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The offer of God's friendship is priceless



5 May 2024 6th Sunday Easter Year B

Our gospel reading this week continues the series of readings from Jesus' final teachings before his death – his Farewell Discourses – as given to us in the Gospel of John. These are the teachings Jesus gave to his disciples immediately after the Last Supper in Jerusalem on the night before his crucifixion.

In last week's gospel, Jesus describes his relationship to his disciples like that of a vine and its branches, stressing how vital, close and deep is the interconnection between them. In that gospel reading, Jesus urges his disciples: "Abide in me as I abide in you." To abide means to remain, to make a home in, to endure.

Today's gospel follows on from that teaching and continues the theme of abiding but augments it. Here Jesus speaks of the relationship between himself and his disciples in even more profound and intimate terms than that of the life-giving vine and its fruitful branches. Now he stresses that the relationship is one of love. Again, he uses the word "abide," but now he urges his disciples to abide in his love.

Just as Jesus abides in the Father's love, we are to abide in Jesus's love. Notice Jesus' stress on love. "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."

Jesus again stresses love when he goes on to explain: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Love is his command to us as his disciples; we are to love as he loved.

The focus on abiding in love leads to an understanding of our relationship to Jesus as one of friendship. Jesus explains: "You are my friends if you do what I command you." In this way Jesus reveals God's offer of friendship to each and every one of us.

Three hundred years ago, St Alphonsus Ligouri, the founder of the Redemptorists, wrote extensively on this wonderful idea of God as a friend, and these writings have been compiled into a book, *Praying to God as a Friend*. Alphonsus encourages us to converse with God as a dear and loving friend: "Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends.

Speak to Him often of your business, your plans, your troubles, your fears – of everything that concerns you. Converse with Him confidently and frankly; for God is not wont to speak to a soul that does not speak to Him."

God's offer of friendship is waiting. It is a truly priceless treasure that is freely offered and freely given. It is up to us to respond positively.

Mark Chia CSsR

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year B—May 05, 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**.

**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 23 May at 5.30pm
New Members Welcome**

**PREGNANCY ADVICE
BUNBURY**



**PREGNANCY
ASSISTANCE**

Support for any pregnancy
Call 97924759



PARISH

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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 has been published, and is available in the Church foyer.

Just a reminder, if you are NOT a Greeter and would like to be included in the future, 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 (Val) on ph: 9797 0191

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

An invitation for any interested ladies in the parish to join us.

No obligation, please just come along and learn what our ministry is about.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday each month and usually last for 90 mins followed by afternoon tea.

CWLWA have recently set up a new website <https://catholicwomensleaguewa.com.au/> and encourage interested ladies to view.

We look forward to meeting with some new members.

Fran Mulcahy
President Leschenault branch



Sunday 5 May 2024
John 15:9-17
6th Sunday of Easter

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Fruits of love

Draw a picture of you doing something kind.



I will share Jesus' love today when I _____

Jesus says he loves us very much – as much as God the Father loves him! Jesus chooses each one of us to be his friend. He has shown us how to love other people. Now that's what we need to do!

Jesus' friends! YOU ARE MY FRIENDS!

Friends are very special.
We must be very special if Jesus has chosen us as his friends



Draw yourself with this group of Jesus' friends.



Word search

Jesus said, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU."

This means that you **CARE**, **LOVE**, and **LISTEN** and that you are **KIND**, **FUN** and **STAND UP** for each other.

Can you find the coloured words in the word search?

Z	K	C	A	R	E
L	I	S	T	E	N
O	N	T	P	L	U
V	D	G	M	X	F
E	S	T	A	N	D
U	P	K	C	K	C



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for choosing me to be your friend. Please help me to be a good friend to the people I meet. Amen.

Maze

Maisie has been left out. She feels sad. Jesus wants us to look out for each other and not leave people out.

Can you help the group of friends find Maisie? Put a big smile on her face when her friends find her.

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.*

Special Mass in Subiaco

On 18 May in Subiaco, there will be a Mass and blessing for medical professionals - Doctors, Nurses and Allied Health.

What an excellent opportunity this will be to get to know your fellow Catholic medical colleagues!

This is being hosted by the West Australian branch of the Australian Catholic Medical Association.

Space is limited and people wishing to attend will need to book via the below link:

[White Mass for Catholic Medical Professionals | Humanitix](#)

Date: Sat 18th May 2024, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Location: St John of God Subiaco Hospital Chapel
12 Salvado Rd, Subiaco WA 6008, Australia

PARISH DATES

First Eucharist Enrolment Mass— Saturday 4 May

First Eucharist Enrolment Mass—Sunday 5 May

Parish Pastoral Council meeting—Tuesday 14 May—7.00pm

Catholic Women's League meeting—Wednesday 15 May—1.00pm

St Vincent de Paul meeting—Thursday 23 May—5.30pm

Morning Tea—Sunday 26 May—after Mass

Mother's Day Masses

Mother's Day Mass—Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 May—I am looking for a mother and/or a grandmother to say a few words at homily time about living with love as a mother and/or grandmother.

We would like to hear about the challenges and joys and where you get the strength and gifts needed to be a mother or grandmother. This would be for about 3 minutes and I would like people to offer to do one or both Masses over the Mother's Day weekend. Thank you – Fr Pat.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Floral Ministry

We all really appreciate those who work behind the scenes so our liturgy is meaningful and beautiful.

However, one area where help is needed now to spread the workload is the Floral Ministry. We would love at least one more helper please. Training is available.

Please contact Pia Doyle on Mob: **0427084103**



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.



	4-May	5-May	11-May	12-May
ROSTERS	SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 8.30AM	SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 8.30AM
ACOLYTE	Alex	Laurie	John	Paddy
LECTOR/s	Lily Pike	Judi Jobling Anne Mills	Pia Doyle	Sam Galati Judith Mills
COMMENTATOR	Melissa Ryan	Margaret Giumelli	Mary Bursill	Fran Mulcahy
GREETER	Raylee Harris	Catherine Scott	TBA	TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	San Lee Katelyn Harvey Aniela Widzynski	Zye Morabito Samuel & James O'Donoghue Cooper Pascoe	Jacob Potter Evelyn Jenour Scarlett Alldritt	Darcee Rake Jack Grimm Tyler Grimm
FLOWERS	Toni Hynes			
MORNING TEA	Richard and Gwenda Panizza			
COUNTERS	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

29 April, 2024

Loose	\$	788.20
Other	\$	
Envelopes	\$	354.00
Total	\$	1142.20



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 97)

ANTIPHON: The Lord has revealed to nations his saving power.

RESPONSE: The Lord has revealed to nations his saving power.

LECTOR: Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

LECTOR: The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

LECTOR: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Or

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

TODAY'S READINGS Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4: 7-10; John 15: 9-17

NEXT WEEK (Ascension of the Lord, Year B) Acts: 1:1-11; Ps 46; Ephesians 1: 17-23 or 4: 1-13; Mark 16: 15-20

*Empathy
in action*

Prayer is Life

In the Prayer for Life podcast titled Prayer and Compassion, Redemptorist priest David Hore CSSR emphasises the importance of a compassionate approach to our spiritual lives, where empathy becomes action, and the act of listening becomes a profound gesture of support. <https://majellan.media/prayer-is-life-podcast/>

