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## April 28 – 5th Sunday of Easter (Year B)

### 5 DOMENICA DI PASQUA (ANNO B)

Nei discorsi di addio del Vangelo secondo san Giovanni (capitoli 13-17) l'evangelista prende spunto dalle parole di Gesù per riflettere, con il carisma che gli è proprio, sulla vita dei credenti dal tempo dell'Ascensione al ritorno del Signore. Egli si riconosce talmente legato al Signore attraverso lo Spirito di Dio che parla ai suoi ascoltatori e ai suoi lettori usando l'"io" di Cristo. Per mezzo della sua voce, il Signore rivela a coloro che credono in lui qual è la loro situazione, ordinando loro di agire in modo giusto. È durante la festa liturgica delle domeniche che vanno da Pasqua alla Pentecoste che la Chiesa propone alla lettura questi discorsi, per mostrare ai credenti cos'è infine importante per la loro vita. Attraverso un paragone, il Signore ci rivela oggi che tutti quelli che gli sono legati mediante la fede vivono in vera simbiosi. Come i tralci della vite, che sono generati e nutriti dalla vite stessa, noi cristiani siamo legati in modo vitale a Gesù Cristo nella comunità della Chiesa. Vi sono molte condizioni perché la forza vitale e la grazia di Cristo possano portare i loro frutti nella nostra vita: ogni tralcio deve essere liberato dai germogli superflui, deve essere sano e reagire in simbiosi fertile con la vite. Per mezzo del battesimo, Cristo ci ha accolti nella sua comunità. E noi siamo stati liberati dai nostri peccati dalla parola sacramentale di Cristo. La grazia di Cristo non può agire in noi che nella misura in cui noi la lasciamo agire. La Provvidenza divina veglierà su di noi e si prenderà cura di noi se saremo pronti. Ma noi non daremo molti frutti se non restando attaccati alla vite per tutta la vita. Cioè: se viviamo coscientemente la nostra vita come membri della Chiesa di Cristo. Poiché, agli occhi di Dio, ha valore duraturo solo ciò che è compiuto in seno alla comunità, con Gesù Cristo e nel suo Spirito: "Senza di me non potete far nulla". Chi l'ha riconosciuto, può pregare Dio di aiutarlo affinché la sua vita sia veramente fertile nella fede e nell'amore.

*(lachiesa.it)*

Now the People of God is being reconstituted on Christ as the "true vine," with the disciples forming the branches that are to bear its "fruit." "True" has here the Johannine sense of what is coming to be in the present, messianic age, of which the scriptural images (such as that of the vine) were simply foreshadowings. And, just as God "cultivated" the vine that was Israel (Psalm 80), so Jesus pictures the Father as the "vinegrower" (so NRSV; the Jerusalem Bible's "vinedresser" is more accurate to the activity in view).

The passage gives two allegorical descriptions, one after the other, of what is essentially the same pattern of vinedressing activity on the part of God: branches bearing no fruit are cut away; branches bearing fruit are "pruned" so that next season they may bear even more fruit. What makes a branch yield fruit is the vigor of its union with the vine. Hence the need for believers to maintain the closest possible union with Christ. The "fruit" that they will bear will be specifically the acts of love (see the First Reading) that are the extension in their own lives of the love they have received in Christ from God. How are believers "pruned already" by Christ's word (v 3)? No particular "word" is in view but rather the whole revelation of God that he has given, which has included "coming to the truth" about themselves, bringing the darkness of their lives before the healing and transforming light of God (see John 3:19-21; 4:23-24).

*Brendan Byrne*

### Catholic Care Appeal (4-5 May)

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513

**The sick in our parish:** Teresa Lamonaca, John and Miriam Markis, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Floriano Pivetta, Joe and Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Josie, George, Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Maryanne, Adam Peric, Meldon Richardson, Susanna, Luise, Andrew, Patrick, John Bussutil, Vicenzina, Mark, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio, Anna Taylor, Bill McAllister, Joe Ranno, John Pannunzio.

**Recently deceased:** Tony Mallozzi (U.S.A), Caterina Cammerere, Michele Chiodo, Marjan Rozic, Anna Natoli, Giovanni Apollonio, Marianna Schiavello, Gelsomina Cellilli (Italy), Anna Butera (Italy), Vincenzo Cammarata (Italy), Antonio Ruggeiro, Frank McDonough,

**Anniversaries:** Maria Lamonaca, Laura Maria Zoanetti, Mary Robinson, Livio D'Ambrosio, Sebastiano Barresi, Lucia Marcovecchio, Bernardo Cerra, Maria Catalano, Edgardo Segismundo, Consolacion Segismundo.

*We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, especially those whose names are on the Church pews and the Resurrection Chapel.*

#### Mass times

**Weekday:**  
 Tuesday-Friday: 9.30 am. Wednesday: 6.00 pm Novena mass

**Weekend:** Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office

#### Mass times

**St. Marks, Fawkner (Lee Street, Fawkner)**

**Weekday:** Monday-Saturday: 9.00 am

**Weekend:** Saturday: 6.00 pm ; Sunday: 10.00 am ; 6.00 pm  
 Hope Café: Thursday: 5.30 pm (free dinner for the needy)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 9.30 am and 5.30 pm or phone Fr. Colin (9359 3111)

### Rosters for weekend masses (May 4/5)

#### Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm.: J. Manovella  
 Sunday 9.00 am: S. Peake  
 10.30 am: G. Gambeale

**Bus driver:** P. Capasso



### Joke of the day

Two men were in a bar. 'Isn't it your fiftieth wedding anniversary soon?' asked one of them.

'Yes it is,' said the other.

'And are you going to do anything special to celebrate?'

'Well, for our twenty-fifth anniversary, I took my wife to Australia. So maybe for our fiftieth I'll go and fetch her.'

*- The book of senior jokes*

### Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro

Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volonta' in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa.

Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli.

Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche' diventiamo una famiglia piu' fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen

### St. Matthew's Prayer

God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care.

Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children.

Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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