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## SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am 10:00am 6:00pm  
On the second Sunday of each month at 11:00am  
Mass, celebrated in Filipino.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** Mondays 9:10am Communion service  
Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm and 5:30pm or after any  
weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an  
open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass for an hour.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

**BAPTISMS** By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on  
the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

**MARRIAGES** By appointment at least 6 months notice.

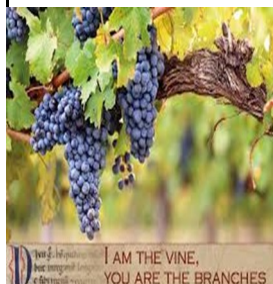
## Thought of the Week

**"Be who God meant you to be and you  
will set the world on fire."**

~ Saint Catherine of Siena  
(Feast Day-29 April)

## 5th Sunday of Easter/B 28TH APRIL 2024

### Gospel Reading John 15:1-8



I AM THE VINE,  
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

Have you ever seen a grapevine in the wild? Left to itself, the plant wanders through underbrush and clings to everything in its path. It puts its energy into wrapping itself around rocks, brambles, and tree trunks. It produces small, usually bitter fruit. A

well-tended vine – something you'd expect to find on the slopes of wine country in Hunter Valley. This plant is tall, sturdy, and trained to produce. Thanks to careful pruning, it yields large clusters of healthy, sweet-tasting grapes.

Speaking to people who were well acquainted with the differences between wild and cultivated plants, Jesus used the image of the grapevine to convey an important spiritual truth. God our Father is the vine-grower, the master cultivator of the human vineyard. Wanting the best for His vines, He enables each one to tap into the source of true life, into an intimate, abiding relationship with His only Son. Maintain this connection, Jesus promises, and you will live an abundant, fruitful life (John 15:5,7).

Characteristically, vines have two kinds of branches: those that bear fruit and those that don't. The non-producing branches must be carefully pruned so that the vine can devote all its resources to producing the best fruit possible. The same is true of the vines in the Father's vineyard. Staying connected to Jesus and producing a healthy yield necessarily means allowing ourselves to be pruned. It means trusting in Jesus' goodness and obeying His commands so that all that is not of Him can be stripped away. That's how we can produce an abundant harvest, both in our inner lives and in our ability to bring His word and His love to the world around us.

Jesus said that there can be no real fruit apart from Him (John 15:5). There is simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or we are not. There is no in-between. Jesus promises us abundant fruit, provided we remain on with Him and say yes to His gentle, but firm, pruning our lives. The heavenly vine-grower awaits our answer. Will you allow Him to cultivate you?

We thank Aranda & Herrera families for donating the flowers this weekend.

Deacon Mervyn Francis

## Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

### 5TH Sunday of Easter

<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Acts 9:26-31</b>
<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>1John 3:18-24</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>John 15:1-8</b>
<b>Next Weekend: 6th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 1John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17</b>

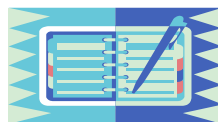
**We pray for...**

**Our sick:** Alan Biag, Deny Biordi, Kim Dau, Tony Surace, Oliver Cabardo, Cecilia Felipe, Josephine Schembri, Sabastijan, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Zvonko, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Steve, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo (Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the **Recently deceased:** Renza Martignago, Suzy Maissin, Steven Suplat, Patrick Dine, Renato Depratro, Lilian Camba, Dennis De Martin, Gil Ilagan, John Svircevic, Zenaida Matias, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen, Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose **Anniversaries occur at this time:** Giovanna Fedele **Other deceased including:** Rocco Badolato, Teresa Dinan, Stephen Liem & Agatha Qui, Josephine Cassar, Emmanuel Attard, Joseph Fenech, Marija Bakic, Goran Bakic, Rade Hrkac, Pasqualino Verduci, Maria Marando, Teresa Catanzariti, Rodolfo Hernandez, Peter Leonello, Michelle Lavorato, Guido Pontello, Tom & Patrick Anderson, Joyce Alphonso, Bruno Manea, Joseph & Vincenza Debono, MariaTeresa Badolato, Anita Wilson, Rhonda Fleming, Maria & Giuseppina, Angelina Piredda, Maria Rosaria Saliba, Giuseppe Gasparre, Vincenzo & Giovannina Vaccaro, Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Joseph & Joanna Nontanovan, Thosas & Theresa Dithavong, Thomas Kongchay Nontanovan, Goran Bakic, John Sergi, Leticia Dedase, Mario & Antonina Sinacori, Frank Ieroianni, Margaret Bastic, Vincenzo Demaio, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Nonata San Miguel, Michele, Concetta, Antonio Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimaano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory.

**May they rest in peace.**

**Other Intentions :** Maria Bugge



## Parish Diary



<b>Monday 29th April</b>	<b>St Catherine of Siena</b> 9:10am Communion Service 10:00am Praise & Worship (Italian)
<b>Tuesday 30th April</b>	<b>St Pius V, Pope</b> 9:10am Communion Service 4:30pm Legion of Mary 7:00pm Praise & Worship (English)
<b>Wednesday 1st May</b>	<b>St Joseph the Worker</b> 9:10am Mass-Fr Nards 9:40am Rosary 3.15pm Junior Legion of Mary 7:00pm Choir
<b>Thursday 2nd May</b>	<b>St Athanasius</b> 9:10am Communion Service Followed by adoration for an hour. 3:30pm 1st Reconciliation-Catechists
<b>Friday 3rd May</b>	<b>Sts Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b> 9:10am Mass-Anointing-Fr Nards 9:40am Rosary 7:00pm Healing Mass—JHPGroup 7:30pm Rosary—Disciples
<b>Saturday 4th May</b>	<b>11.00am Baptism</b> 5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass - Fr Nards
<b>Sunday 5th May</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b> CWF Appeal 8:00am Mass—Carmelite Priest 10:00am Mass—Carmelite Priest 6:00pm Mass —Fr Dominic

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Sessions will commence on the 6th May until the 8th June. Please check the candidates list with their allocated session day & time in the foyer.

Catechist's formation meeting will be on Thursday, 2nd May at 3:30pm.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you or you know someone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. For more enquiries, please contact the Parish on 9604 8927 or email admin@mibp.org.au.

# Striving to be a "Loving, Caring, Christian Community"

From the Liturgy Office...

## 5th Sunday of Easter Year B

The readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year B emphasize the importance of community, support, and staying connected to Christ. Just as Barnabas stood by Saul, showing the power of support within the Christian community, we are called to be that support for others, embodying the love and acceptance Christ shows us. This act of support not only strengthens our bonds but also helps us remain connected to the true vine, Jesus. Reflecting on these readings and discussing questions can deepen our understanding and commitment to living out these values. *(Sourced from Young Catholics)*

### May—The Month dedicated to Mary

May is the month when Catholics all over the world focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Dating back at least 700 years, this tradition was formed when the church used the pagan festival of May Day as an opportunity to focus on the Blessed Virgin. For many cultures, particularly in the Northern hemisphere, May signifies the beginning of new life with the start of Spring. Hence, our devotion to Mary celebrated the fact that she brought Jesus, new life, into our world.



One of the most well known devotion of May which became popular in the 19thC and 20thC is the May Crowning. This involves crowning a statue of Mary with flowers on 1st May.

Throughout the month of May the Church calendar boasts many feast days to honour Mary, including Our Lady of Fatima (13 May), Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (13 May), Our Lady Help of Christians (24 May) and the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (31 May).

The Holy See encourages several prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please find a prayer leaflet of Marian Prayers in the church next to the statue of Mary. There are also copies of a leaflet entitled, "10 Ways to Honour Mary in May".

God bless,  
Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

### Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

#### APRIL: For the Role of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

#### MAY: For the Formation of Men and Women Religious and Seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

**Blessed Sacrament** is in the church tabernacle. Catholics are asked to show reverence and adoration whenever passing in front of the tabernacle, where the Eucharist is reserved. This is typically done by genuflecting, although if unable, a profound bow from the waist is acceptable.



## 6th Sunday of Easter

4/5 May 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
<b>Commentator</b>	J Habelreeh	C Aranda	B Ventura	T Seraglio
<b>Minister of the Word</b>	B Borbe	C La Delfa	V Pante	Volunteer
<b>EMHC</b>	F Di Marco E Sadsad	Y Dawood A Maiuolo	E Ventura A Elizes E Gaspi	L Bykowski Volunteer
<b>Data Proj/ Musician</b>	J Haddad Filcos Choir	M Tran M Vargas	R Mannino Disciples	D Maymac
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M Bahno C Nastasi G Agopian J Bahbah	B Rice M Unabia	A Banbekian M Kouza J Salameh	M Nicolaou Z & E Bambic N Seraglio
<b>Welcomers</b>	F Guerrero B Dawes L Romano	Volunteer	A Zappia	L Odish J Jakovcevic A Tomic
<b>Piety Stall</b>	Volunteer	G Smith	F Varrica	Volunteer
<b>Counter:</b> Group 1 P&N Redoblado M Dandan	<b>Altar Linen :</b> A Trimboli	<b>Flowers :</b> M Sipina	<b>Cleaners :</b> JH Group M Abogado D Elizes M Alejandro	

## The True Vine

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.." John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

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You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



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