

## *We are to produce rich fruit*

Many of the Old Testament prophets compared God's people to a vineyard that needed tending and protecting. Equally, they were not afraid to call the people to order when they strayed, reminding them the same vineyard was producing only sour grapes and was ready for destruction. We know that Jesus was familiar with these scriptures and often used their images to proclaim his message of salvation. At the Last Supper he initiates the New Covenant in his blood by consecrating the wine at table, commanding us to do this in his memory. And in his conversation with the apostles he speaks of himself as "the true vine" and his "Father as the vinedresser", but more than that he develops the image, reminding us that if we are to bear good fruit we have to be united with him. The alternative does not bear thinking about: we will be cut off from the source of life. In Jesus's day, probably most people would have known how to graft vine branches, but few of us work that closely to nature these days. Nevertheless, this is a useful image as we think of the mission of the Church, reaching out to others to be connected to the source of God's life. We have a classic example of that in the conversion Saul of Tarsus, the man who was zealously persecuting the early Christian community and who was struck down on the road to Damascus. His conversion was the talk of the early Church and is widely reported in the New Testament, both in the Acts of the Apostles and in his own letters. It seems that Paul, as he became known, was not someone to meddle with, whether he was for or against you. You have only to read his letters to realise that he does not mince his words and clearly, to begin with at least, he was regarded by the early Christian community with suspicion and even fear: just note how Luke describes the situation in today's extract from the Acts. Barnabas acts as a mediator but even as Paul becomes accepted, he manages to end up in such a heated argument that the Hellenists are out to kill him. Fascinatingly, it is only when the brothers get him out of the way, that we hear the churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were able to live in peace. If you read on in the Acts of the Apostles, you will find that Paul and Barnabas form a mission team. However, sadly, this partnership was to end in tears, when Paul would not hear of John Mark, Barnabas's cousin, re-joining them after he had abandoned the work for a while. Maybe, we can take consolation from all this. The fact is that even after we have been grafted onto the vine, we remain the same people with our own complicated personalities and foibles, but the Lord can still use us to produce rich fruit.

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 May 2021

Act to Consecration  
to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself  
entirely to you; and to show my devotion to  
you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my  
ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being  
without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I  
am your own, keep me, guard me, as your  
property and possession.

Amen.

"It is through the most Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that He will reign in the world." *St. Louis de Monfort*

**Masses:**  
**Saturday Vigil:** 5.30pm  
**Sunday:** 8.00am & 10.00am  
**Monday-Saturday:** 9.00am  
**Anointing Mass:** First Friday of each month at 9am Mass  
**Prayer of the Church:** Saturday: 8.45am & Novena at 9am Mass  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday: After 9am Mass & 4pm afternoon  
**Rosary Group:** Each Friday: 3:30pm in Parish Centre  
**Exposition:** Every Thursday 9.30am - 6.45pm with Benediction at 6.45pm



# Farewell Mass

## REDEMPTORISTS FAREWELL MASS

**May 16th at 10am**

The Farewell Mass for the Redemptorists will be held on 16 May at 10am. We request that all the volunteers who were participating in any way in the Mass (Prayers of the Faithful, Offertory, etc.) to please take part as originally planned, and to let Deacon Mark know if you are unable to do so.

*Liturgy Committee*

### OFFICE RELOCATION

We are  
**moving**



Work on the long-planned relocation of the office is scheduled to commence on **Monday, May 12**, and will take 3 to 4 weeks to complete.

A pre-construction meeting will be held next week, and after this we will be able to tell you about any changes in routine that will be necessary during the construction phase.

*Finance Committee*

The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass.

*Saint Augustine*

### ANOINTING MASS Friday 7th May at 9am

An Anointing Mass for the sick is held on the first Friday of the month, followed by morning tea.

*All welcome.*



### VOLUNTEERS FOR GRACE JOEL

We need volunteers for Grace Joel. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and are interested in this volunteer work, please contact the Parish Office.



**We remember in prayer our parishioners whose anniversaries occur during April & May:** Fanny Moore, Jeffrey Starr, Doris Duncan, Lionel Ward, Paula Clark, Jack Lanigan, Alfred Worthington, Margaret O'Brien, Lindsay McGuire, Molly McKessar, Gloria Paredes, Martha O'Shea

### **Next Week: 6th Sunday of Easter 8 & 9 May 2021**

**1.** Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 **2.** 1John 4:7-10 **3.** Gospel John 15:9-17

<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Welcomer</b>	Kathy Slater	Shirley Rivera	Family Mass
<b>Greeters</b>	Jennifer Dagleish Desley King	Liz Pascal	Family Mass
<b>Musicians</b>	Jason Diack		
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Maureen Keenan	Fiona Wilson	Ingrid Coakley
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Love each other - Family Mass		
<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	Heather Manickum		
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	David Manickum Valerie Yeong	Albert Kim Sam Wimsett	Simone Schollum Natalia Schollum
<b>Readers</b>	Anna Mortiaux Heather Manickum	Alex Binnie Donny James	Family Mass
<b>Cleaners</b>	David Manickum & Shona Dreadon		
<b>Grace Joel</b>	10.30am Gerard Murphy		
<b>Sacramental Programme</b>	<b>Offertory Procession: 10.00am - Simich Family</b>		