

## 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.’

### The Gospel of the Lord

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Today’s reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus’  
discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the  
story of Jesus’ Last Supper differently from the other  
Evangelists. In John’s Gospel, the Last Supper begins  
with Jesus washing his disciples’ feet. Jesus then provides  
them with a series of instructions. We call this section the  
Last Supper discourse or Jesus’ farewell discourse. In  
these chapters of John’s Gospel, Jesus instructs his  
disciples about the importance of following his example  
of love and service, about the gift they will receive when  
Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their  
relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last  
Supper discourse concludes with Jesus’ prayer for his  
disciples.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last  
Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to  
his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the  
branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In  
the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh  
himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of  
John’s Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of  
God’s promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his  
relationship with them will not end after his death; he will  
remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and  
his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do  
the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus’ presence with us  
through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue  
the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of  
the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain  
in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know  
Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our  
commitment to be Christ’s disciples is sustained through  
God’s Word. This commitment is also strengthened by  
our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through  
the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and  
transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their  
commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-  
Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the  
homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions  
become acts of Christian discipleship when they are  
motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the  
immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions  
will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

## SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to express our sincere thanks to  
Stephanie Roach and the team for taking the lead to  
organise the Volunteers Dinner last Friday. We  
acknowledge all those who have contributed and  
who came and made it an enjoyable evening.  
Thank you!



# Parish Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

27/28 April 2024

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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.

The word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 21:26-28, 30-32

**Response:**

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

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

*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 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.

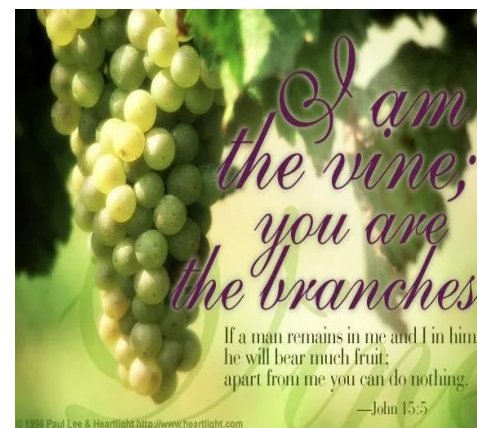
My dear people, if we cannot be  
condemned by our own conscience, we  
need not be afraid in God’s presence, and  
whatever we ask him, we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments and  
live the kind of life that he wants.

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



### REMAIN IN ME.

The branches of a vine will bear fruit  
only if they are attached to the vine.  
It is from the vine that they draw the  
life-giving nourishment they need.  
Likewise, we must remain attached to  
Jesus if we are to receive the life of  
God and produce the fruits of the  
Spirit in our world: love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, generosity,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-  
control.

### PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer  
this wonderful memorial of the passion  
and death of your Son. Bless our Priest  
as he stands in the person of Christ and  
makes present for us the great sacrifice  
of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today-  
our ministers of the Eucharist, our read-  
ers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and  
ushers. When we reflect on the magnifi-  
cence of these Sacred Ministries, we are  
somewhat overawed at our calling. But  
also we are overjoyed that You have  
asked us to stand at Your altar and  
serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful  
to our responsibilities. May this Eucha-  
rist that we are about to offer be a bond  
of unity and a sacrament of love for our  
people. We make this prayer through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Tranmere Parish Direct Giving App

You can now make your donations to the first and second  
collection online. Direct Giving via the Archdiocesan App is  
cashless, fast and secure. Download the Adelaide Archdio-  
cese app. Find a mass on your mobile phone and set up Di-  
rect Giving to the first and second collections  
as well as special appeals. Or contact the Par-  
ish Office to set up Direct Debit or Direct Cred-  
it. The following website provides a direct link  
to Tranmere Parish from a pc, laptop, or tab-  
let. Thank you for your donations!



<https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/tranmere>

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of the Southern Cross  
after 9:30am Mass on  
**Sunday 28th April**  
We appreciate your support!



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**Parish Office Hours**  
Mon to Fri 9:30am – 12:30pm  
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**Mass Times**  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

**Confessions**  
Saturday 6:00 pm

**Rosary**  
Tues to Fri 8:45am  
**Adoration of the Eucharist**  
Friday before Mass 8:30am

**Novena to St. Joseph**  
Wednesday after Mass

**St. Joseph's Primary School**  
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**Parish Pastoral Council**  
Chair – Alan Tyson  
**Parish Finance Council**  
Chair -Edward Konieczny  
**Child Safe Contact Person**  
Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

**Vinnies Assistance Hotline**  
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—4/5 May 2024 6th Sunday of Easter	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Paul Halliwell Grace Yeow Maureen Fernando
Children's Liturgy	Antonetta Bartley Jessie Yesudas P
Count team	Paul Halliwell Denise Rutt Paul Roocke Danielle Roocke
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	20/21 Apr 2024
Planned Giving	\$471.00
Open Plate	\$407.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$878.00</b>


This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$488.10

**VOLUNTEER BRIEFINGS**  
Three 90-minute volunteer briefing open sessions will be held at the Adelaide Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide. The dates are: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am – 12:00pm and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30am – 12:00pm  
Please note this briefing is for volunteers who do not have a direct role with children. Please directly contact the Child Protection Unit to register for the Briefing Session via e-mail or phone at:  
[childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au)  
Ph. 82108159



**Please remember in your prayers**  
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.  
For the Repose of the Soul:  
Death Anniversary:  
*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*  
**Sick:**  
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

**Pope Francis @pontifex**  
 The love we receive from the Lord is the force that transforms our lives and enables us to love. We are able to love only because He has loved us, because He pours His own Spirit of holiness into our hearts. His Love heals and transforms us.

**Agape Music Collective**  
On Mother's Day, Sunday May 12 at 3pm, the musicians at Agape MC are pleased to volunteer their time and talents again to present a free concert at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 170 Flinders Street, Adelaide. For more information send an email to [agapemusiccollective@gmail.com](mailto:agapemusiccollective@gmail.com) or call 0401 021 065.

**Pipe Organ Recital - World Class Organist Colin Andrews**  
Colin Andrews a worldwide known concert organist will perform on Friday May 24 at the St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide at 7pm. Free entry.

PARISH NOTICES

**Annual House Blessing**  
Our annual house blessing event could be scheduled from Tue to Fri evening. This cherished tradition is an opportunity for all interested individuals to have their homes blessed. If you would like to have your house blessed, please inform the Parish office or Fr Roy. Your participation enriches this meaningful tradition. Any inquiries, kindly reach out to Fr Roy or the office staff.

**Urgent Volunteer Call**  
ACH Milpara Nursing Home is seeking a compassionate individual to lead the Liturgy of the Word and Communion service once a month. If you can spare some time and share your kindness with the residents, please reach out to Fr. Roy at your earliest convenience. Your presence will bring comfort and joy to those in need. Thank you for considering this important opportunity to make a difference!

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

**Invitation for New Catholics to attend the Mystagogia Mass - Saturday May 11 2024**  
An invitation is extended to those newly baptised and received into full Communion in our church, together with their sponsor and families to attend the Mass for new Catholics (Mystagogia Mass) with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. This will be at the 6pm Mass in the St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday May 11, followed by tea/coffee in the Parish Hall. Our new Catholics are asked to wear white, symbolising their new life within our church and making them easily recognisable by the community. Please register your attendance through the following [link](#) or phone 8210 8130 or E: [worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au) to RSVP.

**Public Rosary - Praying the Rosary for Peace**  
First Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady on Saturday May 4 and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace in Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am after the 8am Mass. All welcome. For more information contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod - Legion of Mary - 0414 769 635

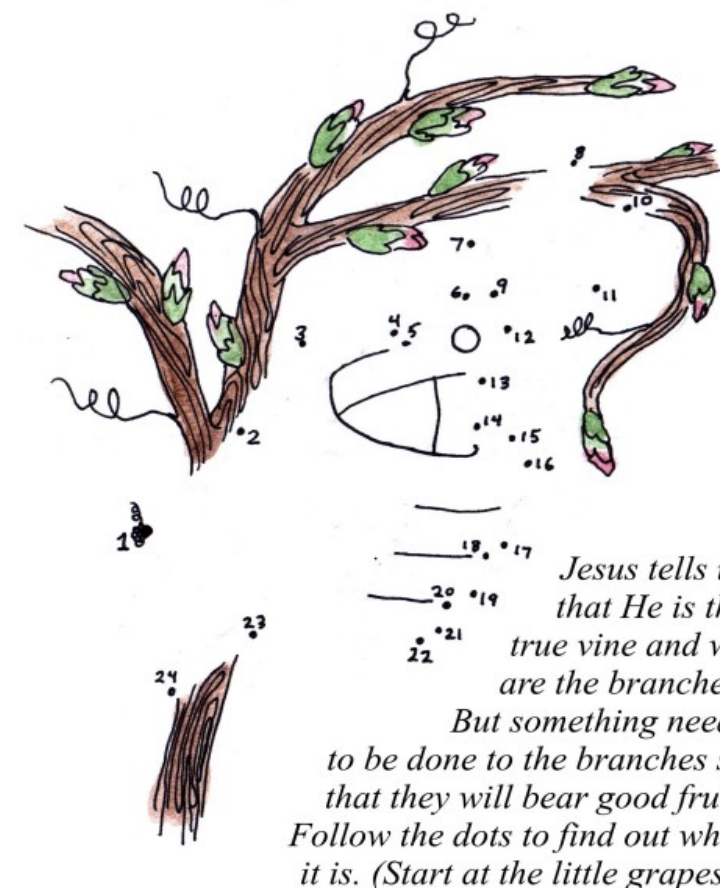
**Certificate of Pastoral Liturgy Unit - May 2024**  
All are invited to attend.  
The "Word of God" series is presented by Dr. Jenny O'Brien over five Thursday evenings starting on May 2 in the Cathedral Hall (and online via Zoom), 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, with free parking available.  
Cost is \$50 with resources supplied. Contact Pastoral Services - Community Life & Worship, [worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or call 8210 8130 to register.

**Marian Procession**  
The 75<sup>th</sup> Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 19 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1:30pm. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

**Adult Confirmation**  
For the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptised but not yet confirmed, this celebration will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday July 20. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will be the celebrant. For further information and to register, contact the Office for Worship P: 8210 8130, or Orla Wright P: 8210 8166.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 28th, 2024



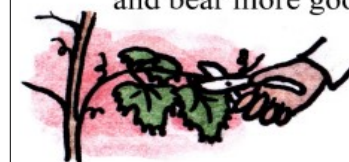
Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit. Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



Answers to True or False: 1.true 2.true 3.true 4.false 5.true 6.true 7.false