

First Reading — Acts 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.

Second Reading — 1 Jn 3: 18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

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 — Jn 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.'

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A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all

Fifth Sunday of Easter — Year B

May 03, 2015

The God within us

A grandfather and his granddaughter stand on a jetty looking into a clear lake. "Granddad," she asks, "Where does God live?" The old man lifts her on to his shoulders. "Look into the waters of the lake and tell me what you see." "I see a reflection of me," says the little girl. "That's where God lives. God lives in you," he replies.

This sums up the profound message of today's gospel. Jesus uses a familiar agricultural image — a grape vine — to shed light on his identity and his mission. "I am the vine. You are the branches." He says something of himself; of his relationship with God; of his relationship with the community of believers.

Jesus is the vine and God the Father plants the vine and tends it. The Father judges the vine by the quantity and quality of its fruit. We believers are the branches and we take our life and nourishment from the Vine (Christ). If we don't, we wither and die. But if we remain on the vine, we are nourished and bear good fruit.

Jesus' teaching is clear but to comprehend, appreciate and apply it requires a spiritual sensitivity that comes only through prayerful contemplation. Jesus assures us, provided we remain in union with him, we are gifted with a special permanent presence of God within us. We call this presence the Divine Indwelling. It is a gift given in baptism. It is only revoked if

Weekly Mass Timings:

Monday: 7.00 am	Tuesday: 5.30 pm	Wednesday: 8.00 am
Thursday: 7.00 am	Friday: 5.30 pm	Saturday: 8.30 am
Saturday: Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)		
Sunday: 8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm		

Reconciliation: Saturday: 11.00am - 12.00 noon **and** 5.00pm - 6.00pm



Fr. Phong Nguyen
Parish Priest



Fr. Jeronimo
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

we deliberately turn away from God. St Thomas Aquinas explains, "God is in the just as the knower is in the known and the loved is in the lover."

The Divine Indwelling has consequences for each of us and for the people of God in general. Because God dwells in us we treat each person with utmost respect, as a temple of the divine. We honour them and refrain from doing or saying anything that would harm or detract from the presence of God within them.

We try to honour and develop the divine presence within us. We try to recognise that fruitfulness of our individual lives is entirely dependent on developing an intimate relationship with Christ. We nourish this relationship through prayer, the sacraments and the scriptures. We recognise that we can do nothing if cut off from him and without the assistance of his grace. This recognition does not come easily and without challenging some of our contemporary notions of individual autonomy and 'doing-things-my-way'. For the divine to dwell in us we must ready ourselves to dwell in the divine.

The Divine Indwelling is a real, personal presence of God. It enables us to know and love God and to be always united with God who lives within us.

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Baptisms:

We welcome Sophia Kate & Maddison Rose Bongiovanni, Matthew Isaiah Gibson into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Choong Bee Cheow who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Peter Liebeck, Benny Brown whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

for 10th MAY

NEXT WEEK

Bulletin: Christina Tan
Flowers : Mayang Gazali
Counter: 1. M Woolford 2. R SciaScia 3. T Huxtable

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	J Doss P Doss	J Hidajat M Ivanac	A Lauw G Dunsford	S Mitchell J Ravina	T Mancinone A Christophe
Acolytes	V Tan	B King	M Braganza	M Tloczek	A Taylor
Altar Servers	J Robless T Robless S Gill	A Flexman B Boudville	S ShandleyJ L ShandleyJ S Silvester	G Mascarenh J Mascarenh A Mo	A Moncrieff P Stephen J Teixeira
Special Minister	J Basilio M Davis C Dellaca A De Souza J Doss E Fernandez M Fong K Gamba	B Auret M Banasik B Bydder B Bydder C Cox A Gabriel D Gabriel L Gabriel	JM Papineau G Parkinson M Reutens A Sudjana G Sudjana F Sukmono C Sumich J Tan	W Cox R D'Annunzi O D' Mello H Dumbell S Dyer M French Y Johan G Knight A Loo	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	S Ruban (Yrs 1-4) M Jones (Yrs 5-6)		R Rodrigues (Yrs 1-4) K Phua (yrs 5-6)		
Readers	R Oetomo J Wass	J Cordina M Cordina	S Hart J Hendricks	E Yustira A Crossley	D Tomizzi M Want
Piety stall	Isabelle	Anne-Marie	Patrick	Rosemary	Ayenis

Readers' Coordinator:
Kim Gamba 9258 6263

MORE CARE

Do you need help or know someone who does?

† Geraldine 9332 8795 (Visiting)
† Monica 9364 9358 (Transport/Meals)
† Caroline 9313 5452 (Transport/Meals)
† Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)

RoseGarden
May 2015

Section A
Edwin Gan

Section B
Robyn Guyton

More For Youth

STRONGER TEENS

Our next Stronger Teens Youth Group is on Friday 8th of May!

This will be our first bible study with the teens for the year. It should be great fun learning about scripture and how it relates to us. Do come along and find out how God's word can help you in your big plans for life. Remember to bring your \$15 for your package. SEE YOU ALL THEN!

STRONGER PARENTS

As this year is well and truly underway we would like to invite you to come along on Friday 8th of May for a brief meeting to discuss some plans for the rest of the year ahead. On the night we will look at some events that are occurring later on around Perth and around Australia. Please let us know if you are able to attend. We hope to see you there.

BIG THANK YOU!

A big Thank You to all involved in our Parish Quiz Night which turned out to be a great night! From everyone who donated prizes to helping out on the night in any way. Your help and generosity was very much appreciated!

Community Events

CYM HOLY HOUR!

Holy Hour hosted by Catholic Youth Ministry Perth is held every Wednesday at the office situated at 40A Mary Street, Highgate. Mass will be at 5.30pm, followed by adoration from 6.30—7.30pm, with fellowship and dinner after for a \$5 donation. Hope to see you there!

VERITAS 2015

Something big is brewing this July! Keep an eye out for more info.

NATURE PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING –YIDARRA

A number of parents at Yidarra are very keen to see a nature play area be built at our school. With this in mind an application to Project Robin Hood has been made. Project Robin Hood offers grants, of up to \$10,000 to community groups. Unlike traditional funding programs, approval of the grants is based solely on a voting system. Please take a moment to vote for our project and help us win \$10,000 for our nature play area.

Voting is simple. Click on the link: <http://projectrobinhood2015.budgetallocator.com/#ba>

Scroll down to our project (it's second from the bottom) Ye Ipads down, Let's Play Sherwood Forest is on the way.....and VOTE. Please note that you can just vote for our project (giving us a better chance of winning!)

When you have voted you need to remember to click on the link that is emailed to you to confirm your vote.

Parish News

“A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE HOLY MASS”. NEW!

Ever wondered about the meanings behind the words we pray; why we kneel, sit and stand, along with the other rituals we follow at Mass? Do you struggle to explain the Mass to non-Catholics? Did you know that the Holy Mass is “soaked” in Sacred Scripture? Discover these and more in a four part series entitled “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass” begins 7.00pm, Tuesday 26th May. Part I reveals the biblical roots of the introductory rites like making the sign of the cross, The Lord Be with you, I Confess And the Gloria. You will fall in love with God all over again. Sign up now.

BEATIFICATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO

Fr Jeronimo will be attending the Beatification of Archbishop Oscar Romero, which will take place on 23rd May 2015 in El Salvador.

We will have a special collection on the weekend of **2nd/3rd May** to support Fr Jeronimo to raise funds for an orphanage in El Salvador.

He plans to go there personally and to bring some happiness to all the children who live in this orphanage in his country of El Salvador.

Please support him in this worthy cause and be as generous as you can.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE LIGHT PROCESSION FOR MAY

Our Lady's candle-light procession for May will take place on **Saturday 9th May after the 6.30pm Mass**. All are welcome.

White chrysanthemums are needed to decorate the float for Our Lady. Please bring the flowers to the Church on Saturday morning by 10.00am

HOME ROSARY—MONTH OF MAY

All those interested in having the Rosary in their homes during the month of May are invited to write their names on the list in the foyer. A Statute of Our Lady and some books are available. Enquiries to Juliana on 9310 1747.



CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY

This devotion is normally held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30pm. The May devotion will be held on Wednesday **13th May 2015**. It will be accompanied by Exposition and followed by Benediction. All are welcome.

If you have not been before, why don't you come along and be uplifted? Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493 (H) or 6242 0702 (W)

MORECRAFT

The Ladies Craft group of the Parish has their craft sessions on Tuesdays from **12.15pm to 2.15pm** during the school term. They start again this Tuesday 21st April 2015. All are welcome.



ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH HIGH SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

SACRAMENTAL classes for our Parish high School students will begin on the 20th May 2015 from 4.00pm—5.00pm. Confirmation will take place on the weekend of 8th and 9th August 2015. Please contact Jenny Figliomeni on 9310 1747 (Tuesdays/Wednesdays 9am—5pm) or 0435 695 399 at other times, to enrol.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT MEETING/COMMITMENT WEEKEND

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the parish on the 20th/21st June 2015. The parent meeting for First Holy Communion will be held on the 21st of May at 7pm in the Sadler centre at Corpus Christi College. The following weekend, 23rd and 24th May, will be the First Holy Communion Commitment weekend. We ask the parish community to support the candidates, their families and teachers through their prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

ROSARY MAKING GROUP

The Rosary Making group will meet on Saturday 16th May at 9.30am and NOT on the 9th May. **Please take note of the change of date.**

2015/2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

THE new version is bigger than EVER with over 100 new business offering 2-for-1, 50% off, discounts and more in the Perth and South West region. Books and Digital memberships (on your smartphone) will be available early May and can be used straight away. \$13 from the \$65 sale price goes to Yidarra's P & F for School resources. A sample book will be available at the back of the church from May 7th. Order forms can be found there now. Otherwise place orders now at www.entbook.com.au/8g3295 Or ring/email Alex on 0419 962 963 / aarossi@iinet.net.au

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS LAWS OF THE HEART.

In this series, Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB offers an honest and refreshing approach to the Ten Commandments unlike anything present today.

Sr. Joan asks, "What are the Ten Commandments and what do they mean to us now in a world where Jew, Christians, and Muslim all claim to embrace Moses and the Tablets of Sinai as the foundation of our law, however many other laws we all add to them?"

She invites us to think deeply about the moral fibres of our society and presents the idea that the Ten Commandments are an adventure in human growth—that we are not so much convicted by them as we are transformed by them.

Who: The Bible study group, one recommenced on Thursday 9th April and if interested call Kathy Mowatt on 9316 8373 and Wednesday 7.30pm on May 6th at 8 San Miguel Drive, Leeming and Thursday 14th May at 1.30pm. Enquiries: Sr. Ann 0418 130 200



DIOCESAN NOTICES

AUTUMN PRAYER DAY

When: 10am to 3.30pm 13 May 2015 **Focus:** Mary, the faithful disciple.
Presenter: S. Dora Maguire rsj **Cost:** Donation Morning tea (9.30am) and light lunch provided. **RSVP:** 9334 0999 or lmccarthy@sosjwa.org.au (numbers are needed for catering, thank you.)

PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES—GROWING AWARENESS OF GOD IN MY EVERYDAY

This focused prayer and contemplation time is assisted with talks on a theme, followed by personal time in the chapel or garden. Optional sharing of one's faith with others on the journey, adds to the richness of this experience.

Date: Friday 29th May. **Time:** promptly at 10.30am—12.00 noon and 6.30—8.00pm.
Theme: Pentecost—growing awareness of God's joyful spirit active in my life today. Am I aware? **Venue:** Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. Free Parking. **RSVP:** 9334 0999 Email laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au

AUTUMN NIGHTZ DANCE

Sts John and Paul Parish, Willetton is holding an Autumn Nightz Dance to help fund their teens to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide in December 2015. The band is Fine Line and the venue is Orana primary School Hall, Querrin Ave, Willetton on Saturday 16th May from 7.30pm—midnight. BYO drinks. Food and soft drinks on sale. Tickets \$20 each. Organise a table of 12 or purchase tickets individually. Contact Hilda at 0412 417 778 (hilda.ong@aurora-consult.com.au) to book your tickets.

ABORTION GRIEF AUSTRALIA INC

Volunteer training: Abortion related mental illness is creating an underclass of dysfunctional families that is exacerbated by the lack of acknowledgement and professional help available. Abortion Grief Australia has successfully initiated a variety of programs to engage the community in the helping and prevention of abortion trauma. It is a rewarding and privileged experience to initiate significant improvement in the lives of traumatised people/families and to prevent these human tragedies. Find out more, phone Erica 9304 1158 or 0432 879 826. Email treverica@netspace.net.au Training begins Thurs 28th May, 2 hours weekly, 6 weeks.

OLMC PARISH MISSION

OLMC Parish is having a Parish Mission from Sunday 10th to Thursday 14th May 2015, from 6.30—8.00pm. Please see Notice Board for further details.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY (WA)

Silent Retreat Day—Saturday 9th May 2015, from 9am to 4pm. See Notice Board for further details.

2015 CELEBRATION OF SPORT

Cricket's Justin Langer, Eagles' Nic Naitanui and Wildcats' Shawn Redhage will speak at a thanksgiving service for sport hosted by the catholic community in St. Mary's cathedral at 2.45pm on Sunday 17th May. All are welcome. Refreshments served afterwards. Info: Alison 0417 904 839, James 0477 365 618