

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Rosa Agostino, Christina Apolinari, Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Heather Graham, Tamara Kalass, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Romela Onkowitz, Marie Reic, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, David Sartor, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Mary Sammut, Cardinal Edward Cassidy, Fr Michael McCarthy, Antonia Simeone, George Voss, Fr Reg Wilson and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Owen Moon, Antonia Sluga, Robert Picone, Enid Hancock, Dawn Sestito, Leslie Stephens, Eileen Stephens, Shirley Moses, Dot Mitchell, June Woodbridge, Carmela Catalano, Domenica D'Allura, Maree Cox, Marlene Shannon, Cesilda Cappelli, Antonio Cappelli, Verita Agnes Boon, Kevin Toohey, Primo Toigo, Patrick King

PRAYER LIST for the SICK

Is the list above up to date? If your loved one is now well, please let us know by email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com. Thanks.

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If you know someone is unable to come to Mass, but they want to receive Communion, please tell Fr Laurie.

Foster Carers Needed

Can you picture yourself being foster carer? Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or longer. To learn more about becoming a carer register for their next online information session on Wednesday 26 May, 6.30-7.30pm. Enquiries: connect@familyspirit.org or 13 18 19.

Bus trip to Woronora Dam

Join us on **Tuesday 18 May 2021** on a bus Trip to Woronora Dam and surrounding area. A picnic lunch will be provided. Interested please provide details and - \$30 in an envelope and place in collection box near the sacristy. Enquiries Lorraine: 9724 9519



Supporting our Parish

There are many ways we can support our parish financially: 1) Offering envelopes/ Planned Giving Program (2) Online Donations via the website. (3) Cashless tap devices (4) Collection taken up during Sunday Mass.

The 1st collection is for Archdiocesan priests and the 2nd collection is for our parish's expenses

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Youth Group: Ephesus

This Sunday 02 May
6pm - 7.30pm

Join us this Sunday for a night on the Saint of the Year - St Joseph!

Bring a friend or two!

Instagram: @smghephesus

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St Mary's Primary School

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Principal: Monica Palmer

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2022 Enrolments are now open for our school. Tours are held fortnightly, on Tuesdays. Bookings are essential.

Playgroup

8.45am Thursdays in the school hall during school terms

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Streaming: <https://cutt.ly/StMarys>

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm
(Preceded by Holy Hour - 5pm)
Wednesday - Friday: 9am
(Preceded by Rosary - 8.45am)

Vietnamese Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm
No 3pm Mass on 9 May



Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

02 May 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B

May - the month of Mary

May is traditionally the month of Mary. We will be honouring Mary by having Rosary and Benediction Fridays of May at 7.00pm.



Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2021

There will be a meeting for **parents /carers** in the church on **Tuesday 04 May at 7pm.**

Young people in Year 3 and older may be eligible to receive this Sacrament.



National Count of Mass Attendance

Will start this weekend.

This will be done for statistical purposes throughout Australia for future planning.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal -15/16 May

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal for 2021 will be held on the weekend of May 15/16. The CWF is a centralised fund that supports the charitable and pastoral activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. **Donations over \$2 will be 100% tax deductible.**



St Mary's Mural

St Mary's mural in our school is now complete. Parishioners are welcome to go and view the mural. See the article in the [Catholic Weekly](#).



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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) 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 Jn 3:18-24

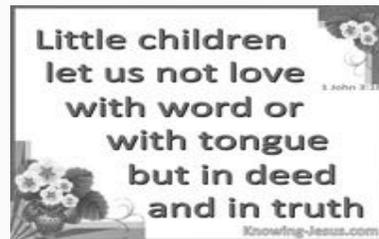
A reading from the first letter of St John

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 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.

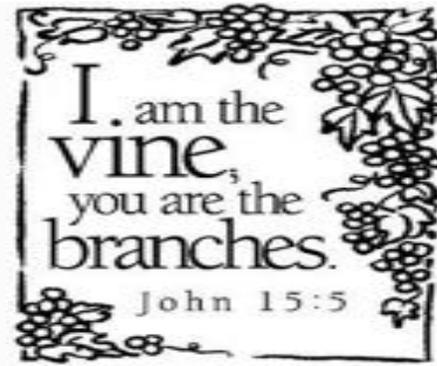


Gospel Acclamation

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

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.

Reflection

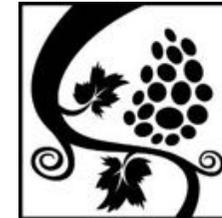
We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer - 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' - becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vignerons desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the



vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

- Fr Michael Tate

Next Week: Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10

Gospel Reading: Jn 15:9-17