



Sacred Heart Parish

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B – 28 April 2024

Parish Priest:

Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

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Parish office hours:

Tuesday-Friday

9.00am to 4.30pm

Parish Secretary:

Quyen Le Phan

Accountant:

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Weekday Mass Times:

English:

7.00am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri

6.30pm Wed

9.00am Sat

Vietnamese:

6.30pm Tues & Thurs

7.00am Wed

Weekend Masses

English:

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am; 10.00am;
6.00pm

Polish: Sun 11.30am

Vietnamese:

Saturday Vigil:

7.30pm: (Chaplain)

Sunday:

7.00am; 7.30 pm

4.00pm (Chaplain)

Exposition:

Saturdays: 8.00am

Reconciliation:

Wed: 6.00pm

Sat: 8.10am - 8.50am

5.30pm - 5.50pm

Convent/Pastoral Care

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of the Southern Cross

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Primary School

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Baptism/Wedding

Please contact parish office

Make your home in me...

We just celebrated the ANZAC Day last Thursday. It came to my mind the interesting incident occurred to the soldier, Leonard Knight during the WWI. Born in 1898 at Wychbold, Worcestershire, U.K., he went to war at the age of 17, carrying a Bible in the breast pocket of his uniform. The Bible was apparently a farewell gift from his beloved aunt, Minnie Yates, with a handwritten note inside saying: "To Leonard, with love from Aunt Minnie. July 1915". Incredibly, one day Leonard got hit by a German bullet. It went through the Bible hardback front cover yet halted around 50 pages from the end of the book and his heart. He escaped death without a scratch. His Bible which still has the bullet embedded inside has become a treasure passed down through five generations of his aunt's family. (www.dailymail.co.uk)



It's reasonable to assume that prior to the event, the words of God meant a lot to Leonard and his family members. He would be turning to them in faith for courage and strength as he faced such a bleak future of battles. His faith and prayers were miraculously answered by the end.

The experience may be a good illustration of what Jesus is inviting us to do in today's Gospel (Jn 15: 1-8). "Make your home in me, as I make mine in you", said Jesus. "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it".

Jesus speaks those words, including the familiar imagery of the vine and its branches, to his disciples by the end of the Last Supper when he himself is about to face his darkest moment of trial and departure. He affirms his commitment - no matter what happens - to unite his disciples and us all with him and with one another in the very bond of intimate love and life he shares with God the Father. Fundamentally, it is he who alone makes us truly alive and fruitful: "I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me, and I in them bear much fruit".

Jesus shows us then by his own example the necessary way to nurture and actualize that life-giving bond. He has totally devoted his whole life to do God's words and God's will – notwithstanding struggles, trials and even the cross. He himself is God's word-in-action, in fact, God's Word-made-flesh. In him, God's Word was lived out.

Accordingly, each of us, his disciple and member of God's Family, is called to be fruitful not just by being a listener but a doer of the word. We are to be judged, not by our words, but by our deeds; not by good intentions but by real actions. The same evangelist behind today's Gospel emphatically declares: "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". (cf. Second Reading, 1Jn 3: 18-24) There is indeed only one way in which we can be pruned and prove our true color and worth, our growth and fruitfulness, that is, by our practice of the commandment of love.

Let's just reflect this weekend on:

- How do the words of Christ, the crucified and risen Lord, have pruned and shaped our life, especially in the midst of certain setbacks, sufferings, tragedies or painful situations that we could not change.
- what have been our own experiences of making our home in Jesus, of being in union with him and being fruitful in daily life as a result of that union?

"Grant that we may never be separated from you, Lord Jesus, so that we may produce in the world the fruits of faith, hope, and love"

With love & prayers,
Fr Remy Son-Lam Bui

Pope Francis Intention for April



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

- Pope Francis -

Thank you

Thank you to Sisters of Our Lady of the Southern Cross and all helpers for co-ordinating the Mass and the refreshments on Fr Patrick MacAuliffe - 4th Anniversary. Your hospitality and service is special gift to us.

May God bless you and families abundance grace and peace.

Welcome back Term 2

May God continue to enlighten and support all our students, teachers, Catechists and Principals & Staff.



Annual Babies Mass

The event will be held on Sunday **19/05/2024 at 10.00am Mass.**

If your child baptised in this parish from 30 March 2023– 30 March 2024 and you would like to consecrate your child to Our Lady and receive the certificate. Please contact the parish office **97242151** or email at

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



Our donation can help fund prevention campaigns and the research can continue to unlock cancer's secrets.

All are welcome!

Where: Mary McKillop Room

When: Friday 24th May

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Baptisms – Congratulations

Welcome to God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Stella Nguyen

Nguyen Hoang (Dominic) Dinh





I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

"Teach Us to Pray" Resource Now Available

After the year dedicated to reflection on the documents and the study of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council in 2023, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer. The Holy Father announced its launch on Sunday 21 January 2024, on the fifth annual celebration of the 'Sunday of the Word of God'. Previously, in a letter written on 11 February 2022, addressed to the Pro-prefect, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, to entrust the organization of the Jubilee to the Dicastery for Evangelization, the Pope wrote: "From now on I am happy to think that the year preceding the Jubilee event, 2024, will be dedicated to a great 'symphony' of prayer. First of all, to recover the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and adore him." In preparation for the Jubilee, therefore, individual dioceses are invited to promote the centrality of individual and community prayer during this year.

This booklet is available online please follow this link: www.iubilaeum2025.va




Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal

4th & 5th May 2024 is our parish appeal.

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place. Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

Donate at www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf
Or complete the parish envelope.



Funeral: Maria Tran Thi Cuu

Tuesday 30/04/2024 at 10.30am

Extending to her family our condolences and prayers.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: James Le Tri Long (2), Martino Tran Mai Thanh Dzu (2), John Tran Van Kim, Maria, Giacobe Le Duc Trung, Maria Tran Thi Cuu, Maria,

R.I.P. & Anniversaries:

Fr Patrick MacAuliffe, Ronald Robison, Ivan Puskas, Maria (11), Joseph (6), Peter (4), John (2), Anna, Dominic (3), Martha, Vincent (3), Lucia, Anthony, James, souls of ancestors, grandparents & family members (4), for all souls (9), Fr Joseph Pham Van Thang, John Zammit, Joseph Bui, Peter Nguyen Quang Be, Joseph Tien Xu, Dominic Nguyen Huu Khue, Peter Paul Nguyen Minh Tan, Maria Nguyen Thi Hue, Simon Tran Thanh Son, Peter Nguyen Ngoc An, Phung Van Lanh, Phero Tran Van Sau, Teresa Maria, Martino, Phaolo Cao Van Tri, Maria Le Thi Oai, Lucia Cao Thi Anh Tuyet, Maria Pham Thi Nhien, Anphongso, Maria Nguyen Thi Vi, Nguyen Thi Nhung, Giuse Le Van Manh, Ana Duong Thi Roi, Anna Nguyen Thi Luu, Maria Nguyen Thi Lan Thanh, Phanxico Nguyen Van Thao, Maria Madalena, Martino, Benado, Catarina, Giacobe, Phero Tran Van Bang, Maria Hoang Thi Nho, Gioan Baotixita, Giuse Nguyen Duy Tien

Other Intentions: For the sick, for the conversion of hearts (2), thanksgiving to God, Mary & Joseph (3), peace and wellbeing for family (4), for good health and recovery (1), for stable works (1), personal intention, safe travels, peace for sibling, thanks God for answering my prayer,

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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: Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the 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

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.'

Chúa Nhật Tuần V Mùa Phục Sinh-Năm B

Bài đọc 1: Cv 9, 26-31

Trích sách Tông đồ Công vụ.

Trong những ngày ấy, khi tới Giêrusalem, Saolô tìm cách tiếp xúc với các môn đệ; nhưng mọi người đều sợ ngài, không tin rằng ngài đã trở thành môn đệ. Barnaba dẫn ngài đến gặp các Tông đồ, và ngài thuật lại cho các ông biết trên đường ngài đã thấy Chúa thế nào, đã được Chúa phán dạy, và tại Damas ngài dạn dĩ xưng danh Đức Giêsu thế nào. Và từ đó, ngài ra vào Giêrusalem với các ông, và dạn dĩ xưng danh Chúa. Ngài cũng giảng dạy cho dân ngoại, và tranh luận với những người Hy-lạp, nên họ tìm cách giết ngài. Các anh em biết việc đó, nên đem ngài xuống Xêsarê, rồi tiễn đưa ngài về Tarsê.

Hội Thánh được bình an trong miền Giuđêa, Galilêa và Samaria, sống trong sự kính sợ Chúa, được xây dựng và đầy ơn an ủi của Thánh Thần.

Đáp Ca: Tv 21, 26b-27. 28 và 30. 31-32

Đáp: Lạy Chúa, bởi Chúa mà lời con ca ngợi vang lên trong đại hội

Bài đọc 2: 1 Ga 3, 18-24

Trích thư thứ nhất của Thánh Gioan Tông đồ.

Các con thân mến, chúng ta đừng yêu bằng lời nói và miệng lưỡi, nhưng bằng việc làm và chân thật. Do đó, chúng ta biết mình thuộc về sự thật, và sẽ được vững lòng trước mặt Chúa.

Vì nếu lòng chúng ta có khiển trách chúng ta, thì Thiên Chúa còn lớn hơn lòng chúng ta và Người thông biết mọi sự.

Các con thân mến, nếu lòng chúng ta không khiển trách, thì chúng ta tin tưởng nơi Thiên Chúa, và bất cứ điều gì chúng ta xin, thì chúng ta cũng được Người ban cho, vì chúng ta giữ giới răn Người và làm điều đẹp lòng Người.

Và đây là giới răn của Người: Chúng ta phải tin vào thánh danh Con của Người là Chúa Giêsu Kitô, và phải thương yêu nhau, như Người đã ban giới răn cho chúng ta. Ai giữ các giới răn của Người, thì ở trong Người và Người ở trong họ. Do điều này mà chúng ta biết Người ở trong chúng ta, đó là Thánh Thần mà Người đã ban cho chúng ta.

ALLELUIA: Ga 15, 4 và 5b

Alleluia, alleluia! – Chúa phán: “Các con hãy ở trong Thầy, và Thầy ở trong các con; ai ở trong Thầy, kẻ ấy sẽ sinh nhiều trái”. – Alleluia

BÀI PHÚC ÂM: Ga 15, 1-8

Tin Mừng Chúa Giêsu Kitô theo Thánh Thánh Gioan

Khi ấy, Chúa Giêsu phán cùng các môn đệ rằng: “Thầy là cây nho thật, và Cha Thầy là người trồng nho. Nhánh nào trong Thầy không sinh trái thì Người chặt đi, còn nhánh nào sinh trái thì Người tỉa sạch để nó sai trái hơn. Các con đã được tỉa sạch nhờ lời Thầy đã nói với các con. Các con ở trong Thầy, và Thầy ở trong các con. Cũng như nhánh nho tự nó không thể sinh trái được, nếu không dính liền với cây nho; các con cũng vậy, nếu không ở trong Thầy.

“Thầy là cây nho, các con là nhánh. Ai ở trong Thầy và Thầy ở trong người ấy, kẻ ấy sẽ sinh nhiều trái, vì không có Thầy, các con không thể làm được gì. Ai không ở trong Thầy, thì bị vứt ra ngoài như cành nho, và sẽ khô héo, người ta sẽ thu lại, quăng vào lửa cho nó cháy đi. Nếu các con ở trong Thầy, và lời Thầy ở trong các con, thì các con muốn gì cứ xin, và sẽ được. Đây là điều làm Cha Thầy được vinh hiển là các con sinh nhiều trái, và như thế các con trở nên môn đệ của Thầy”.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810** or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. 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.