



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

28 APRIL 2024

FIRST READING

Acts 9: 26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32. R. v. 26

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (or Alleluia!)

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 Jn 3: 18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.

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 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 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 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!



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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.

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.

REFLECTION: 5th Sunday Easter – Why was Jesus a Carpenter: Carpentry is a very strange profession. A carpenter would take a tree and intentionally destroy its natural beauty. The carpenter will hack away at the trunk of the tree removing its defensive layer through the use of axes, saws, and chisels. In fact, if you did not understand what the carpenter was doing you would think that this person simply delighted in doing violence to a piece of wood. But it is through this violent action that the inner beauty of the wood is revealed. A master craftsman not only

shapes the wood for a useful purpose but also allows the true colour and grain of the wood to be seen. At this point we need to ask the question “Was it purely an accident that Jesus was a carpenter?” “Was it a random chance that the saviour of the world would take on this profession or was God trying to reveal something about how he works with his people?” The scriptures often describe the purifying work that God does through the image of refining gold or cleaning dirty clothing but maybe the best image is that of a carpenter. It could be often hard to understand what God is doing in our lives particularly when it seems that good things are being stripped away from us. We need to trust as he cuts away all our defensive layers he will be revealing our true inner beauty.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and

grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

FLU SEASON IS HERE:

Parishioners, Covid variant virus is still with us, and we are approaching Flu Season. If you are unwell, please stay home until you are recovered. We can show care for self and others in the community.

CHARITY CONCERT WITH FR

FOB GALEA: An evening with Fr Rob Galea. Thursday 9 May 2024. Doors open 5.30pm. The concert commences 6pm and is estimated to conclude at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$20. Corpus Christi College, David Health Gymnasium, 50 Murdoch Drive, Bateman. All proceeds from the concert will be donated to Caritas Australia and LifeLink WA. Parking is available on the College Oval. Please follow signage.



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7.30am & 9am.

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9am, Wednesday 9am, Thursday
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RECONCILIATION - Saturday's:
9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by
appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm &
Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK

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and Parish Secretary's Offices are
temporarily in the Meeting Room
while tradespeople are working
through the Presbytery.

“TIME TO CONSIDER THE PRIESTHOOD”:

St Charles Seminary in Guildford is holding their annual Vocations Open Day on Sunday, **5 May 2024**, calling all interested males from the age of 17 years and older, who are thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood, to come along and 'look and see'. Details may be found on the flyer on the notice board or St Charles Seminary website:

www.stcharlesseminary.perthcatholic.org.au or call (08) 9279-1310 to register for the day... **“Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus. There is no-one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit”** – Homily by Pope St John Paul II.

LIFTED UP FOR MOTHER'S DAY:

A violin & piano recital on **Sunday 12 May 2024** from 3pm in the Braham Auditorium at Trinity College, East Perth. After the Mother's Day lunch or before the Mother's Day dinner, your mum and grandmum are sure to be lifted up by an hour of beautiful music from two highly regarded classical musicians in Daniel Carney on violin & Tommy Seah on piano. Tickets are available online for a donation to Catholic Mission in support of other mums and their

children escaping domestic violence and homelessness at the House of Mercy refuge in Mongolia. To book online visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/CQFO> Online bookings are essential because seating is limited. For further details contact Francis at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au.

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:

Monday night's 7-9pm. All welcome ...

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27 April

9am Mass: In Thanksgiving St Raphael

5th Sunday Easter

Saturday 27 April

6pm Mass: Elisabeth Neumaier (Ann)

Sunday 28 April

7.30am Mass: Missa Pro Populo

9am Mass: Vincenzo Villamagna (Ann) & Maria Villamagna (Int)

Tuesday 30 April

9am Mass: Int of Donor

Wednesday 1 May

9am Mass: Holy Souls

Thursday 2 May

9am Mass: Int of Donor

Friday 3 May

9am Mass: Anointing Mass In Hon of Sacred Heart of Jesus

10am Holy Communion Service: Hilton Park Aged Care



GOSPEL

Jn 15: 1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.**

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Breaking Open the Word

'MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME'

The juxtaposition of the story of Saul (Paul) in the first reading from Acts with the image of Jesus as the vine in the Gospel speaks to the formation of disciples of Jesus. In Acts we have a glimpse into the beginnings of Saul's (not yet called Paul) ministry who, with all the zeal of his experience of the risen Christ, joins the believers. Barnabus takes him under his wing. Trouble erupts with the Hellenists and Paul is whisked away from Jerusalem to his hometown to where he contemplates his call.

When we then hear the Gospel's beautifully elegant description of the vine and the branches we can connect with the formation of the disciples and discern our own call. The clear instruction is 'to make your home in me', to make our home in Jesus. It is a symbiotic relationship just like the vine and its branches. We need to remain/abide in Jesus to bear fruit. No matter our zeal, our life of faith and ministry grows and flows from Jesus. This is further enriched by the words of the second reading from the First Letter of John where we hear that 'our love is not to be just words or mere talk but something real and active'. We are to live the life God wants, to love one another and live in God.

Vines and their fruit are no stranger to us here in Australia, so we take time to reflect on this image to see how closely we abide in Jesus the vine.

Dr Rosemary Canavan