



## CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

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*Christ in the Centre*

ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B

***“I am the vine; you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me... will bear much fruit.”***

The vine is a well-known biblical symbol of God’s people. With or without knowing what a vine looks like, we know that “a branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains on the vine.” We know that the vine grows luxuriant and drastic pruning is necessary. What Jesus wants to teach us in today’s gospel is the extreme necessity for us to remain. Now what does “to remain in Christ,” mean? “To remain in Christ,” means:

**First** is to listen to Him and keep His words. Actually, we can refuse to listen to Him at all or we can listen to Him and then render Him lip service unsupported by any good deed. We can accept Him as Lord and then abandon Him in the midst of difficulties and temptations or attribute all of our difficulties and temptations to Him.

**Second** is to recognize that Christ alone is the real Vine and that without Him we can do nothing of value to God.

**Third** is to live in the Church, which is the Mystical Body of Christ, in accordance with the statement of one of the Popes ‘that who does not have the Church as his/her Mother, cannot have God as his/her Father.’

**Fourth** is to see God in all persons and things, even in our enemies and those things that we don’t like.

**Fifth** is to have an active sacramental and prayer life. Do we pray always? Do we regularly go to Mass on Sunday? Do we avail ourselves of the sacrament of Confession? Maybe let us make a list of how many hours we pray; how many hours do we spend on work, friends and family and in that we may be able to rate something of ourselves. How about if we spend just a few minutes talking about the word of God instead of talking about other things?

**Lastly** is to be convinced that there is a need to prune the structures, methods, approaches, and other ways that have become old and obsolete in order to give way to new ones which in turn will themselves grow old, and to remain always with the everlasting: Christ who himself is the vine.

*Let us reflect on all of these to see to it if our lives always remain in Jesus Christ who is the vine.*

**Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil**  
**Assistant Priest**

### **Masses have been offered for:**

Roseanne O’Connell, M.A. Vincent,  
Gina Goh, Sybil Noronha, Lidinila  
Concepcion, Manolito Panganiban  
Snr and Marie-Louise Foster  
(recent); Thomas Elliott and  
Raymond Daly (ann).

## PARISH INFORMATION

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm  
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am,  
11am Choral Mass, 4.30pm,  
6.00pm

Te Rangimarie Centre  
11:00am (Maori Mass)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday  
7.30am, 9.15am, 12.05pm  
Saturday 9.15am  
Public Holiday 9.15am

### RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.30am  
Saturday 9.45am

### APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR

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**READINGS FOR THE DAY 1<sup>ST</sup> ACTS 9: 26-31; 2ND: 1 JOHN 3: 18-24;**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 15: 1-8**

**PSALM RESPONSE: I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD, IN THE ASSEMBLY OF YOUR PEOPLE.**

### **An update on the new Cathedral from Archbishop Paul**

Dear sisters and brothers,  
You will be aware that the land in central Christchurch has been purchased for the building of the new Cathedral. This is to be located across from Victoria Square bounded by Colombo, Armagh and Manchester Streets. Progress has been made this week with the appointment of architects Franck & Lohsen Architects from America who will work with the Christchurch firm Warren and Mahoney Architects. Franck & Lohsen have worked on numerous churches around the world, including Australia. These include new churches as well as additions and renovations to existing churches. Their specialist knowledge of the Catholic faith, and the traditional and timeless style of architecture for which they are renowned, were key factors in their appointment. Initial design work has already commenced but the new cathedral is not expected to be completed for five years and is anticipated to seat 1000. The cathedral site will also include an open courtyard, chancery offices and parking as well as an adjacent garden. More information will be on the diocesan website on Monday morning. Please keep this significant project in your prayers.

### **Planned Giving**

Any Planned Giving envelopes that haven't been collected will be delivered during the next week or so. Your tax receipts will be emailed for those donating via Automatic Payment/Internet banking by the end of next week. If we don't hold an email address for you it will be posted.

### **Deliverers**

If anyone would be happy to help deliver the remaining Planned Giving envelopes to letterboxes, please get in touch with the parish office this week.

### **New Parishioner Wine and Cheese evening**

All new parishioners are welcome to come along **this Friday (7<sup>th</sup>) at 5:30pm to the Assisi Lounge**, to get to know staff, other parishioners and to hear about the vision of our parish. Be sure to fill out a green Parish Registration form to ensure we have your details on the parish roll.

### **Alpha**

We are delighted with the response to Alpha. We have 80 people registered. There is now only space in the Wednesday Zoom session. To register for Alpha via Zoom please email Clare by **9.00am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**.  
[cbell@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:cbell@cathedralparish.nz)

### **May Young Adults meeting - Grill a Priest**

Have you ever had a question you always wanted an answer for? Now is the time to have it answered. Grill a priest, with special guest Fr Simon Eccleton. All young adults (18-35 years old) welcome. Please bring a friend! Come along to the Assisi Lounge at St Mary's on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 7.00pm - 9.30pm. Drinks and nibbles provided.

### **Malayalam Mass**

6.00pm Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month will be in Malayalam. It will be a Latin Malayalam Mass and a leaflet will be available for anyone to follow. Please contact Fr Job for more information on 0226829886.

### **Contact Details**

Would the following people please get in touch with the Parish Office as we don't hold enough contact details to get in touch with you directly: A Iosefo, G Manlunas, H Walker, Ancy John, G Luderico, I Colipano, A Pernites, N George, HT Bui.

### **Workshop**

This Wednesday evening Kirsten Challies will be presenting "How to do A Personal Bible Study" at 7.00pm in the Assisi Lounge. All welcome.

### **Hope Project**

We still have booklets to deliver to letterboxes and if you would like to be designated a few streets and deliver them in your own time, please contact Kirsten Challies. This is your chance to take part in getting the message of Christ to those who don't yet know Him.

### **Prayer Ministry after Masses**

You will notice that we have a few parishioners who stay behind after some weekend Masses to pray with others for any needs they might have. Please come forward after Mass if you have something/someone on your heart who needs prayer.

### **St Vincent de Paul**

This week we helped **72 people** in our community. Our pantry is in need of: **pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup, rice, teabags, instant coffee, sweet treat biscuits and cakes of soap.** *Thank you for your kind donations - please note non-perishable food only as we are unable to store perishable or frozen food.* Who are we?... what do we do? How do we help those in need? Please visit our website: <https://www.svdpcch.co.nz/>

### **A Day with Mary**

Carmelite Monastery, 52 Halswell Road, Hillmorton, Saturday 8 May beginning with Mass of Our Lady at 8.30am and concluding with Benediction at 2.45pm. Please bring food for a shared lunch. For further information contact Ron on 0220970627.

### **Catholic Cathedral College**

**Open Evening - Tuesday 18 May from 6.30pm – 8.00pm at 62 Ferry Road, Christchurch. Everyone is most welcome.**