

FIRST READING: Acts 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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 21:26-28, 30-32

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

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.

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.

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 Saint 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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 15:4-5

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

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

A reading from the 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4
Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16
Gospel: John 15:9-17

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT STEPHEN

Friday 10 May at 7:30pm, Saturday 11 May at 1:30pm and Saturday 11 May at 7:30pm.

Tickets available: <https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA AFTER THE 9.30AM MASS TODAY



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FUNERALS AND WEDDINGS

All enquires regarding Funerals and
Weddings, please contact **the parish office**

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We follow the words of our patron, St John Vianney, who said "He is here". We recognise Christ is in the Word, the Eucharist, and in us His people, with a special reverence for Him in the poor and marginalised. We are called to make Christ present through our prayer and charity. We seek to grow in our spiritual lives and create a community where everyone is welcome; the young and the old, together to experience the loving presence of God. We believe He is here amongst us and we joyfully go out to make Him present to all.

27/28 April 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Let Us Pray:

God, my Master Grower, strengthen my trust in You and never let me stray from Your Holy Will. Prune and feed my soul so I may blossom and bear fruit to fulfill my life's purpose. Amen.

All Branches Must Cling to the Vine to Blossom and Bear Fruit

What a beautiful metaphor Christ shared in the Upper Room! Jesus was trying to help His disciples understand the gift of Divine Grace and how the lives of Christians must stay joined to the glorified life of Jesus to be nourished, sustained, and grow to fruitfulness. Like any master gardener of a vineyard, God our Father delights in each of us whom He plants in His garden. He is passionate about our growth, and He wants us to reach the fruitful potential of our souls in this life so that we may fulfill our purpose in His vineyard here on earth.

He fertilizes the soil to help us grow. He waters, weeds, and prunes our vines to help us become all we were meant to be. God knows the beautiful fruitfulness and growth that we can experience in His perfect plan. He watches over each of His vines with loving care. Our souls are made to be the perfect reflection of Christ. God the Father, with the help of the Holy Spirit, watches over us with loving guidance and protection and wants our souls to grow in love and holiness. There are times in the garden of our lives when enemies slip in and threaten the beauty and very existence of our spiritual lives. If one isn't careful, bad soil, pests, predators, parasites, dryness, and weeds can be very destructive. We will only bear fruit if we are pruned of everything unhealthy to our souls, and we must be sure to cling fast to the vine of Christ who strengthens us. Our spiritual lives are dependent on the gift of Divine Grace and our souls are nourished and sustained by the love of Christ. It is vital that we trust Him with our whole hearts to do whatever is needed in our lives for our best growth. We must trust Christ and always stick close to Him. As much as plants need air, sunshine, and water, a branch is just as reliant upon the vine. Without the vine – Jesus – our souls will shrivel and die. Letting go of our own selfish wills – by fully surrendering to God's Holy Will and trusting His pruning and weeding in our lives – will surely help our souls blossom, bear fruit, and become all we were made to be by our Father.

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FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

29 Mon No Mass
 30 Tues 6.00pm Mass
 3.30pm Sacramental Class
 01 Wed 9.00am Rosary
 9.30am Mass
 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
 02 Thurs No Mass
 03 Fri 9:30am School Mass
 (Parishioners are welcome to attend)
 11:00am Mass at Janoah Gardens
 04 Sat 4.30pm Reconciliation
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 5.00pm Mass
 05 Sun 7:00am Mass (St Jude's)

OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Peter Dabara, Fr. Marty Larson, Patricia Osborne, Sr Dominic (Margaret) Burke, Margaret Bourke, Phillip Bright, Sr Veronica Casey, Margaret Coughlan, John Fens, Paola Grima, Colette Hinchy, Kathleen Hodge, Kenneth Leather, Agnes Marano, Hugh Massie, Philip McCudden, John McMahan, Peggy Nunn, Sr Raphael O'Connor, Joseph O'Malley, Sr Mary-Ellen Perry, Marian Rybarczyk, Leslie Shead, June Sheppard, Florence Tarrant, Lawrence Thatcher, James Treacy, Bronislawa Wojtasik.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: John Cliffe, Sue Wynne-Davies, Jack & Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Irene Gavrilla, Carlos Manabat Maureen Handcock, Leesa Scott, Richard Pook, Violet Maureen Phillips, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Emma Walters, Stacie Stonier, Patrick Nofoakifolau & Brian Prove.

To include a name in our 'Of Your Charity' list, the Privacy Act requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative. Names on the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE

It is **important** that all volunteers, regardless of how long you have been volunteering or in what capacity you serve, to complete their details in the Volunteer Register at the back of the foyer. The parish is required to compile an updated database to meet the compliance standards of the Brisbane Archdiocese and receive a tick of approval at the next audit. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.



CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

We congratulate and welcome: **Kao Berkeley** who were Baptised in our Parish this weekend.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

Just a reminder the FHC Sacramental class will commence at **3.30pm on Saturday and Sunday at 8.00am.**

BIRKETT GARDENS BRISBANE

Brodie from Birkett Gardens is generously offering free gardening services for one year, to widows and widowers (those who have lost someone within the last 2 years). Please contact 0403 075 268 or email Brodie at brodie.birkett@birkettgardens.com.au for more information.



VOLUNTEERING WITH ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland are looking for volunteers to work in our retail stores. These stores generate much-needed income to support the people we assist. A minimum commitment required of 1 x 4 hour shift per week for at least 3 months. If you have a friendly, positive attitude and are willing to work as part of a team, please contact: the local store manager at Wynnum or Elisa Govi at SVdP Queensland on Elisa.govi@svdpqld.org.au. All volunteers must complete a free, online National Police Check before commencing with Vinnies.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY NOT ON TODAY Sunday 28 APRIL 2024

A MESSAGE FROM FR BAIYI REGARDING THE PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Liturgical celebrations are the soul of a Catholic parish. Through the liturgy, we worship God, listen to His voice, express our sorrows and joys to Him as our heavenly father, gather our brothers and sisters in the Lord together, and form a community. That's why in all Catholic parishes, a liturgy committee is essential. In our parish, of course, we have our own liturgy committee. It consists of the parish priest/administrator and a few parishioners, representing different liturgical ministries, such as the choir, proclaimers of the Word, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. This committee meets a few times a year to plan the liturgical celebrations in our parish, especially for important solemnities, such as Christmas and Holy Week.

Recently, Nola Smith, who has been doing a great job, has had to withdraw from some of the ministries on which she serves, including the liturgy committee, due to her family commitments. Maureen Hasset was invited to a meeting, and during the meeting, I offered her the role of chairperson of the committee. Maureen has accepted this appointment. Maureen has been the coordinator of the music ministry and a member of the liturgical committee for some years and I believe she will do a wonderful job as chairperson. With this letter, I would like to inform the relevant parishioners of this appointment. From now on, Maureen will, on my behalf, organise meetings and other matters related to the committee. We thank God for Maureen and the other members of the Liturgy Committee for their willingness to build our parish through their involvement in this special ministry.

With every blessing of our risen Lord,

Fr Baiyi Gong.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION SUNDAY THE 2ND OF JUNE AT 2PM

All are welcomed to follow the Eucharist whilst praying the Rosary, singings hymns and Benediction. Also included are the **Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition** (1st-2nd of June, Hanly Room) and **Vigil Night Adoration** (1st of June 7pm-2nd of June 8pm, Mary Mackillop Chapel)



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS SILVER CIRCLE DRAW 3 OF 10

The winners of Draw 1 in the current Knights Silver Circle was **Ticket No 3, Margaret Buck**. Congratulations to the winner and thank you to those supporting the charitable works of the Knights through this fundraising Silver Circle.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Servers	Counter
Sat 27 Apr	Geradina	FHC Children	FHC Children	Carmel/ Peter/Holly	Carmel	DH	B
Sun 28 Apr	Katherine M	FHC Children	FHC Children	Adeline/ June/ Mark	Car-melina/ Donna	Volunteer Needed	
Sat 4 May	Colleen S	FHC Children	FHC Children	Jen B/ Denise D/ Carmel	Anjoline	Volunteer Needed	C
Sun 5 May	Robert A	FHC Children	FHC Children	June M/ Donna R/ Katherine M	Therese	Volunteer Needed	

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For the Children

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

I Am The True Vine

A branch cannot live and produce fruit unless it is nourished by the tree or plant to which it is attached. Today, Jesus compares himself to a vine, and we are the branches which produce the fruit of his love.

LET US PRAY

Lord, fill us with your life and love so that we will produce much fruit and a rich harvest for your sake. Amen.

