

## St Gregory's Catholic Parish Community

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**Please pray for our sick:** Joe Abela, Lucy Aloe, Phillip Roy Anderson, Antonio Borja, Delfina Borja, Christian Patrick I Borja, Florence Bowell, Leigh Anne Burkett, Katie Casey, Angelo Cecchellero, John Church, Iole Cicolini, Elaine Clift, Emmanuel Corpuz, Robin Crowe, Robert Crowe, Juliet and Rommel Estabillo, Felix & Erlinda Estrella, Rima Faatamala, Norman Humberdross, Gordana Kovacevic, Helen Fraser, Cora Fulcher, Maria Gattuso, David Goldsmith, Barbara Greer, Corazon Guemo, Gary Grady, Patricia Hardy, Antonietta Laria, Sophy Lawless, Gywen McIntyre, Patricia McMahon, Kelsey Moran, Joseph Nguyen, Coral O'Loughlin, Loretta & Geoff Percival, Regina Paredes, Michael Paternoster, Trishy Mary Rankin, Nate Reynolds, Anna Marie Seville (Sr Assunta's sister), Rosario B Surmiolda, Lylah Melesete Tai, Reze B Tumog, Shirley Vlazlovski, Ljubica Vricic, Eli Wakim, Eve Ward.

**May they rest in peace:** Pietro Andriolo, Josh Parlov, Tamara Brown, Caterina Varano-Pisano (Italy), Roma Modini (Betty Reid's sister), Antonio Seville Jr (Sr Assunta's brother), Joseph Nugent Jr (Sr Emma Maria's brother) Mario Pisone, Branden "Barney" Smith, Boyd Cummins, John Maher, Margaret Conroy, Patricia Klemmer (USA), David Hanns, Esther (Joan) Jackson, Kate Flores (Justin Barwick's daughter), Archbishop Francis Carroll, Beryl Watkin, Thomas Fernando (Fr Rembert's father) Jack Sealey, Paul Maher.

**Anniversary of Death:** John Azzopardi, Majella Etheridge, Patrick Joseph O'Malley, Carlo de Luca, Adam Staniforth

**Baptisms:** Luka Topic, Vincent Hicks, Elle Bullo, Lloyd Burke

### PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

**Priest:** Let us pray to Christ, who is our living hope of rising from the dead.

**Reader:** Lord Jesus, by shedding your blood and rising from death you entered into your glory.  
**R. Let us go with you into the presence of your Father.**

You sent your disciples into the world, their faith made strong by the resurrection.

**R. Grant to the baptised, to priests and bishops, the grace of bearing witness to the 'new life' you have granted us.**

Through your resurrection you united the faithful in one hope and love.

**R. May we share in your ministry of peace and reconciliation.**

Through your resurrection you healed the cripple who begged at the entrance to the temple.

**R. Look with pity on the sick and manifest in them your glory.**

You are the first to rise from the dead, the first of many brothers and sisters.

**R. Share your glory with those who have hoped in you.**

That those who have gone before us, especially (names to be read out my commentator) and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time that they will reach their eternal home.

**R. Lord hear our pray.**

God our Father, your Son died that we might live.

**R. Grant eternal rest to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for our country.**

**Priest:** Lord, be the beginning and end of all that we say and do. Prompt our actions with your grace and complete them with your all-powerful help. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):

Tony Carey (Chair), Bec Gillett, Glenda Chapman, Nick Pelle, Gretchen Bell, Tony Wood, Sybil Busby, Dylan House, Selina Stanford, Janine Deakin, Kripa Antony, Antony Stanislaus, Sheryl & Benjie Reyes, Jaynel Estrella.  
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### Parish Finance Council (PFC):

Elenore Karpfen (Chair), Paul Lindwall, Anne Alexander, John Owens, Fr Tony Percy.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER YR B

27 & 28 April 2024

### DEAR PARISHIONERS,

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, used to say that 'God does not expect us to be successful but faithful.'

Likewise, we should remember that we are 'not called to be busy, but fruitful':

**I AM the true vine, and my Father is the Vinedresser. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty (John 15).**

We are called to 'bloom where we are planted.'

So much of life can be wasted by waiting for the right moment to arrive or for the right circumstances to finally present themselves:

**No. Out with excuses.**

**Let's shut down, once and for all, the 'complaints department.'**

Jesus is the vine – we are the branches. Our lives are interwoven with our Lord in intimacy and vulnerability – essential in sincere friendship. Faithfulness and fruitfulness has its source and summit in Jesus.

We have to toughen up, however:

**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.**

Purification is entirely necessary.

We are going to have lose some branches, and we are going to have to let ourselves be pruned, since the great Vinedresser is constantly at work within us.

Cool nights, beautiful days – what could be better than the season of Autumn?

We stop and thank God for the gift of Creation, the original, primordial covenant forged with us,

Father Tony

## Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B

### Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

### 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

(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.)
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### 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.'

### Communion Antiphon

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.

© liturgy help

ST GREGORY'S COIN CLUB - The balance we have collected for 2024 is ➡

**\$900.70**

*The receptacle for the coins is near the offertory table. Many thanks for your generosity!  
We are now collecting for the Queanbeyan Respite Centre.*

We welcome the newest member to our parish team, Ann Burgess, our new part time parish secretary. I am sure you will all make her very welcome.

- ♦ **Liturgical Rosters** have been prepared for May, they are available on the parish website and on the notice board at entry of church. Please check and note when you are rostered on, if you

**Have you thought about becoming a Catholic? Not baptized and want to be? Are you a Catholic and want to know more? Come along Tuesdays 6pm beginning 7 May in St Raphael's church. More information, please call 0431 225574**

have any queries please contact Anne Alexander on 0423145540 or email annealexander1403@gmail.com.

- ♦ **Housebound parishioners** - If you have a family member or friend that is housebound and would like a visit and receive communion. Please advise Fr Tony or Fr Josh or call the parish office.
- ♦ **Christian meditation gatherings** Tuesday at 7pm or Wednesday at 1pm, either in the church or the meeting room .
- ♦ **Seniors Friendship Group** - meet after Sunday 9am Mass for a cuppa and a chat, followed by lunch in town. Join us in the meeting room after the parish morning tea. All warmly welcomed.
- ♦ The Queanbeyan council will have their heritage festival from 6 April - 25 May. There will be a talk about the history book on Sat 11th May at 10.15 am. Tickets are free but you need to register via <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/867984845037?aff=oddtcreator> for numbers.
- ♦ **Vinnies Night Patrol** - Donations of thick black socks and warm coats are needed. They can be left in the basket at the entry of the church in the alcove. Thank you.
- ♦ **SVDP-** Thank you for your ongoing support. We currently need roll-on deodorant, canned mixed vegetables, long life milk, noodles, microwave rice.
- ♦ **Home in Queanbeyan Movie Night** - Friday 17th May 2024 at 6pm tickets are on sale now for \$80 which includes food and drinks. Maybe get together a group of friends to support this important cause. Tickets are available at <https://theq.net.au/whats-on/home-in-queanbeyan-movie-night/> or purchased from the Q theatre directly.
- ♦ **Rosary Prayer before Mass:** Monday to Friday 5pm. as well as Wednesday 11.30 am , Friday 10.30 am and Saturday (at St Gregory's church) at 9 am.
- ♦ The parish youth meeting is held every first Wednesday of every month, from 5.30 pm to 8 pm
- ♦ 'Canberra Southern Cross Club and the Benedictine Abbey at Jamberoo invite you to the launch of the Lectio Divina Manual **'I Give you my Word'** at 10am on Tuesday 7th May. For more information see flier in church near the rosters.

**VISION:** Our Parish is a vibrant community inviting everyone to encounter Christ.

**MISSION:** To go and make disciples, to be a servant to each other and to be a people who reach out to those in need. **We are guided by the LIFE of Jesus; sustained by the LOVE of God; and inspired by the LIGHT of the Holy Spirit.**