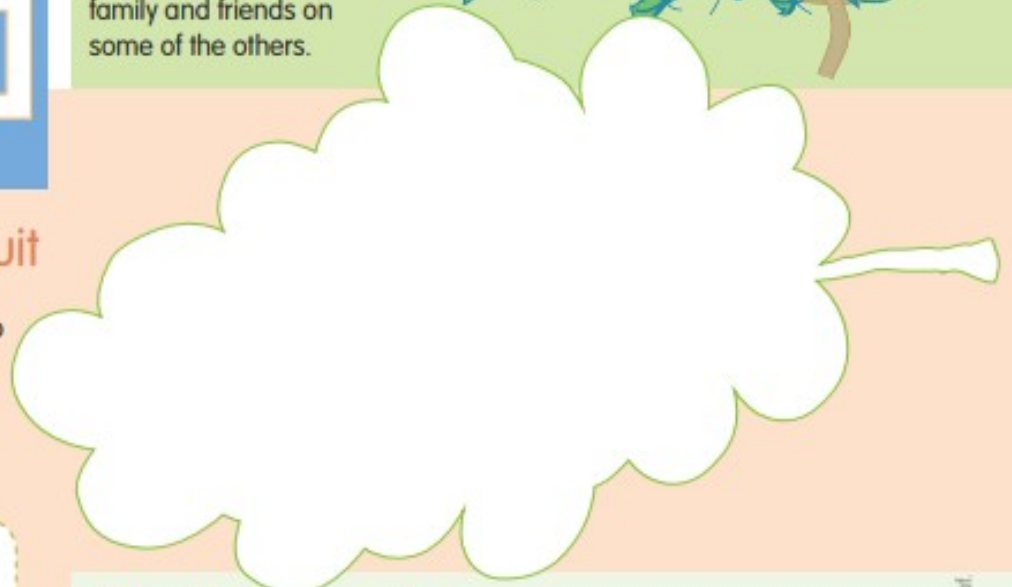
Growing Jesus' fruit

When we love Jesus we try to do what he asks. We are growing Jesus' fruit when we love other people. Draw a picture of you helping someone.

"I will share Jesus' love this week when I..."



Help me to grow good fruit, Jesus. Help me to be kind today. Help me to always trust you and stay in your care. Amen.



That's grape!

This vine only has one bunch of grapes growing on it. Can you draw on some more?



Add vowels (a, e, i, o, u) to make these words.

v_n_ br_nch fr_t gr_p_ l_f

Draw lines from the labels to the right place on the picture.

Answers: That's grape: vine, branch, fruit, grape, leaf.

SUGGESTIONS WELCOME

Don't forget to make good use of our suggestion box. Look for it in the foyer this weekend and come along armed with your best ideas to make the Parish prosper. While we have a Parish Pastoral Council to help with the big direction setting, it takes more than a council to make a Parish. Each of us has a role in making sure that our parish fulfils its Mission of creating a community of Christian love. How we could be going about reaching out to meet the needs of all is a responsibility to be shared by all parishioners.



NOTICE Board Please see notice board for:

- Upcoming events at The Spirituality Hub at the Church of the Holy Family in Kirup
- The Spring 2023 edition of Mary's News Today will be on display on our Notice Board. We receive this from Mary MacKillop Today as a result of our parishioners who donate their used stamps.
- A basket has been placed in the Church for anyone wishing to donate pantry foods for our St Vincent pantry to help local families.

PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW BISHOP

Shepherding God, you reveal your way of unfailing love in the image of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost, shows compassion, knows and is known by the sheep and lays down his life for them. We, your people of the Bunbury Diocese, are without a bishop to shepherd us. We ask that your Holy Spirit who moves through this great south land, inspire the choice of our new Bishop, empower his 'yes' and open our hearts in hospitality and love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians: *pray for us.*
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: *pray for us.*

SAVE THOSE STAMPS FOR CHARITY

Want a simple and easy way to help Mary MacKillop Today?

Our parish can help by collecting stamps!

There is a labelled box on a shelf in the church's foyer, so please collect your stamps and drop them off.

Mary MacKillop Today receive thousands of stamps each year which are trimmed and sorted by volunteers, then sent to an auction house to be sold to collectors.

Mary MacKillop Today works with the poorest communities in Australia and internationally, in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji to support and empower local communities. In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop, their focus is on building dignity through education, health, financial inclusion and livelihoods.

If you have any queries, please speak to **Anna Stevens** or send an email to the parish office
admin@leschenaultcatholicparish.org.au

MARY MACKILLOP
today

PARISH DATES

Morning Tea—Sunday 28 April—After Mass

Liturgy at Bethanie—Thursday 02 May—11.00am

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Thursday 02 May—7.00pm

First Eucharist Enrolment Mass— Saturday 4 May

First Eucharist Enrolment Mass—Sunday 5 May

MORNING TEA

28 April—After Mass

We look forward to morning this Sunday after Mass and hope you will join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a lovely snack.



Like our

Face Book page:

**CHRIST THE LIVING
VINE**



St Vincent de Paul—Basket

A donation basket remains in the Church Foyer for anyone wishing to donate pantry staples such as canned foods, dried pasta or rice to our St Vincent de Paul pantry to help local families.



The 2024 Busselton May Rosary celebration in honor of Our Lady

Sunday May 5th 2024 at Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine, Bove's Farm, Roy Road, Jindong, Busselton. Hymn singing commences at 12.30pm. Holy Concelebrated Mass led by Fr Archie Carampatan commences at 1.00pm. Rosary Procession and Benediction following Mass.

ALL WELCOME!

Cash for Containers

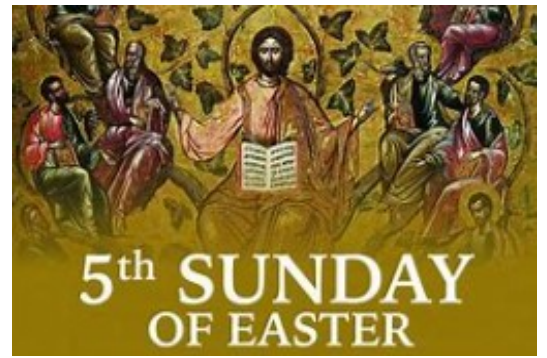
Do your bit for the environment and charity at the same time. Don't throw your "empties" away.

Keeping containers from landfill will not only be helping the environment, but also you could use the action to support Caritas by using the "Scheme ID" **C10440496** when you recycle your containers at approved facilities such as the Stanley Road tip.

This way the money goes to a great cause as well as cleaning up our world.



	27-Apr	28-Apr	4-May	5-May
ROSTERS	SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 8.30AM	SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 8.30AM
ACOLYTE	Laurie	John Borserio	Alex	Laurie
LECTOR/s	Anne Stanaway	Frank Colyer Therese Reeves	Lily Pike	Judi Jobling Anne Mills
COMMENTATOR	Mark Stanaway	Bridget Mills	Melissa Ryan	Margaret Giumelli
GREETER	Pia Doyle	Agnese Prentice	Raylee Harris	Catherine Scott
ALTAR SERVERS	Matthew Harper Holly Vener Dylan Anderson	Erin Kietzmann Isabella Kerr Maria Manners	San Lee Katelyn Harvey Aniela Widzynski	Zye Morabito Samuel & James O'Donoghue Cooper Pascoe
FLOWERS	Trudy Milne			
MORNING TEA	Gianna, Lara and Elina			
COUNTERS	Ana and Jack de Gooijer			
	Kerry and Tim Hunter			



PASTORAL COUNCILLORS

Melissa Ryan (Chair)
 Karyn Cronin (OLMC)
 Jo Mincham
 Daniel Graves (LCPS)
 Penny Elliott
 Colin Fredericks
 Cathryn Cox

Sacrificial Giving Program

14 April, 2024

Loose	\$	826.60
Other Caritas	\$	1123.15
Envelopes	\$	254.05
Total	\$	2203.80



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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 (Ps 21)

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

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

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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.

TODAY'S READINGS Acts 9: 26-31; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8

NEXT WEEK (6th Sunday of Easter) Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17

*Listen to
our prayer
podcasts*

Prayer is Life

Have you listened to our new podcasts about prayer? Prayer is Life is aimed at giving people a better understanding about prayer. The podcasts are led by Redemptorist priest David Hore CSSR. The series coincides with the start of a Year of Prayer announced by Pope Francis. For details and to listen go to:

<https://majellan.media/prayer-is-life-podcast/>

