

COMPACT



St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter
28 April 2024

Year B
#20.24

Bearing Fruit

At the heart of today's gospel passage is the concept of bearing fruit, which serves as a central theme not just within the context of the biblical narrative but also in our daily lives as individuals striving for growth and purpose.

The vinedresser in this passage symbolizes God, who lovingly tends to the vineyard of our lives, ensuring that we are nurtured and guided towards fruitful outcomes. The act of cutting away dead branches and pruning those that are not bearing fruit carries a significant spiritual message. It speaks to the necessity of letting go of that which no longer serves us or aligns with our purpose, and the importance of introspection and refinement to enhance our productivity and impact.

In contemplating how we bear fruit, we are called to consider various dimensions of our existence. One aspect is the pursuit of our fullest potential in all endeavours. This involves continuous growth, learning, and development, as we strive to maximize our talents and abilities for the greater good. By harnessing our potential, we contribute meaningfully to the world around us and bear fruit that enriches not only our lives but also the lives of others.

We are challenged to examine the motivation behind our actions. When our deeds are fuelled by genuine care and concern for others, rather than self-interest alone, we bear fruit that is characterized by compassion, kindness, and empathy. This selfless approach not only fosters stronger connections and relationships but also fosters a sense of unity and harmony within communities.

The concept of bearing fruit extends to our efforts in bringing about positive change and advancing the values of justice, love, and peace. As we work towards actualizing the reign of God's kingdom on earth, each of our contributions, no matter how small they may seem, plays a part in the collective endeavour to create a better world.

Based on: *Bearing Fruit*, by Greg Sunter

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community

Sacrament of The Eucharist

Formation evening for parents

29 April 2024

To register or for more information please contact the parish office: 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au



Youth Group
YOUNG CHRISTIAN
STUDENTS
Students in Years 7 - 12

Next Meeting: This Sunday
28 April 2024

7:00pm – 9:00pm
[after the 6:00pm Mass]

St John the Apostle
Parish Centre

Contact the Parish Office
for more information kippax@cg.org.au

Sacrament of First Holy Communion *Presentation Masses*

The children of the parish are preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. They will be presented to the parish at the masses next weekend. The Sacrament will be celebrated on The weekend of 1/2 June. Would you please hold all the children and their families in your prayers. Thank you.

Canberra Goulburn Catholic Charismatic Renewal Committee
Healing Rally with Damian Stayne -
St Peter Chaneels Church, Yarralumla
Wednesday 1 May : 7pm - 9:30pm.
Everyone is welcome! Praise, worship, healing prayer and joy in the Holy Spirit! Damian is a Catholic lay evangelist from the UK. He ministers powerfully in the charisms of preaching and healing. To register call/text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima
Monday 13 May 2024
the Rosary will commence at 8:00am

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!



We need at least **6 more volunteers** for the **Church Cleaning Roster**. This would then give us 8 cleaning groups which would mean that each group would then clean every 2nd month ♥ 6 times a year.

We also need more volunteers for the **Gardens and Grounds**. Currently we have 4 dedicated people doing this work. One of our volunteers who mows the grounds is in his 80's. We need some younger parishioners to step up. Can you spare a few hours each month?

Please contact the parish office 6254 3236 or kippax@cg.org.au

Thank you for your support and dedication to our parish.

On **19 May** I'm walking to fight Parkinson's and raising funds to support life-changing research and improve services for people living with Parkinson's.



Sadly, 1 Australian is diagnosed with Parkinson's every 40 minutes and there is currently no cure. I'm doing my part to change this by getting active and fundraising for people impacted by Parkinson's.

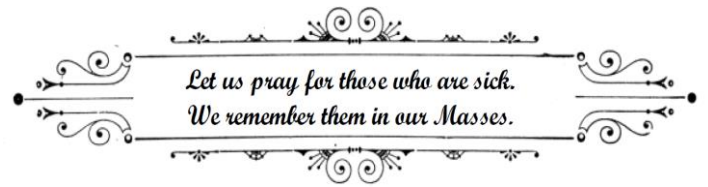
Please sponsor me today and make a real difference to progress life-changing research and improve services to maximise choice, independence and wellbeing for people living with Parkinson's. Head to my fundraising page.

Thank you, Ted Kell.

<https://www.walktofightparkinsons.com.au/fundraisers/tedhkell>

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Easter Season



The essence of sin

The essence of sin is humanity substituting itself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting God's self for humanity. Humanity asserts itself against God puts itself where only God deserves to be; God sacrifices God's self for humanity and puts God where only humanity deserves to be. Humanity claims prerogatives that belong to God alone; God accepts penalties which belong to humanity alone.

As we stand before the cross, we begin to gain a clear view both of God and of ourselves, especially in relation to each other. Instead of inflicting upon us the judgement we deserved, God in Christ endured it in our place. Hell is the only alternative. This is the "scandal," the stumbling-block, of the cross.

We cannot bear to acknowledge either the seriousness of our sin and guilt or our utter indebtedness to the cross. Surely, we say, there must be something we can do, or at least contribute, in order to make amends? If not, we often give the impression that we would rather suffer our own punishment than the humiliation of seeing God through Christ bear it in our place.

Taken from: *Naked Pride*, John Stott.

Stewardship

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was "with the consolation of the Holy Spirit." It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, 'how is God bearing fruit in my life?' and 'have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?' The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Vladislav Malnar, Joseph Kowalski, Miroslav Chodora, Patricia Ticehurst, Andrea Sannazzaro, Michael Quigley, Cyril Harper, Michael Bell, Denis Carey, Anna Rodziewicz, Ashly Johnson, Anna Clobus, Neil White, Gertrude harridence, John Schmich, Pauline O'Gorman, John Braddon, John Costelloe, Lillian Boyd, Ruth Lloyd, Jack Draper, Robert Griffiths, Matthew Ray

Mass Intentions the week of 29 April – 5 May

Mon 29/04	Steve Smith
Wed 01/05	Souls of Mary and Mary
Thur 02/05	Ruth Lloyd
Fri 03/05	
Sat 04/05	
5:00pm	Elsie D'Souza
Sun 06/05	
8:30am	
10:00am	Doris Galea
6:00pm	

To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024



Jointly hosted by:

St Margaret's Uniting Church, Hackett
Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Watson
Holy Cross Anglican Church, Hackett



Holy Cross Church, Hackett
Sunday 12 May, 6.00pm



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

SJA Friendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month</i> 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month</i> 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month</i> 7:30am <i>Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month</i> 6:00pm <i>Parish Centre</i>
Movie Night	<i>4th Friday of the Month</i> 7:00pm <i>Parish Library</i>
Community Connections	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i> 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE 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!

Readings – 5 May 2024

First Reading	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Psalm	Ps 97:1-4
Second Reading	1 John 4:7-10
Gospel	John 15:9-17

Bequest: Have you ever thought of leaving a Bequest to your parish?

By remembering your faith community in your Will, you contribute to the spiritual legacy that has enriched your life. Your bequest ensures the continuation of the traditions, teachings, and support that have shaped your journey.

ROSTERS

5 May **Acolyte Roster**

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rodney Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Elaine Carter, Maxime Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

5 May **Lector Roster**

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Marian England
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Erin Trevaskis

5 May **Ministers of Communion**

5:00pm	Chitra Jayawardena, Judy Netting
8:30am	Bernadette Murnane, Pat Cowburn
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Andrew Luck

5 May **Hospitality Roster**

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Rob Breen, Carmel Screen
10:00am	Libby Kain
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

5 May **SJAShop**

5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien
8:30am	Marilyn Calliess
10:00am	Chris Gray
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	28 Apr	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	4 May	
Church Cleaning:	28 Apr	Joseph Le Van Hai, Lang Dang, Sam Van Nguyen

On a Lighter note

