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Fifth Sunday of Easter
29th April 2018

Acts 9:26-31

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

IN COMMUNION WITH CHRIST

Through the metaphor of vine and the branches, the gospel writer speaks about our union with Jesus and through him with one another. One theologian, Von Balthazar by name puts the matter this way: The parable of the vine conveys a marvellous sense of assurance." It means, he says, that we are not "dependent solely on our fragile selves." but that united with Jesus, "we can lead a useful and meaningful existence." He adds that along with that assurance comes a requirement "Remain in me, as I remain in you". This requirement is so urgent that if one does not remain in Jesus, he will wither away, be pruned off and burned.

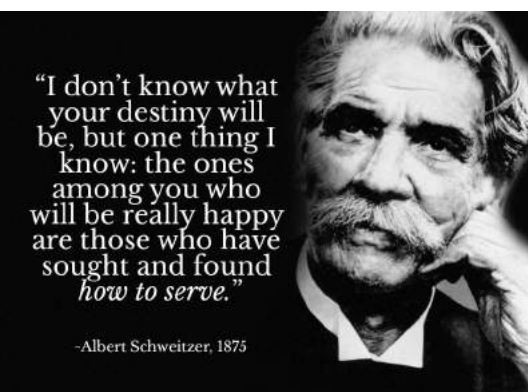
Fr Donal Neary S.J reflects that "Without some centre of unity, groups lose their way. A team which puts its eyes on money rather than on teamwork will lose games. A family which relies on anything other than love to keep it together will fall apart. The church, the community of Jesus is something similar.

What keeps the church together at its best is Jesus. Human leadership, moral authority, ritual dogmatism, are not the centre of the church. Leadership can fail, moral authority can take wrong turnings and ritual dogmatism can override the concerns of people. The centre of the church is Jesus Christ. Our unity with Jesus is the central bond of the church. He is the Vine, we the branches.

When we have been let down by the church, like in the situations of abuse, or cover-ups by church authority, we are kept going as Christians by our unity with Jesus. The image of roots and branches, of fruit and tree, all very much part of each other, is what Jesus uses. Other images like this might be the unity or light and colour in a rainbow, or of Only if we can look on Jesus Christ as the centre of our faith can church life be sincere and have the energy which will save and change our world".

As we read through the following real stories, we can truly understand the significance of staying connected to Christ in order to bring about changes in our midst.

Some years ago, Mother Teresa was asked by a reporter one day, "What is your biggest problem?" Without a moment of hesitation, Mother Teresa answered with one word: "Professionalism." She said: "Here are these servants of Jesus who care for the poorest of the poor. I have one who just went off and came back with her medical degree. Others have come back with registered nurse degrees. Another with a master's in social work... and when they came back with their degrees... their first question always is, 'Where is my office?' Then she said, 'But you know what I do? I send them over to the House of the Dying where they simply hold the hands of dying people for six months and after that, they're ready to be servants again.'" (Victor D. Pentz, "Take This Job and Love It" Protestant Hour Sermon, 3/14/2005, p.3) This was the greatness of Mother Teresa... her unflinching commitment to stay connected to Christ's Servant Mentality.



"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve."

-Albert Schweitzer, 1875

In his book, Living on Tiptoe, Cecil Myers reminds us of a time when a group of educators wanted to honour Albert Schweitzer... and they brought him to America. The University of Chicago planned to give him an honorary degree. When Albert Schweitzer's train arrived, the university leaders ran to greet him warmly and they told him of their joy in having him here in America. But then as they turned to leave the train station, suddenly Albert Schweitzer was gone. He just disappeared, vanished, slipped away. They looked everywhere for him. Finally, they found him. He was carrying a suitcase for an elderly woman. He saw that she was having trouble and rushed over to help her. You see, it was so much a part of his life to be a servant for others that it was as natural as breathing for him (when he got off the train), to begin immediately to look for somebody to help. That was his

approach to life... and he had learned that from the Bible... he had learned that in Church... he had learned that from Jesus. Albert Schweitzer loved to help other people because he was strongly connected to Christ and His servant mentality. The university officials said later that when they saw Dr. Schweitzer helping that woman with her suitcase... they were wishing like everything that they could find somebody they could help... somebody whose suitcase they could carry (Kayala Collections). Let Jesus become the centre of our lives!

God's blessings! Fr. Vince



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RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Preparations for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation begin with an Information Session on 22nd May. This is offered to children in Year 3 and older. You will be required to present the child's baptismal certificate. Watch this space and check the parish website (www.stmadeleine.org.au) for more details.

The next **Baptism** preparation session will be on
Saturday, **5th May** at **4:30-5:30pm**
at the resource room behind the chapel.

To book, please call the
parish office on 96542260.



Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of each month at
11:20am, or within a 10am Mass on the other Sundays.



Have you ever considered becoming a
SENIOR SERVER?

The parish could sure use your help!

If you are interested—or even just
curious—have a chat with Fr Vince.

Training will be provided.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPREAD A LITTLE JOY?

Join our team of volunteers in the celebration of the
Mass at our neighbouring nursing homes!

**2nd May, Wed, 10:15 at Arcare, Glenhaven
and
3rd May, Thurs, 10:15 at BUPA Dural**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 1139.75
2nd Collection (for Parish) **Envelopes** = \$ 1634.20
Loose = \$ 934.70
Credit cards/Direct Debit ave weekly = \$2107
TOTAL = \$ 4675.90 (target = \$5577)

If you donate to the parish and have recently changed your credit card, please phone the parish office on 96542260.

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Sarah Corrigan

For the dearly departed

Giovanni Cazzola, Breda Sherlock,
deceased of the Sherlock, Loughlan, and Kinsella families,
Annamaria Boffo, Noeleen Hennessy, Adelaide & Davide Baldi
Paula & Ben Dieudonne, Giovanni Battista,
Giovanna Maria Luca, Vince Finocchiaro, Martin Mileto,
Norma Sattler, Colin Sattler, and Paul Cascun



For healing of the sick

Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, Ivan Ceccato, June,
Dorothy Green, Pat D, Phil Sworden, Neil Rogers, Violet Hobbs,
Karen Bligh, Elizabeth Graby, Marlon Sabellano Alumios,
Teresa Masiello, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa,
Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly,
Louise Lambert, Rosanna Ceroli, Charlie, Frank Tabone,
John Lippman, Sarah Biford Beattie, Giuseppi Grasso,
Faye Willing, Annabelle, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz,
Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Christy Sherlock, Tina,
Marie, Joe, Charles Vencyel, and Christine Wilson.

More musicians and voices
are more than welcome!

We would love to see you at the next
practice on **Tuesday, 15th May at 7pm.**
Learn new hymns, review the old ones,
and meet other people from the parish!

You are also invited to a catch-up meeting
on **Thursday, 24th May at 7pm.**



You are invited to join the
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2018
with extension in Jordan and Italy
16 November, departs Sydney for 2 weeks
Pilgrimage Chaplain: Fr Vincent Savarimuthu
For your Expression of Interest,
please contact Susan Clark
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ST MADELEINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
is now accepting enrolments for Kindy 2019.
Enrolment packs can be picked up from the office or on the website
<http://www.stmadeleineskenthurst.catholic.edu.au/>

MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Applications for year 7, 2019 close on Friday, 4th May 2018.
Please send enquiries to the Enrolment Officer at
marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au

PARISH TEAM
Parish Priest:
Rev Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Secretary:
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Sacramental Coordinator
Sally Coppini
St Madeleine's Primary School
Phone: 9654 6751
Principal: Mrs Jeanette Black
Marian College
Phone: 9654 6700
Principal: Mrs Jayne Campbell

PARISH SERVICES
Weekend Masses:
Saturday 5.30pm
(Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45)
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm
Children's Liturgy
10am Mass during School terms
Weekday Masses:
9:15, Tuesdays to Fridays
Playgroup - Tue 9:00am
at St Joseph Centre during school terms
Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the
9.15 am Mass
Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm
Baptisms: Every 4th Sunday at 11:20,
or during 10am Masses
Weddings: By appointment

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More details at: www.parracatholic.org/employment

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More details at: www.ccss.org.au
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More details at: www.olqp.org.au
Assistant Bookkeeper - St John 23rd Parish, Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens
More details at: www.john23rd.com

FATHER MICHAEL FALLON

Sister Margaret Jones who runs Marymount Mercy Centre, David Road, Castle Hill, has invited parishioners to attend a set of talks by Fr M. Fallon, a renowned scripture scholar. Those who attended his course last year were very impressed and gained a lot of insight. This year he will speak on the Psalms.

The dates are from Monday 21st May to the 25th.
Time is 9:30am to 12:30pm with a break for morning tea.
It may not be possible to attend each session but I know if you only come to one, you will get a lot out of it, so I encourage you to come.
Please ring me on 96596331 or email anna.conway@mercy.org.au to register. - Sister Anna

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, are looking for volunteers to support our clients in the Blacktown area who are over 65 and living in their own home. You may be able to spare a couple of hours once a week or fortnight to take a client out shopping or to a medical appointment or just stop by for a cuppa and a chat. We also require drivers who are able to drive a 12 seater Hiace bus. If this interests you, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolcott on 8843 2541, 0418 114 055 or via email on deb.woolcott@ccss.org.au.

Let us offer our prayers for the three
seminarians of the Diocese of Parramatta
as they prepare for their
Ordination to the Diaconate.

Mr Jessie Balorio
12th May, 5:30pm, Holy Family, Luddenham

Mr Christopher del Rosario
26th May, 6:30pm, St Monica's, Richmond

Mr Jack Green
2nd June, 6pm, Sacred Heart, Westmead

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!

The Council for Australian Catholic Women, an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and will be holding a consultation session with women in the Diocese of Parramatta on the evening of 21 June 2019. Share your thoughts with us and/or let us know if you would like to be part of that consultation event on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen>

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Welcomers Coordinator: Amira Campo
Music Coordinators:
CareyAnne Moylan and Alexandra Mifsud
Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil
Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin
Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry
Playgroup Coordinator: Grainne Barker
SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones
Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo
Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator:
Peter Balnaves

Property Maintenance Manager: Angelo Roia
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	WELCOMERS	Trish Keating	Rosa Carlino	Teresa Capaldi Amira & John Campo	Michelle & John Romeo
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Phillys Hannah	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Mary Sammut Paul Cashman	Eileen Sherlock Gerry McArdle	Adrianna Kennedy Justin Sebire	Simmy Cesamolo Gael Carpani
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Berenice Hart-Gerometta Judith Gauci	Kathy White Eileen Sherlock	Ann & Mark Lee	Janelle & Stephen Bawden
	JUN MINISTERS	Monica & Dom Bruggeling	Henry Macdonald	James Whittle Finn Sebire	Thomas & James Barker
	MUSICIANS	Alexandra Mifsud	Joan & David	Bobby, Mark, & Matt	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(1 May) Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Back on 20th May
FLOWERS	From the Corrigan family		ALTAR LINEN	Marian Piper	

5/6 MAY	WELCOMERS	John Cice	Margaret Thornton	Michelle Eamer Adriana Kennedy	Lesley & Rick Gangemi
	ACOLYTE	John Puleo	Steve Fry	Joe Touma	Sam Ursino
	READERS	Geoff and Jacinta Mifsud	Pat Lynch Gerry McArdle	Jacqui Nisbet Roslyn Earl	Margaret Foley Gael Carpani
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Pat Waters Dianne Millington	Eileen Sherlock Michael Parslow	Marian Piper CareyAnne Moylan	Tereza Barisic Pauline McAlary
	JUN MINISTERS	Kerstin Grima Emilie Mifsud	Olivia Easton	Christian Santelmann Christian Maait	Tiago Gregory Elizabeth Cauchi
	MUSICIANS		Joan & David	Bobby, Mark & Matt	Youth Group
	COUNTERS	(8 May) Frank & Ivanka Valencic, Kay & Archie Brooks		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Back on 20th May
FLOWERS	Ann Langham, arr'd by Lesley Henry & Ann Heinrich		ALTAR LINEN	Barbara Madafiglio	