



# *St Mark's Parish Newsletter*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B.  
10th May, 2009.**

## The True Vine.

*I am the true vine and my father is the vinedresser. v.1*

*I am the vine , you are the branches. v.5a*

Crucifixion is a human invention.  
Resurrection is God's invention.

Crucifixion is a form of cruel punishment to inflict maximum pain and utmost suffering. Resurrection is a sign of hope and salvation for those who place their faith and trust in Jesus. It is the ultimate victory Jesus gained for us.

Jesus employs the parable of "the true vine" to explain the dual relationship between Jesus and the Father. Through Jesus Christians establish a relationship with God, the Father. This mystical relationship becomes life giving and bears fruit when we, as Christians, remain in Jesus.

Being pruned is a sign of God's love. It is also a sign of union with God. Without this union our salvation is in doubt and life does not bear good fruit.



Both cutting and pruning lead to pain and suffering. However cutting is separation while being pruned is union.

*Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. v.5b.*

Suffering and pain can be essential when we experience them for a good cause.

**Fr Tuong.**



## Happy Mothers Day to all Mums!

Thank you to Elena Franklin who kindly donated the flowers.



## Communion Ministers Meeting:

Please attend either one of  
these sessions at the church:

Wednesday 20th May 7pm

Friday 22nd May 9am

If you would like to become a  
Communion Minister please call  
Kathie at the parish office.

## Youth News.

Next Sunday, the 17th May, will be a **Youth Mass**. The Parish Youth Group will provide all the ministries for the Sunday 9.30 am Mass—they will be the readers, welcomers, Communion Ministers, collectors and the choir.

Last Monday, the 3rd May, 29 of our young people attended a **Retreat Day** at the Presentation Spirituality Centre at Manly. Photos can be viewed on the parish web page:

[www.stmarksinala.net.au](http://www.stmarksinala.net.au)

## Building Families Seminars 2009



The importance of the family is evident in the development of a healthy, balanced person. The experience of family affects people in a most profound way. Guest speakers include Ray Campbell, Tess Rowley, Russell and Gwen Winterscheidt and the Archdiocese Children's Ministry Team.

These days are for everyone from little children to grandparents. Come along to participate, share, learn and celebrate your family and extended family. The Building Families Seminar 2009 is being offered on Saturdays at several locations in the Brisbane Archdiocese:

**The Building Family Seminar for this area is being held on:**

Date: 30 May 2009

Time: 9.30 – 3.30

Venue: Sacred Heart, 19 Cothill Rd, Booval.

PLEASE BYO PICNIC LUNCH

Call Gwen Winterscheidt for more information – 3366 21 88

## Choir Rehearsals:

### Youth Group Choir:

Fri 15/5, 6.30 pm to 7.30pm Church.

### Parish Choir for Cathedral Mass:

Sun 17/5, 10.30 am to 11.30 am Church.

## Clergy Foundation Appeal.

The 10th annual Clergy Foundation Appeal will be held next week end—the 16/17 May. The Foundation cares for all sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese. Please give generously.



*How much time have you spent this week in prayer for others and for the work of the Church?*

***Mother's Day Reflection.***

'On Mother's Day you can succumb to the commercialism that marketing experts would like you to. Or, you can use the day to reflect on your relationship with your mother or your children. In the family, mothers join with fathers to nurture and care for the children entrusted to their care.



Let us remember that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and as Mother of the Church she is our mother too. Pray that as Mary was open to God's work in her life you will share with others the love you have received in your families and in your community.'

*From the Catholic Enquiry Centre*  
<http://www.catholicenquiry.com>

**Brigidine College**

*cnr Ward St & Fairley St  
 Indooroopilly*

is celebrating  
 its 80th Anniversary

on Sunday 24th May during  
 Open Day 10am to 1pm.

Activities:  
 Past Pupils Morning Tea  
 Free Sausage Sizzle  
 Creative Performances  
 20 displays

Go to [www.brigidine.qld.edu.au](http://www.brigidine.qld.edu.au)  
 for an invitation.

***Daily Mass this week:***

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
NO MASS	6 pm Vietnamese	8am English	6 pm Vietnamese	8 am English	No Morning Mass

***Please remember in your prayers—***

***Those who are ill:*** Anne Shinde

***Anniversaries:*** Frank Draycott, Fata Potoae Launiuvao (Big Peter), Teresa Thuy, Tommy Burns, Joseph Hien, Joseph My, Paul Norkunas, Michael Deering.

## Parish Directory.

Parish Priest:

Fr. Vudinh Tuong

Pastoral Coordinator:

Kathie Ober

Youth Group Coordinator

Tam Hoang

### **PHONE NUMBERS**

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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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### **MASS TIMES - Next WEEK END**

*Vigil Mass (Saturday):*

English 6.00 pm

Vietnamese 7.15 pm

*Sunday:*

Vietnamese 7.30 am

English 9.30 am

**Reconciliation (English and Vietnamese) for the coming week:**

*By appointment—20 minutes after the morning weekday Mass or 20 minutes before the evening Mass. Saturdays 5.30 to 5.50 pm.*

**Baptismal Enrolment Session after the 9.30 am Mass Sunday 7th June**

## **Parish Roster for Weekend 16th/17th May**

### **Saturday 6.00 pm—**

Reader: Len Lambourne

Announcer: Dita Gagawanan

Communion Ministers: Susan Mollee

Norah Hall

Youth for Christ Choir.

### **Sunday 9.30 am**

#### **Youth Mass.**

The parish youth group will do all the ministries at this Mass—reading, singing, collecting, welcoming.

#### **Church Cleaning:**

*Week Commencing 11th May:*

Ellen Simpson, Rita Fernandes, Marie Shinde, Marie Robinson & Pam Dwyer.

*Week Commencing 18th May:*

Thi Hong Nguyen, Cuong Tran Nguyen, Dang Thi Hang Nga.

#### **Counting:**

*10th May:*

F & J Kilmister & M Powell.

*18th May:*

Melanie Van Staveren & Delia Niedermayr.

#### **Readings for Next Week's Mass:**

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48.; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Readings & Rosters available from website.

#### **Planned Giving—**

*First Collection* \$ 1488.55

*Second Collection* \$ 3141.65

### **PIETY STALL HOURS**

Sat 6.45 pm to 7.15 pm

Sun 8.45 am to 9.30 am

