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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week

Monday	No Service	St Catherine of Siena
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass
Thursday	9.15 AM	Mass; Rosary; St Athanasius
Friday	9.15 AM	Mass; Saints Philip & James
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass
Sunday	9.00 AM	Rosary
	9.30 AM	Mass
	5.30 PM	Mass
Reconciliation:	30 minutes prior to all masses	

Last Fortnight's Collection	
Thanks Giving Offering	\$3,180.40
Presbytery Offering	\$1,088.80
Thank you for your commitment and support	

Next Week's Reading

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading 1 John 4:7 - 10

Gospel John 15:9 - 17

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BAPTISMS *(Baptism requires a months' notice)*

Upcoming baptism:

Laundry in April

Church Cleaning —

Week's Roster

	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Kate Robinson	Joseph Bolano	Peter Leptai
	Reader	Volunteer	Janine Phillips	Volunteer
	Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Yves D'Argent	Roman Siriwardene
NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Sarah P	Janine Phillips	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Chatarina Pereira	Greg Ferreira	Peter Leptai
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Dominic Disanayake	Bernadine Naidu

Please pray for...

Those who are baptised:

Those who are sick: Cecile Hien Pham, Kamari Family members, Frank Maning, Annita Diaz, Simeona Wilson, Jaime & Maria Cruz, Rafferti Florida, Vivian Martin, Sandra James,

Those who recently died:

Those whose memories are sacred to us: Michael Pearson-Smith, Rose, Rienzie Nugara, Prem, Precilla, Lincoln

Perera; Audrey James



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

28 April 2024

First Reading Acts 9: 26-31

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

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

(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.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 3: 18-24

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 Jn 15: 4-5

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15: 1-8

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.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vigneron desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HYMNS "AS ONE VOICE"	
GATHERING SONG SATURDAY 6.30 pm	
• Canticle of the sun	No 3; Page 6
FIRST COLLECTION	
• Keep in mind	No 180; Page 178
PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG	
• Be not afraid	No 114; Page 112
COMMUNION SONG	
• Communion song	No 187; Page 185
FINAL SONG	
• All the ends of the earth	No 76; Page 77

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 9.30 am	
• All the earth	No 184; Page 182
PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG	
• Seek ye first	No 48; Page 49
COMMUNION SONG	
• A new commandment	Text printed
COMMUNION REFLECTION	
• Quiet music	
FINAL SONG	
• How great thou art	No 94; Page 95

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 5.30 pm	
• Glory and praise to our God	No 16; Page 19
PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG	
• Our supper invitation	No 185; Page 183
COMMUNION SONG	
• To be your bread	No 65; Page 66
COMMUNION REFLECTION	
• Quiet Music	
FINAL SONG	
• Sing to the mountains	No 92; Page 93

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL 2024



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 in hospitals and prisons, 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 or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Temporary change of Parrish office hours

This Wednesday (May 1st) the parish office will be open from **8.45 am to 12.45 pm.**

Sing Your Praise to God!



Do come and join our choir.

We practice 45 minutes before mass either on Saturday or Sunday.

All are welcome!

Please contact:

Cheryl 0422 724 572

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Wednesday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Thursday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Friday	11.30am - 3.30pm

ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA



HER LIFE AND DEVOTION

St Catherine of Siena was the youngest of 25 children born of a wealthy Italian family in c1347. From a young age she devoted her life to prayer and became a tertiary sister of the Dominican order despite her parents objections. She worked with the sick and attracted a following of men and women who accompanied her on her frequent journeys. Catherine became heavily involved in the politics of both Church and State as she attempted to make peace between Florence and the papacy. She urged Pope Gregory to return the papacy to Rome from Avignon, which he did in 1376. His death two years later led to a schism in the Western church, as detractors of the newly elected pope Urban VI set up a rival pope in Avignon. In an effort to restore unity to the church, Catherine gave support to the Urban VI but was exhausted by her efforts. She died soon after suffering a stroke, aged only 33.

MONTH OF MARY - MAY DEVOTIONS

May
The Month of
Our Blessed Mother



"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary"

(St. Bernard)

It was in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded.

"This is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from his throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy."

In our own times, we Catholics, wanting to be close to her always, offer her special presents in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary or litany of our Lady.

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COME TO THE HEALING MASS

WHEN: **Monday 6th May 2024**

TIME: **6.30 PM – 7.00 PM** Rosary

7.00 PM – 7.30 PM Praise & Worship

7.30 PM – 9.00 PM Healing Mass & Anointing by the priest

WHERE: **St. Joseph's Church**

Cnr St James Ave & Buckingham Ave

Springvale

CELEBRANT Fr. John OFM CONV

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