

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

29th April 2018

"GO MAKE DISCIPLES"



MASS TIMES

Weekends		Weekdays	
Saturday	6.00 pm	Monday	6.00 pm
		Tuesday	9.30 am
Sunday	9.00 am 10.30 am	Thursday	7.00 pm
		Friday	9.30 am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday 9.30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30 am
(or any time by appointment)

PARISH MEETING NIGHT

Our Parish groups meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.15 pm in the Church for prayer, prior to meeting.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Prior enrolment and preparation is required.

MARRIAGE

Preparation program for couples is required.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome. Please collect your information package from the Welcome Desk or Parish Office.

PARISH FINANCE

The parish is financially dependent on our Stewardship envelopes. Call the parish office for details or pick up a pledge card from the Welcome Desk.


BULLETIN

A Bulletin is published weekly and on the last weekend of the month, a Big Bulletin is produced. Parishioners are encouraged to write articles for the Big Bulletin, particularly if personal testimony is included. When submitting an article, please make sure you mark it "Weekly" or "Big Bulletin" in the subject heading and send to bulletin.kingspark@cam.org.au

PARISH LIBRARY

The Library is open during office hours

FACEBOOK ENQUIRIES

Questions and suggestions for our Facebook Page should be directed to resparish.ict@gmail.com. Alternatively, you can send a message directly to our Facebook page by clicking the  Message button. Either way, the Comms Team will respond.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8.30 am – 12.30 pm
(Closed 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm)

1.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

8.30 am – 12.30 pm

PARISH STAFF

Parish Priest

Fr Gerard Keith
gerard.keith@cam.org.au

Parish Catechist

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pauline.debrincat@cam.org.au

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Finance

Maryann Krsteski - Finance

Child Safety Officer

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Resurrection Primary School

Principal
Mr John Connors
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principal@rskingspark.catholic.edu.au

Stewardship Prayer

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." – 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

QUOTES FROM CHAPTER ONE

POPE FRANCIS

"GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE"



The Letter to the Hebrews presents a number of testimonies that encourage us to “run with perseverance the race that is set before us” (12:1). It speaks of Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Gideon and others (cf. 11:1-12:3). Above all, it invites us to realize that “a great cloud of witnesses” (12:1) impels us to advance constantly towards the goal. These witnesses may include our own mothers, grandmothers or other loved ones (cf. 2 Tim 1:5). Their lives may not always have been perfect, yet even amid their faults and failings they kept moving forward and proved pleasing to the Lord.

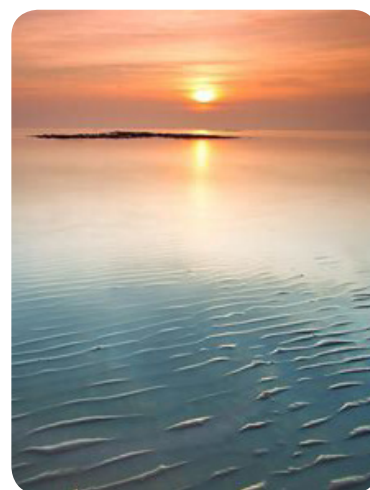
The saints now in God’s presence preserve their bonds of love and communion with us. The Book of Revelation attests to this when it speaks of the intercession of the martyrs: “I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne; they cried out with a loud voice, ‘O sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long will it be before you judge?’” (6:9-10). Each of us can say: “Surrounded, led and guided by the friends of God... I do not have to carry alone what, in truth, I could never carry alone. All the saints of God are there to protect me, to sustain me and to carry me”.[1]

Nor need we think only of those already beatified and canonized. The Holy Spirit bestows holiness in abundance among God’s holy and faithful people, for “it has pleased God to make men and women holy and to save them, not as individuals without any bond between them, but rather as a people who might acknowledge him in truth and serve him in holiness”.[3] In salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in a human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people.



I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God’s people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence. We might call them “the middle class of holiness”

The processes of beatification and canonization recognize the signs of heroic virtue, the sacrifice of one’s life in martyrdom, and certain cases where a life is constantly offered for others, even until death. This shows an exemplary imitation of Christ, one worthy of the admiration of the faithful.[2] We can think, for example, of Blessed Maria Gabriella Sagheddu, who offered her life for the unity of Christians



We pray in thanksgiving for Michael Vella, Louis Stafrace, Hernan Rocal, Pauline Cini and for the lives of all those who have died recently.

We pray for Ivan Milkovic, Carmen Briffa, Francis (Chicka) Cricchiola, Margaret & Louis Gatt, Barbara, Evangelista & Emanuel Mercieca, Lawrence Galea, Ann Marie Medel, Romy Bunag, Charlie Gatt and all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

We pray for Nyalinj Deng, Vicky Medina and all the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more. Help the parents to be good example to the children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant healthy to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy. May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen

CHOIR IS NEEDED

Being part of a choir is pure joy for many people. You might be a couple or a single person or perhaps a family. Resurrection requires a group to sing every second Sunday of the month at 9.00am Mass. If you think you can fulfil this role please contact the parish office.

CHILD SAFETY

We are a Child Safe parish, all children, young persons and vulnerable adults visiting have the right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned for any form of abuse, or a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child Safety Officer, Maryann Krsteski. Children going to the toilet during Mass must be accompanied by a parent.

SPECIAL MINISTER OF COMMUNION

For over fifty years it has been possible for non-ordained persons to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion, often called Eucharistic Ministers. People called to this ministry have the honour along with the priest of offering the Body or Blood of Christ to worshippers.

If you attend the 9.00am Mass and want to be a part of this ministry please contact Melanie or

at the Parish office.

PARISH MEETING NIGHT

Our Parish Meeting Night is on the first Wednesday of each month. It is the night when all parish groups meet. Any parishioner is always welcome.

The format is as follows:

7.15pm - Gather in the Church for prayer

7.30pm - 8.30pm - Individual group meetings (descriptions of each group is in this month's bulletin or visit our web www.resurrectionkignspark.org .

8.30pm - Gather in the Community Centre for supper.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd May. School Council will provide supper.

WORKING BEE

Mark your calendars, our next working bee will be on Saturday 19th May from 8.30am till 12.30pm. Many hands make light work.

HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and care for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Men - What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018?

Date: 21st - 23rd June 2018

Venue Ibis Melbourne

Full Registration Costs: \$199

Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com

Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com

LIVING gospel

Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.



Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

Becoming a Catholic – You are not alone.

Becoming a Catholic is not just about being part of a church; it is about sharing with the faith community. The team are ready to welcome and accompany you on your journey towards Christ as a member of the Catholic Community. It is the Holy Spirit who has led you this far and will invite you to open your heart and your life to God.

We meet on regularly on Monday nights, and discuss a number of topics. Who is Jesus? The Bible, Sacraments, our faith, share our stories. For example the other night we started a session discussing the Sacraments, they all started with Jesus, and we ended up discussing marriage and the new laws that are about to take place.

It's an incredible journey that you will undertake; it's a life-transforming journey, a journey that begins by contacting our Parish Priest Fr Gerard (gerard.keith@cam.org.au) or our RCIA Coordinator Pauline (pauline.debrincat@cam.org.au).

You are always welcome to come and have a chat and see what it is all about, no strings attached.





We thank our almighty God, for blessing us with the great feast of the Divine Mercy. How beautiful it is to be united with true devotion, honouring and glorifying God. The presence of God touched many who were present.

Thank you Fr Gerard for allowing this great celebration to happen in our Parish. Thanks to all the parishioners for their generosity, we collected \$665.65. The money collected is going to the Divine Mercy Publications.

May our divine Jesus continue to bless us and protect us always.



CHILD SAFETY

Protect

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse. No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid.

"See Something, Say Something"

Please report any issues to our
Child Safety Officer - Maryann Krsteski,
Fr Gerard Keith or Victorian Police

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAM

On Tuesday, the 10th April the **After-School Music Program** had hosted their 1st *School Holiday Music Program* for the primary school students of Resurrection School and Parish community.

We were delighted to have 40 students attend for the day! There had been a mixture of activities from singing to guitar and even drums! Students had even participated in several music games as well as a musical movie session to end the big day!

A huge thank you to our team for all their amazing efforts to make this day successful.

We hope to host many more fun musical activities for the students over the remainder of 2018. Always keep an eye out for any further updates from us in the school newsletter or visit our information board located in the Community Centre.

If your child loves music or loves to perform then contact us to enrol for term 2. We have limited places left for singing, drums and guitar lessons. *Be Quick!
(Monday – Tuesday after school in the Community Centre)

CONTACT/MESSAGE TO: PH. 0420 264 410



55 PLUS

Geelong Outing



WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE HAT

As part of our
Mother's Day theme

MAY 8, 2018

Bus will depart from
Resurrection after
9.00am Mass

\$60.00

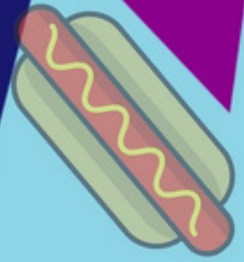
Includes Bus & Lunch

Seats are limited.
Please secure your seat by calling the
Parish Office

Reptiles

Tea & Coffee

Sausage Sizzle

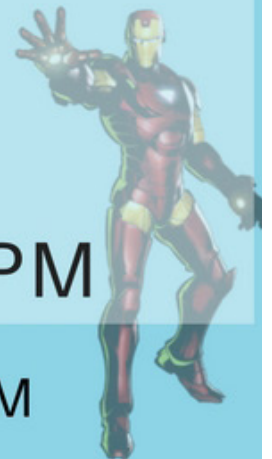


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RESURRECTION SCHOOL



FETE



SEPTEMBER 8 | 10AM - 4PM



Iron Man Dance Special @ 11AM

Amazing Danny Magic Show @ 1PM



Animal Farm



Entertainment

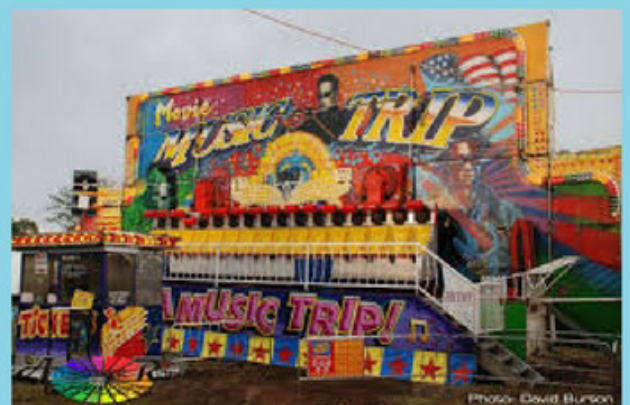
Food Trucks

Market Stalls

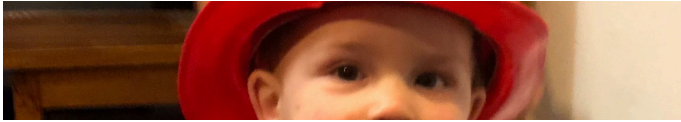
Inflatables

Raffle

Rides



At A Different Stage



I'm so fortunate to be a part of a positive group of mothers who all had babies around the same time. In fact, all our children are only a few weeks apart.

To begin with our babies all tracked at the same developmental pace. But the older the get the more different they are.

Today I caught up with one of my mum friends and her daughter. Her daughter was one of the first of our bubs to get teeth. She has three times the amount of teeth as my son!

She's a gorgeous little girl who is super active and very smiley. She climbs around everywhere and loves to explore.

My son on the other hand tends to stay pretty close to me. He doesn't venture too far before turning around to make sure I'm still in sight.

But he's really getting a good handle on his words. He loves to say the name of animals, or at least the sound they make. He is able to say some of his favourite foods and has his version of the names of seven members of our family. And each day he adds another word to his repertoire. Today was "apple".

So he may still only have a couple of teeth and he's not as adventurous as some, he has strengths in other areas.

It's so hard for us to not compare our children to others the same age. In fact, it's hard for us to not compare ourselves to others, regardless of their age.

But watching my son and his peers has reminded me that God makes us all differently. He gives us our own strengths and allows us to develop in our own way. Comparing ourselves to someone else is such a waste of time and energy. Instead we should be investing in ourselves, and in others, to be all that God has created us to be.

Jesus, You didn't waste time comparing yourself to others on earth. You just stayed focussed on what your Godly mission was. May we pour ourselves into such endeavours as well. Amen.

How can you invest in yourself and others this week?

An Office That Works

My husband recently had to get some things done at Officeworks. Over the course of two days he spent a couple of hours in the store and interacted with numerous staff members. As he finally completed his work he left the store reflecting on his time there. He was so impressed by the staff and their positive attitude, even at times when they were met by cranky customers who were in a hurry. He thought about jumping online to tweet Officeworks head office but worried his message wouldn't get back down to this level. So he turned around and went back into the shop to ask for the store manager. He found a female staff member who he had interacted with numerous times. She had been the friendliest most helpful staff member and had a great sense of humour. He asked her who the manager was and it just so happened to be her. He told her about the hours he had spent in the store and how impressed he was with the staff there. She was so happy to hear this. So often they only get told the negative things so it was lovely to hear the positives too. As my husband told me this encounter of his day it reminded me of two important things:

We can never encourage people enough. If we see or experience something positive we might think it but let's be more proactive about voicing our pleasure rather than just our disappointments

The leader has a big impact on the rest of the team. It didn't surprise me to hear that it was this particularly positive staff member who ended up being the manager. No wonder the rest of her team were positive as well.

Both these reminders show that we do have an impact on other people. We can either chose for that impression to be positive or decide to be indifferent about how we make people feel. People will leave feeling differently after meeting with you. Jesus once said that people will know if you follow Jesus by your love. If you love others then it speaks volumes of who you are committed to. May we live in such a loving positive way that it can never be deniable as to who we worship. Lord, You had an incredible impact on people. After they met you they were never the same again. Help us to be more conscious of how we impact others. May we work towards being a positive impact so that people may know we follow You. Amen. Would people recognise you as a Christian by your actions?

RESURRECTION PARISH GROUPS

18 +

Each month this group of young adults meets for a meal, for friendship, and for faith. There are usually 30-40 who come.

There are three components to the 18+ dinners:

- Conversation over a meal
- A guest speaker
- An open forum

All three are important providing the opportunity for young people get to know one another, to learn, and to engage in discussions about contemporary issues.

If you would like to help plan, prepare, and engage speakers join this group.

55 Plus

What does it mean to be part of "55 plus" (ex seniors) group?

This is a group for young at heart.

The purpose of this group is to organise spiritual and social activities for our 55 plus Resurrection Parishioners. These activities include Anointing Masses, morning Teas, movies, lunches, outings and the major celebration each year; our Christmas Lunch.

All these events take time, effort and commitment for those who sign on to be part of the organising group. A parishioner can participate in the activities without being a member of the organising group.

However if you do sign on it will be your duty to help plan the activities this requires creativity. And then coming early to help set up and staying behind till all the cleaning and tidying up is completed; without being asked.

Please think very carefully before you commit yourself and understand the difference between being part of the organising group and simply coming to the functions.

To be part of all activities you don't need to be part of the organisation group.

Finance

The Parish Finance Group is a friendly team looking for new members. Anyone who is thinking of a way to help out in the Parish and you are money minded, we may be the right group for you!

Do you have an accounting background? Are you a student completing a bookkeeping or finance course? Perhaps you are the person entrusted with the job of managing your household's finances? If you understand financial reports and budgets, feel free to join the Finance group.

This group performs an advisory role, assisting Father Noel in the administration of the parish finances - Examples of what our group discusses monthly- we review the parish Stewardship, monthly financial reports, give financial recommendations, review fundraising proposals, annual budgets of income and expenditure, plan for major capital works as well as advise the Parish Priest on all matters financial. We are a small group and we are keen to find new members.

Gardens/Maintenance

At Resurrection, we take pride in the look of our property. The gardens, church, school and hall - all areas look

loved. This group is responsible for maintaining and enhancing our property. Each member takes responsibility for a specific area - it might be a garden bed, the church, or even the drains. Each member has to take note of what might need to be done by a professional, at a working bee, or by a couple of parishioners during the week. Then, the scope of the work will be discussed and prioritised at the next Parish Meeting Night.

Go Make Disciples

At the very end of Matthew's Gospel Jesus says "Go make disciples". These words are now enshrined as our Parish Vision Statement.

Pope Francis captures the essence of Jesus' injunction when he challenges us to "Leave our comfort zones" and "Go to the peripheries". According to the 2011 census (the 2016 data is not yet available) 42,546 people live within our parish boundaries, of whom 14,746 identified as Catholic.

What can we do to engage with the wider group?

We have 353 families with children enrolled in our school and another 120 families with children enrolled at other schools but are in our Religious Education programme.

What are some creative ways we can meet, share and dialogue with these families?

How can we bring Pope Francis' inspiring words alive within our community?

Are there twelve disciples of the Risen Jesus here in our parish prepared to make a start on addressing some of these issues?

Remember "Go make disciples".

Liturgy

The word 'liturgy' comes from a Greek word meaning 'work'. Good liturgy requires work – it does not just happen. Liturgy at its best assists people to participate, praise, pray, worship and celebrate the Good News that the Risen Lord is indeed present.

You will find it a joy to be a part of this dynamic group. Ritual, proclamation, music, movement, singing, and environment all need to be integrated into the liturgy. While the major feasts (Christmas, Easter) require much forward planning, there are 34 weeks of ordinary time that also need the attention of this group. Special occasions such as baptisms, weddings and funerals are enhanced by the efforts of the Liturgy group, too.

C. S. Lewis once wrote: 'Praise is a mode of love which always has some element of joy in it.' This more than anything else sums up what good liturgy and a good Liturgy group can be.

Outreach

This group's aim is to 'reach out' to families with a member who has special needs, those grieving for the loss of a loved one, people challenged by grave sickness and carers. The Outreach group also welcomes those who are simply feeling lonely and need someone to talk to and mix with. Outreach tries to offer comfort and practical support. This group shows how much Resurrection Parish does care, understands and is willing to reach out.

RCIA Team

Do you have a friendly and welcoming personality? Are you willing to share your faith and life experiences with others? Do you have an ability to listen and respect another's opinion?

If your answer is 'Yes' consider joining the RCIA team. We are a team committed to sharing our faith and knowledge with adults wishing to become Catholics. The RCIA team might be the first encounter with the Catholic Church for our new candidates. RCIA deepens understanding of the Catholic faith, develops a relationship with Jesus, and shares knowledge of the Gospels, prayer and our community. Often, the team become not only mentors to our candidates, but also friends.

Resurrection Comms Team

Do you have an interest in communication, technology or social media? Be a part of something exciting. Join the Resurrection Comms Team. This group is involved in producing and maintaining the Parish's bulletin, website and Facebook page. We are looking for new members who are willing to share and develop their talents in photography, videography, marketing and writing. Our function is to promote the Parish's many events and activities, as well as to support and streamline communications between Resurrection's people, groups and ministries. We aim to inform, involve and inspire the people of Resurrection to share their talents and strengthen their relationships with each other and God. So, what are you waiting for? Unleash your creativity and join now!

School Advisory Council

Working closely with the Principal, the School Advisory Council seeks to develop further the vision of the school and be a representative of parent voice. This group aims to:

- foster close relationships among all members of the school and community
- discuss issues tabled by parents and parent representatives
- generate ideas and opinions with regard to school policy and programming
- offer additional support for those working on behalf of the school and parish.

Social Events Group

We are a fun group that enjoys planning and organising fundraising events for our parish. The Social Group are here to support other groups, parish and school with any social and fundraising events. Our members are determined to build strong relationships between members of the parish community, old and new. We aim to inspire passion, and connect and initiate action through our events. Be a part of our exciting event management group today. If you can't commit to our group now, feel free to cheer us on from the sidelines and come along to our next event. See for yourself how much fun the Social group can be.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Who we are?

- We are volunteer members of a worldwide organization founded in 1833.
- We are people of faith, Christian, Catholic.
- We are committed to 'sharing who we are and what we have' with our neighbors.
- We are local people who meet together on a regular basis to work our best to do this.
- We visit people in their homes.
- We care for people who are disadvantaged, aged, homeless, victims of drug abuse and domestic violence.
- We aim to 'encourage people to take control of their own destinies'.

What do we offer?

- Support, friendship and we are committed to social justice.
- We visit people in their homes,
- We listen to people's needs and refer people to more appropriate services, if required.
- Limited material aid such as food parcels, vouchers, clothing or furniture determined by local member after each visit.

Resurrection Parish Group

Parish Meeting Night

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Mobile: _____

Occupation: _____

<i>Write name next to Group</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>
18+			
55 Plus			
Finance			
Garden / Maintenance			
Go Make Disciples			
Liturgy			
Outreach			
RCIA Team			
Resurrection Comms Team			
School Advisory Council			
Social Events			
St Vincent de Paul Society			
Other:			

Celebrate the Risen Lord Easter 2018





Baptisms

We joyfully welcome into Resurrection community children who were baptised in the waters of Baptism. We pray that they will grow to love the Risen Jesus.

April

Daniel John Moore
Son of Shane & Christine Moore

Miranda Isabella Pascua
Daughter of Jason Pascua & Mai Thi Tuyet Do

Zander Rowe
Son of Cameron Rowe & Bridgette Rowe



Funerals

In baptism they received the light of Christ. Let us pray that God will now scatter the darkness and lead them over the waters of death.

Juan Vicente



Heidi Marie Taranto



Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

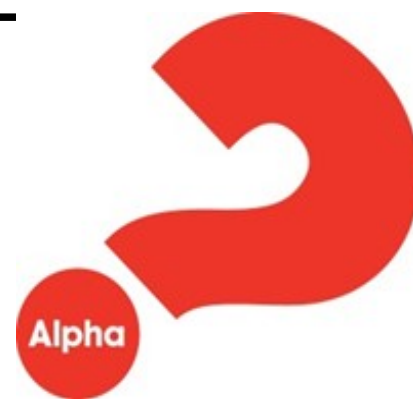
Author Unknown

May they rest in peace.



Alpha

Team Training Workshop



Learn how to Run Alpha in your Parish.

Alpha is an easy-to-use tool for evangelisation which has been used by thousands of Catholic Parishes around the world.

Alpha presents the core of the Christian faith, the Kerygma, in a welcoming and friendly way which appeals to millennials, and seeks to address their questions and concerns.

Alpha Training Workshop

St Mary's Catholic Parish

204 Grimshaw Street,
Greensborough. Vic. 3088

Saturday May 12th,

9am-4pm

This Training Workshop will look at where Alpha fits in the faith formation process in a Parish and how Alpha can become an integral part of a Parish pastoral plan to evangelise and grow missionary disciples.

There will be information on:

- forming a Parish team,
- running an Alpha evening,
- facilitating an Alpha small group,
- the Alpha "Retreat Day Away".
- Prayer ministry on Alpha
- Growing an invitational culture in your Parish

Information and Bookings

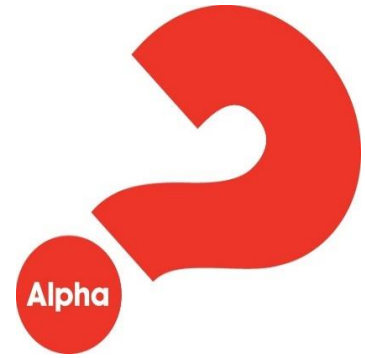
For More Information: Lorraine McCarthy, Alpha in a Catholic Context Co-ordinator
Phone: 0402 217123, email: lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au

Bookings: Book [here](#) or by phone or email to Lorraine

Getting to the Heart of the Gospel is the Key to Parish Evangelisation

In the first days of his pontificate Pope Francis addressed the College of Cardinals asking them to “find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world.”
(March 15, 2013)

We urgently need to find ways to reach people immersed in our modern culture and draw them into faith and Parish life. Alpha has been specifically designed to do this.



Planting seeds in concrete is not recommended

On the day of Pentecost, when the Apostles went out to preach, they didn't start with a systematic treatise from the Catechism. What the Apostles did on that day was to proclaim, in a very basic fashion, what God had done for the world in His Son Jesus. This proclamation was directed to the hearts of those listening to move them to make a decision to repent and to accept the love of God offered in Jesus. We call this first basic proclamation the 'Kerygma'. Only after the Kerygma has been heard and responded to, should the second, and very necessary, step be added: what's known as "didache" or catechesis.

It has been said that trying to catechize someone who has never been evangelized is like planting seeds in concrete; they won't grow. What does this mean? In our Parishes we tend to start faith formation right away with catechesis and have tended to assume people have already heard the Kerygma and responded to it by having made a decision to accept the love of God offered in Jesus. As we have said, this is like planting seeds in concrete.

The Alpha Course

Alpha allows anyone to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. In each session there's food, a short talk and robust discussion in small groups. Participants are lead on a journey that frequently leads to a decision to develop a relationship with Jesus and to significant life change. It enables people to ask their questions, share ideas, build friendships and experience the love of God – all in the midst of a caring Parish setting.

Father Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to the Papal Household, says “In my opinion Alpha accomplishes an incredible task, in making people interested in faith and in making faith relevant”.

The new Alpha Film Series resource has been updated to particularly appeal to millennials and to address their doubts and questions about faith. It is filmed on location across the world. Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Cardinal Schonborn from Austria & Br Luigi from Rome are Catholic voices among the people featured during the series.

Alpha is an ideal tool for Parishes to use to reach people who are disconnected from Parish life or who have never heard about Jesus in our increasingly secularised world. Around the world over 25 million people in 116 languages and 169 countries have tried Alpha.

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Mass for Expectant Mothers & their families

Sunday 27 May 2018
11.00am Mass with Archbishop Hart
St Patrick's Cathedral

To Register:

www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily
or lmf@cam.org.au / 9287 5587

Registrations close: Friday 18 May

Expectant mothers who register will receive
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The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

I am the vine and you are the branches

5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

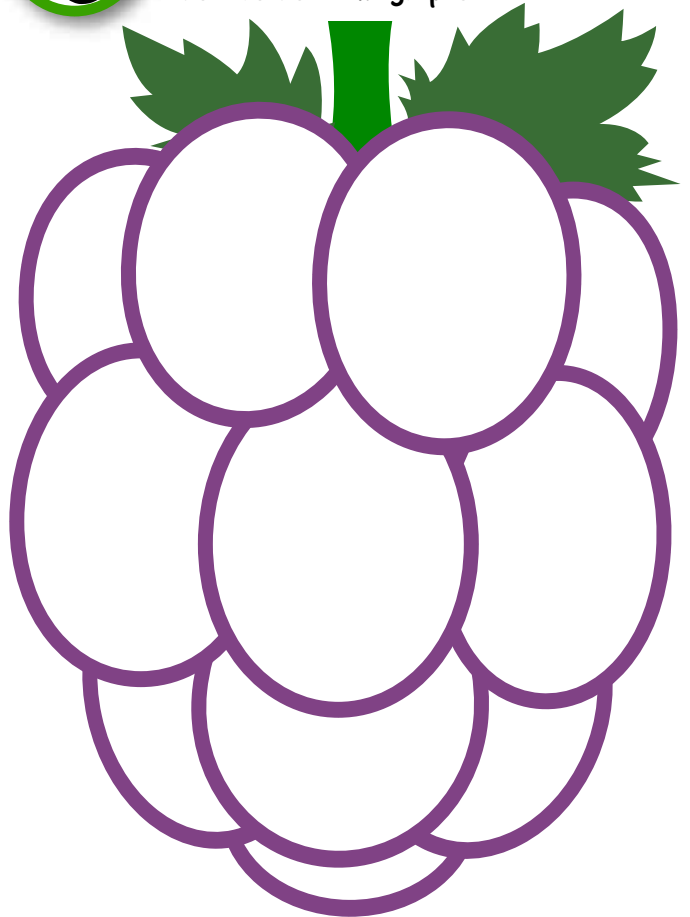
Who are some people in your community who are like branches of the vine? On each branch, write down a name and how they contribute their 'fruit' to the community.



Jesus says that we must be fruitful disciples. What are some of the ways that you can be a disciple to Jesus? Write or draw your answers inside the grapes.

Mrs Smith

takes meals to elderly residents



Can you work out which of these three branches is the one bearing fruit?



5th & 6th May 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Judith Makripoulas	Remy Libang	Aurora Asuncion	
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12th & 13th May 2018

Ascension of the Lord

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	John Borja	Dudi Nicart	Yvonne Utoasega	
HOSPITALITY	Jane Caruana Joe caruana Charlie Grech	Anna Cassar Maryann Psalia Andrew Cassar	Evelina Tumiauga Dolly Zipagan	
DATA PROJECTOR	Jacob Galea	Sebastian Brizuela	Angelita Ramat	
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Emergencies	Geraldine Holt	Rianne Brizuela	Veronica Santiago	
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SACRISTY DUTY	Adelina Borja	Rianne Brizuela	Dolly Zipagan Marta Molina	
COFFEE MAKERS	John Borja Henry Dunn	Margaret Gray Bannerman	Veronica Santiago Leanne Alderson	
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19th & 20th May 2018

Pentecost Sunday

	6 PM	9 AM	10.30 AM	
MASS OVERSEERS	Marlene Axiak	Pauline Debrincat	Marissa Medilo	
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DATA PROJECTOR	Daniella Gozun	Christian Dizon	Jomar Inot	
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Emergencies	Judith Makripoulas	Elizabeth Michelsen	Victoria Abrigo	
COLLECTORS	Ollie Farrugia Charlie Grech Roberto Bracco Rocky Hughes Stephen Thejage Steve Thejage Tyrone Tallent William Hudson Mary Do	Frank Gatt Michael Donnelly Milton Young Raul Dizon Virgilio Romerona Teresita Komarow Tammy Truong	Rebekah Vilardo Alberto Dimo Andrew Morrison Brian Briffa Charlie Grima Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Mario Debono Sacreana Ulugia-Sa’ena	Richard Marshall Royston Du’Pratt Teddy Bernardo Tilo Mataji Tony Tuimauga Josephine Medilo Marta Molina Oliver Zipagan Marlena Ulugia-Sa’ena
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26th & 27th May 2018

Holy Trinity

	6 P M	9 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Michelle Mercieca	Vilinda Rebutillo	Marques Navarro	
HOSPITALITY	Dominic Boland Maryann Krsteski Steve Thejage Stephen Thejage	Rianne Brizuela Rotcer Brizuela Emmanuelle Brizuela Sebastian Brizuela	Daniella Carapellotti Kathy Fatone Mark Gatt Princess Dorbon Delvana Subah	
DATA PROJECTOR	Olivia Apap	Emmanuelle Brizuela	Leanne Alderson	
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Emergencies	Aaron Paul	Minh – Tam Pham	Jane Inot	
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COFFEE MAKERS	Charlie Galea Anna Wright	Margaret Gray Bannerman	Kate Pedralvez Emilia Rivera	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Michelle Polidano Mirjana Dutkowsky	Betty Rowe Grace Mifsud Anne Tanti	Alexander Rayappu	
CHURCH CLEANERS Saturday 26th May Alexander Rayappu Geraldo D'Silva Jol Magot Leslie Lopez San Aye Vincenza Cauchi Danilo Wico Marciano De Jesus	Catherine Muscat Nyanrob Mawn Samantha Rosair		FLOWERS: Judith Makripoulis ALTAR LINEN: Lina Scicluna PARISH OFFICE CLEANING : Grace Eppingstall	

2nd & 3rd June 2018

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

	6 P M	9.00 A M	10.30 A M	
MASS OVERSEERS	Judith Makripoulas	Remy Libang	Aurora Asuncion	
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DATA PROJECTOR	Isabella Portelli	Vincent Dizon	Oliver Zipagan	
CAMERA OPERATOR	N/A	Daniel D'Souza	Leanne Alderson	
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Cathy Downing Geraldine Holt Connie Attard Gillian Rodrigues	Resurrection Student Resurrection Student Resurrection Student Resurrection Student	Resurrection Student Resurrection Student Resurrection Student Resurrection Student	
Emergencies	Karen Colaco	Resurrection Student	Resurrection Student	
COLLECTORS	Charlie Galea Naveen Andrade George Borg Jacob Magtals Jimmy Attard John Vassallo Joseph Caruana Joseph Thompson	Frank Gatt Michael Donnelly Milton Young Raul Dizon Virgilio Romerona Teresita Komarow Tammy Truong	Rebekah Vilardo Alberto Dimo Andrew Morrison Brian Briffa Charlie Grima Isidro Asuncion Jonathan Medilo Mario Debono Sacreana Ulugia-Sa'ena	Richard Marshall Royston Du'Pratt Teddy Bernardo Tilo Mataji Tony Tuimauga Josephine Medilo Marta Molina Oliver Zipagan Marlena Ulugia-Sa'ena
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Emergencies:	Phu Le	Michael Donnelly	Rachita Antony	Akok Kiir
SACRISTY DUTY	Joyce Zahra	Pauline Debrincat	Marques Navarro Cecilia Navarro	
COFFEE MAKERS	John Borja Henry Dunn	Leon D'Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Mary Rulla Katrina Abagatnan	
COFFEE CLEAN-UP	Noelyn Fitzgerald Erato Muscat	Nazzarena Renda Oliver D'Souza Valerie Stockbridge	Zenaida Magtoto Jane Inot	
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May 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1 Mass 9.30am	2 Communion Service 9.30am Parish Meeting 7.15pm	3 Saints Philip and James Playgroup 9am -10.30am RE Level 3 @ 4pm Mass 7.00pm	4 Station of the Cross 9.00am Mass TBC RCIC 4.30pm Mass 7pm followed by Outreach Dinner	5 Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 6.00pm <div>School Eucharist children commitment Masses</div>	6. 6th Sunday of Easter Mass 9.00am & 10.30am Baptism Celebration 12.15pm
7 Mass 6.00pm	8 Mass 9.00am 55 Plus Group Outing	9 Communion Service 9.30am	10 Playgroup 9am -10.30am RE 1 st Reconciliations beginning at 4pm Mass 7.00pm	11 Station of the Cross 9.00am Mass TBC RE 1 st Reconciliations beginning at 4pm	12 Reconciliation 9.30am Baptism Meeting @ 10.30am Mass 6.00pm	13 The Ascension of the Lord Mass 9.00am & 10.30am Mother's Day
14 Saint Matthias Mothers Day School Mass 9.20am Mass 6.00pm Meeting with Fr Gerard ~ RE Level 4 parents 7pm	15 Mass 9.30am Movie ~ Paul, Apostle of Christ 6.00pm for 6.30pm start.	16 Communion Service 9.30am 18+ Dinner & Speaker	17 Playgroup 9am -10.30am Eucharist Parent Meeting 7pm Paul Connell School & RE parents	18 Station of the Cross 9.00am Mass TBC RCIC 4.30pm	19 2 nd Working Bee 8.30am – 12.30pm Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 6.00pm <div>2nd Collection Chaplaincy Sunday</div>	20 Pentecost Sunday Mass 9.00am & 10.30am
21 Mass 6.00pm Meeting with Fr Gerard RE Level 4 parents 7pm	22 Communion Service 9.30am Fr Gerard at Youth Form in Altona	23 Communion Service 9.30am	24 Our Lady, Help of Christians Playgroup 9am -10.30am RE Team Meeting 1.30pm RE Level 4 @ 4pm	25 Station of the Cross 9.00am Communion Service TBC Fr Gerard celebrating Mass CRC St Albans	26 Reconciliation 9.30am Mass 6.00pm	27 The Most Holy Trinity Mass 9.00am & 10.30am Baptism Welcoming Mass
28 Mass 6.00pm Meeting with Fr Gerard RE Level 4 parents 7pm	29 Mass 9.30am	30 Communion Service 9.30am	31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Playgroup 9am -10.30am Mass 7.00pm RE Level 1 @ 4pm			



Reading 1

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

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage.

Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being."

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word.

The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. (cf. 2b) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Reading 2

1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have

Reflection

The Wounded Heart

If only the heart was right we could give so much more. But, alas, the heart is often empty.

It is often cold and unwelcoming.

It is often hard and unyielding.

It is often weighted down with worry.

It is often sad and lonely.

It is often in darkness.

It is often wounded.

And it is sometimes broken.

We have to heal the wounds of the heart in order to be able to love.

Lord, touch our hearts and heal them, so that we may be able to bear the fruits of love.

Amen.

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