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"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" John 15:1,5



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The Lectionary of this Easter season draws out some of the 'classic' gospel passages, particularly some of the discourses from the Gospel of John. Like many 'famous' or familiar passages, it can be true that familiarity breeds contempt – we think we are so familiar with the passage that we don't need to pay it much attention.

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing. If we are able to 'prune' our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best.

I am reminded of the old *Karate Kid* movie when the boy, Daniel, is introduced to the art of bonsai. He is told to close his eyes, imagine the perfect tree and then start clipping and shaping the plant to make real the perfection that lies within it. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential.

Living the Gospel – Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. In what ways can Jesus be compared to a grape vine?
- Q. In what ways are we like the branches of a vine?
- Q. What is some of the 'fruit' that you bear (talents, skills, positive actions)?
- Q. What aspects of your life need a little 'pruning' so that you might bear more fruit?
- Q. How are you able to do some 'pruning' for others in a positive way?

Questions for Adults

- Q. Is the image of the vine an effective one for you?
- Q. Within the analogy of the vineyard, where would you place yourself?
- Q. Where do you find 'fruitful connections' with Jesus the vine?
- Q. What aspects of your life need a little 'pruning' so that you might bear more fruit?

Schedule for Mass time & Prayer Groups

| Weekday Masses | | Mass Intention | Weekend Masses | | Mass Intention |
|---|---|----------------|---|-------------------------|----------------|
| 30 Tue | 8:00 Mass - St Eugene Church | | <i>Christ The King, Deception Bay</i> | | |
| 01 Wed | 8:30 Rosary & 9:00 Mass Christ the King Church | | 04 Sat | 6:00 pm Christ the King | Pro Populo, |
| 02 Thur | 8:30 Rosary & 9:00 Mass – St Eugene | | 05 Sun | 7:30 am Christ the King | |
| 03 Fri | 8:30 Rosary & 9:00 Mass Exposition – Christ the King | | <i>St Eugene's Burpengary</i> | | |
| 04 Sat | 8:00 to 9:30 Exposition, Reconciliation followed by Mass - St Eugene Church | | 05 Sun | 9:30 am St Eugene | Donald Scott |
| RECONCILIATIONS (CONFESSIONS) - SATURDAY St Eugene's Burpengary 8:00 am – 8:45 am Christ the King, Deception Bay before Mass – from 5:30 pm | | | 05 Sun | 5:00 pm St Eugene | |
| | | | Mondays – Rosary Group, 9:30@ Christ the King Church Fridays – Our Lady of Sorrows 10:00 am @ St Eugene Church Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday – 9:00 am to 10:30 am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Saturday – 8:00 am to 9:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation followed by Mass. | | |

WEEKLY ROSTER

If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty, please arrange a replacement and advise the Parish Office of any permanent changes. If you are rostered on for Mass duties, please arrive 15 minutes early to ensure you are aware of any changes. Please Note: Readers, please leave the Folder at the Lectern or on the Altar for the next Mass.

| 4/5 May | Christ the King 6:00 pm | Christ the King 7:30 am | St Eugene 9:30 am | St Eugene 5:00 pm |
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| Cleaners | Janette Cooper & Joanna Clyde | | Mary Hirning, Louise Nelson, and Leiza Dunlop | |
| Flowers | Deb Hewitt | | Maria Piletic | |
| Welcomers | Wayne Stephens | Chris Hewitt | Janette Cooper | Mick Nearmy |
| Sacristan | Rita Marshall | Mark & Jennifer Baker | Rose Delaney | Paulette Ross |
| Altar Servers | Angus Stephens | Joshua Daamen | Holly Walters Chloe Walters | Rob Nulley |
| Musician | Paulo Tevaga | Paulo Tevaga | Franswah Fly | BUD |
| Data Projector | Paulo Tevaga | Paulo Tevaga | Megan Franswah | BUD |
| Children's Liturgy | No Children's Liturgy | | | |
| Readers | Tahila Stephens | Therees Tevaga | Pauline Blundell | BUD |
| Communion Ministers | Terri Bazzo | Peter Tautasi | Stella Meggitt (MC) Ken Gallagher Dawn Gallagher | Michelle Logan |
| Refreshments | | Jessica Ninyette Venny Pearce | Sanka/Chatu & Arlene | |
| Piety Stall | Nora Slender | Marietta Savage | Lilibeth Haywood | |
| Mazenod Draw | 26 th Draw | | | |
| Collectors | | | Gabriel & Ivan & Stipo | |
| Counters | Bob & Rita Marshall / Carolina Sierra | | | |

MAZENOD CLUB – Winner of the previous draw - **Ticket # 2 Stella Meggitt**

Please collect your winnings at the parish office during parish hours – Thank you for your support.

This is a friendly reminder to all our Mazenod Club members that the next quarterly payment will be due on Monday 29th April. If you're not on the direct debit payment plan, you can pay in cash at the Parish Office.

PARISH GIVING Saturday and Sunday Collection (Loose & Envelopes) First Collection \$ 1,232.75 and Second Collection \$ 1, 358.70. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program or give via Debit, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Our faith sustains us through challenging times.

Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you to support the Parish you can now give

visit: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>





Prayer Requests

Please pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time of the year **Jesse Rolon**.

Pray for the Sick and housebound, especially **Jaxon Samuel Steiler, Joseph Pouniu** (student of St. Eugene College), **Adam Donald Mulherin, Eric Fernandez, Benny Jacob, Ron Biggs, Karen Ireland and Dora Chavez**.

Funeral Mass: Late Pat Barnes on Tuesday 30 April 2024 at 11:00 am, St Eugene Church.

Please book weekday and weekend Mass for your personal intentions in advance by contacting the Parish office. Submit your offerings to the office.

PRAYER CIRCLE – For prayer requests please contact Jeannie Whiston at 0406630824

BAPTISMS 2024

The Sacrament of Baptism at St. Eugene takes place on the Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month.

Email: Steugene@bne.catholic.net.au OR Phone 38883973 (during office hours)

BAPTISM WELCOME

Welcome Quinn Jayne Kerby and Amelia Christine Powell

Quinn Kerby and Amelia Powell will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 28 April 2024 with us here in the St Eugene Catholic Parish.

May Quinn, Amelia, and their families experience God's happiness, joy, and love, now and always.

Youth Ministry

Every Second Sunday of the Month - 5 pm Mass at St Eugene Church.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024



This program is especially for children 8 years of age and older who would like to continue their spiritual journey in the Catholic Church and receive the

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION,
CONFIRMATION
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Reconciliation: 4 August 2024

Confirmation: 13 September 2024

First Holy Communion: 3 November 2024

Parent Information Session: 6 June 2024 at 5:30 pm

Enrolment Forms can be obtained

Parish Office: during office hours, Church: Foyer

Email: steugene@bne.catholic.net.au

Registration closes in May

DONG-ILL SHIN

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

TWILIGHT ORGAN RECITAL

WORKS BY BACH, FRANCK, LISZT
TICKETS \$35 / \$30 TRYBOOKING / DOOR



SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024, 5 PM



Synodality and the Life of the Parish

St Ignatius Church, Kensington Terrace, Toowong
on Friday 24 May 2024,
from 7.30– 9.00 pm. All welcome!

Volunteers: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

The Welcome Portal can now be accessed via:

<http://archbne.org/welcome>

If you are involved in Ministry and have not already registered, PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS ASAP.

If you wish to become a volunteer, please register. You will be notified if you are required to have a

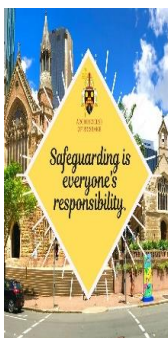
Blue Card/Police Check as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding requirements.

Volunteers can access the training modules via the Safeguarding Training webpage at

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training/> or by clicking the below links or copying the relevant link into their search browser:

Safeguarding Essentials (Level 1): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA_4Ls2jw

Safeguarding training must be completed at least every 2 years.



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First Reading [Acts of the Apostles 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.

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 John 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.

Gospel Acclamation [John 15:4-5](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel [John 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.'