



**ST
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PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	8 th May
4 th	May	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
5 th	May	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
			6.00pm	Rosary		
6 th	May	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday	9 th May
7 th	May	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

Fifth Sunday of Easter **Year B** **2nd May 2021**



A grapevine is a plant that is easy to grow, and once it is established, it lasts for years to come. A single grapevine has many branches. The vine treats all branches equally, and yet each branch has its own character. Some have plenty of fruit; others are not so healthy, and others again have bitter fruit. All branches need to be pruned. Good branches are pruned to bear more fruit, and the not so good ones are pruned to improve the quality, and quantity of fruit. Pruning means cutting off rotten wood or removing any kind of parasites, and insects on the branches. Pruning hurts, but it is a necessity. Letting branches grow wild, life is fruitless, and diseases eventually will kill the vine.

Jesus used the image of vine and branches to talk about the relationships He has with His disciples, and the relationships His disciples must have to remain in Him to produce proper fruit. Jesus is the true vine, and His disciples are the branches. When Jesus' disciples abide in Christ, they bear good fruit and in plenty. The quality of fruit changes when a disciple chooses to have the main source of life not from Christ, but from something else. Branches depend on the vine. This is not a choice, but a must. Depending on something else means a desire to follow a different path. The different path often means following the way of the world. It also means, that a disciple chooses to follow his/her own course of action.

Branches produce good fruit because they abide in the vine. A Christian can't produce good fruit unless s/he abides in Christ. In other words, Christ helps Christians bear good fruit, and through Him we can bring others to Christ. Not abiding in Christ, we are seeking glory for ourselves, and heading for ruin. Fruits have seeds in them, and the seeds are meant to reproduce more vines for generations to come. Good faithful disciples bear good fruit by making Christ's glory shine, and that brings others to Jesus, and that enriches the number of Christ's Church on earth.

The word of God serves as a double edged sword. It does both the pruning, and abiding. It prunes our lives by means of removing, and cleansing any deadly vices, and dead cultures in us. At the same time, the word of God helps us to abide us in the love of Christ, which encourages to endure pain, and welcomes the power of healing Jesus offers. Regular pruning takes less time, and less cutting is required. Infrequent pruning requires lots of time with more cutting, and more pain involved. Pain and hurt are unavoidable, but the peacefulness, and life's enrichment to come outweighs any hurt and pain, the pruning caused. The word of God enlightens our mind; it enlivens our heart, or it strengthens our faith in Christ. Life is secured not by our own power, but by the love of God, which is instilled into the lives of those who abide in Christ.

When Jesus says He is the true vine, and God the Father is the vinedresser, Jesus contrasts Himself from other kinds of vine promoted by the world. They are not the kinds of vines God wants. The Father is the vinedresser. The Father prunes branches out of love, and with tender care for the branches; the world prunes branches, by means of humiliation.

Let us remind one another that whoever prunes you, that person is your master.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION

May Rosary Prayers

Join Catholic Mission Brisbane online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the rosary.

Mon - Fri
Time: 2pm Brisbane time

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://tinyurl.com/28xh55p8>

Meeting ID: 874 9118 8450
Password: prayer

May Rosary Prayers

May Rosary Prayers will commence on
3rd May – 31st May 2021
Monday – Friday

Daily at 2.00pm
Brisbane Time

Please feel free to log on for the Month of May

If you are experiencing any symptoms such as a cough, fever, sore throat, shortness of breath, please stay home and contact your health care provider for advice.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Mass Precautions during COVID

As part of the COVID Protocols, the Mass format for all Churches have had to be amended (since March 2020):

- No wine for Communion – just prayer;
- Communion is given to the hand – currently given to the tongue is not permitted;
- Extraordinary Ministers – must wash hands before and after Mass with soap and water;
- The use of signing Peace – shaking hands, kissing and hugging is not permitted;

Fr Tuong is also not permitted to shaking hands after Mass.

Healing Mass

There is no Healing Mass for the first Friday in May 2021.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord:
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

PASTORAL MATTERS



Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, Angus Eddy, Michael Hancock, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring.

Reborn in Eternal Life 3rd May – 9th May

Ernest Bolton, Franciszek Podolak, Esther Mikklesen, Mary Roddin, Stanislaw Gorbacz, Ngac Van Dinh, Stasis Bernotas, Elaine Mary Wilson, Ellen Meredith, May Vella, Alfonso Deniega, Noel Blom, Ralph Burke, Lillian Quickfall, Emma Crocker, Terrance Gallagher.

Reading – Sixth Sunday of Easter – 9th May

1 st Reading	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
2 nd Reading	1 Jn 4:7-10
Gospel	Jn 15:9-17



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 15th May 2021 (Saturday)

Please keep in touch with the Parish Office as the current restrictions may change at any time.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Home Visit

Due to COVID, the priest is not currently available for any home visits. Please contact the parish office for any further updates.

Recently Deceased

Les Mullins, Bassilisa Nyracha Ha Komeye, Theresa Nguyen Thi Tuoc, Jean Smith, Doreen Wright, John Mortimer.



Loop System The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

WEEKLY KNOWLEDGE

Message from the Archdiocese on COVID-19 Vaccines



Get vaccinated for the common good: Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

KNOWLEDGE

Special Intentions at Sunday Mass

The Sunday liturgy cannot be divorced from daily life and the realities of our world. *The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well.*

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2021 Confirmation

Confirmation classes started again on Saturday the 8th May 2021 at 3.30pm
Rehearsal the 15th May 2021 at 3.30pm
Actual Confirmation Ceremony is Friday the 21st May 2021 7.00pm

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