



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

29 April 2018

Year B

"We are a child safe Parish"



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,44-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

RESPONSE

*I will praise you
Lord, in the
assembly of your
people.*

ACCLAMATION

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

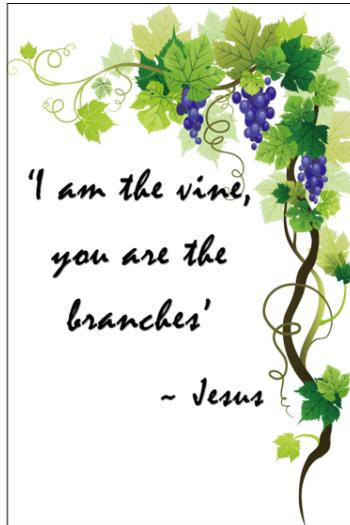
WE NEED TO ABIDE IN CHRIST AND LET CHRIST ABIDE IN US

Today's Scripture selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity and holiness.

In the Gospel, taken from the Last Supper discourse, Jesus uses his favorite image of the vine and branches to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent - as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with him should be like.

We need to abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us: The four Gospels teach us how to become true disciples of Jesus and how to abide in him as branches abide in the main trunk of the vine, drawing their life from it. Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily, meditative reading of Scripture, and the loving forgiveness of others enable us to abide in Jesus, the true Vine, as fruit-bearing branches.

Excerpt from Homilies of Fr. Anthony Kadavil on John 15:1-8 available at <http://stjohngrandbay.org>. Image from <http://kisspng.com>



MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY OUR MOTHER

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay tribute to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.

Excerpted from Catholicculture.org and SC 102,103

We welcome everyone to join the Rosary before the Mass here at OIOL.

home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return...

Feast of the Week

- 1 May - St Joseph the Worker
- 2 May - St Athanasius
- 3 May - Sts Philip and James



THANKSGIVING

Church: \$ 1,739.75

Priest: \$ 1,250.00

(Retired Priest & Archdiocese)

*Thank
You*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES: Toni Pittorino, Nora Vertessy, Marlena Morris (Hart), Gordon Wilby, William Rice, Richard Ledochowicz, Peter Detering, Noreen Brown, Robert Cain, Joan Dempsey, Barbara Tozer, Mary Detering

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Marta Kristan, Geoff Bell, Peter Lisle, Margaret Ratcliffe, Margaret McLean, Matthew MacDonald, Nigel Goggin

POPE FRANCIS WILL HOST CHILEAN SEX ABUSE SURVIVORS AT HIS RESIDENCE

Pope Francis will host three Chilean victims of clerical sex abuse at Casa Santa Marta, the Vatican guesthouse where he lives, this weekend and will meet them 'individually' and 'let each one of them speak for all the time necessary.'

The Vatican announced this news and named the victims who will be his guests: Juan Carlos Cruz, James Hamilton and Jose Andrés Murillo. All three were victims of the infamous Chilean priest predator, the Rev. Ferdinando Karadima, who was found guilty by the Vatican in 2011 of the abuse of minors in the 1970s and 1980s and was sentenced to a life of prayer and penance.

The Vatican statement, issued by Greg Burke, director of the Holy See's Press Office, said, 'The Pope will thank them for having accepted his invitation...[and] during these days of personal and fraternal encounter, he desires to ask their forgiveness, share their sorrow and their shame for what they suffered and, above all, listen to all their suggestions so as to avoid that such reprehensible facts be repeated.'

Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

PARISH MASS COUNT 2018

The annual mass count this year shall be conducted on the four weekends of May beginning on 5 May and ending on 27 May 2017. This annual count is important for the pastoral planning activities of the Archdiocese.

Collectors, please do the needful. Better to have 2 collectors to take separate counting. Thank you!



MULTICULTURAL MASS 20 May 2018

Come and join the celebration of our unity in this diverse community. Your help and participation is very much needed to make this event a success. Please register your name in the sign off sheet and tell us how you could participate.



Volunteers Needed

Assistance is needed from 4 parishioners willing to help out on the mowing roster, requiring 2 or 3 dates for the balance of the year. This is a good opportunity for those not yet involved in the Parish volunteer work to help keep the parish lawns looking neat. Particularly we would like to see some new faces to step up to the plate and help out. Please contact Phil Lynch at 0400 059649.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS & THEIR FAMILIES

**Sunday 27 May, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral
Celebrant: Archbishop Denis Hart**

Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition at the Mass. Registration closes on Friday 18 May. Details and registration at www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or on 92875587

TORONTO CARDINAL CALLS FOR PRAYERS AFTER VAN KILLS AT LEAST 10

Toronto Cardinal Thomas Collins called for special prayers after a van jumped a curb and killed at least 10 people on a busy Toronto street.

Although officials said the 23 April incident did not appear to be terrorism, they said it did appear to be deliberate. Cabinet members from leading industrialized nations were meeting in Toronto in preparation for a G-7 summit in Quebec in June.

'I invite the Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Toronto to join me in offering our prayers for all those who were killed and injured in the violent incident earlier today,' the cardinal said in a statement. 'I will be asking all 225 Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of Toronto to offer special prayer intentions this week for all those who have suffered. Let us all unite in our efforts to bring comfort and care to those who are hurting today.'

Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

PHILIPPINES BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION ORDERS SR FOX TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY

After 27 years, the Philippine government has barred an Australian nun from continuing her mission, ordering her to leave the country within a month.

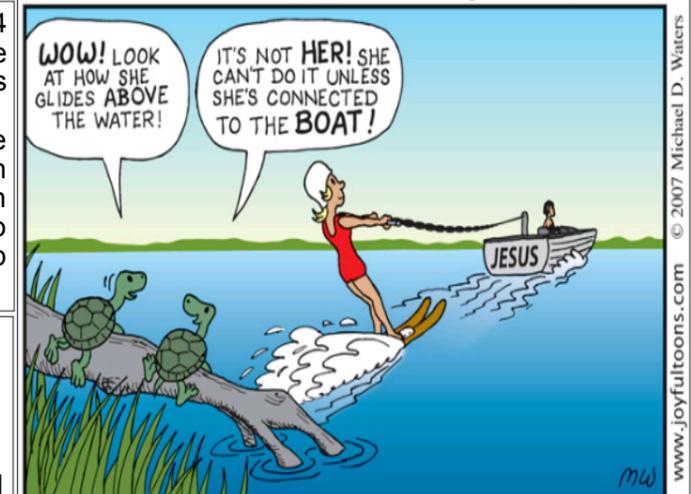
The Bureau of Immigration (BI) has forfeited the missionary visa of Sr Patricia Fox, which was due to expire on 5 September, this year, for allegedly engaging in 'partisan political politics'.

Sr Fox was found to have engaged in activities that are not allowed under the terms and conditions of her visa. The BI chief, Commissioner Jaime Morente said that Fox's visa granted her only the privilege to engage in missionary work and not in 'political activities'.

Fox, who was earlier detained by the BI for a day, denied engaging in partisan political activities, saying that helping farmers, indigenous peoples, and workers is part of her mission.

In an order issued on 23 April, the BI also directed the deactivation of her alien certificate of registration. Full report at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

CONNECTION A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. - JOHN 15:5 NIV