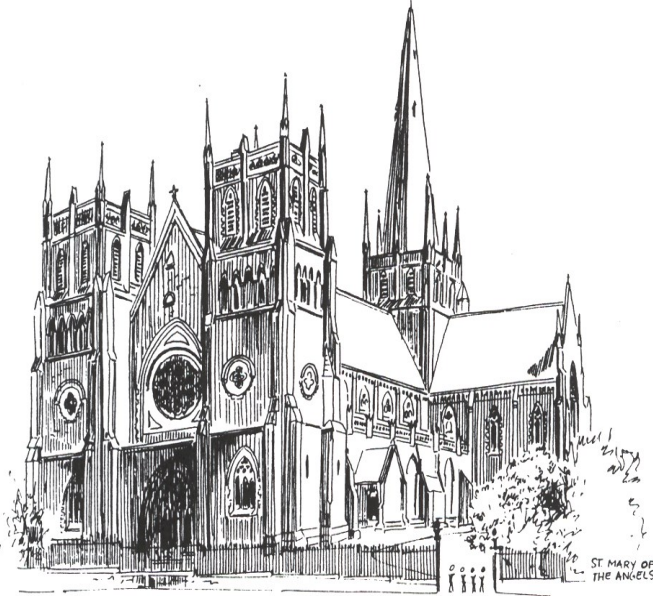


# St. Mary of the Angels, Geelong

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024



## Daily Reflections

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**MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*St Catherine of Sienna*

*Acts 14:5-18, Psalm 113B: 1-4, 15-16, R v 1: John 14: 21-26*

*Reflections: ...but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'*

In Jesus, God reveals himself to all believers. Without excluding the glorious experience at the end of time (the Parousia) the Christian experience takes place within the depths of the person, in an intimate, spiritual way. The Lord comes as a gentle breeze, as Elijah experienced in front of the cave on Mount Horeb. This intimate and personal manifestation happens through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit as advocate of helper deepens our understanding of faith in Jesus and strengthens our response to him. Just as remembering a friend gives meaning to our present, so the Holy Spirit makes present for us the words and actions of Jesus as light to our concrete realities and experiences.



**TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

*5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter*

*Acts 14: 19-28, Psalm 144: 10-13, 21. R. cf v.12-7, R. John 14: 27-31.*

***Reflection. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.***

Peace is usually understood as freedom from war or public disturbance. For individuals it can mean the absence of mental conflict. But the Hebrew shalom (peace) is more encompassing. Its fundamental idea is well-being in its totality. Shalom is also related to the Hebrew understanding of salvation which is God's gift and action on behalf of the people of Israel. The covenant between the Lord and the people provides the gift of shalom which includes liberation from evil individuals and groups and the acquisition of well-being and happiness. In the New Testament, the Greek eirene (peace) is much the same as the Hebrew shalom. It basically means well-being and salvation. Peace is the gift of God in the person of Jesus Christ. It is the fruit of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. That peace is the fruit of Jesus' paschal mystery is made clear in his proclamation to the disciples: 'Peace be with you.

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your  
hearts, since as members of one  
body you were called to peace.  
And be thankful.*

*Colossians 3:15*



**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024**

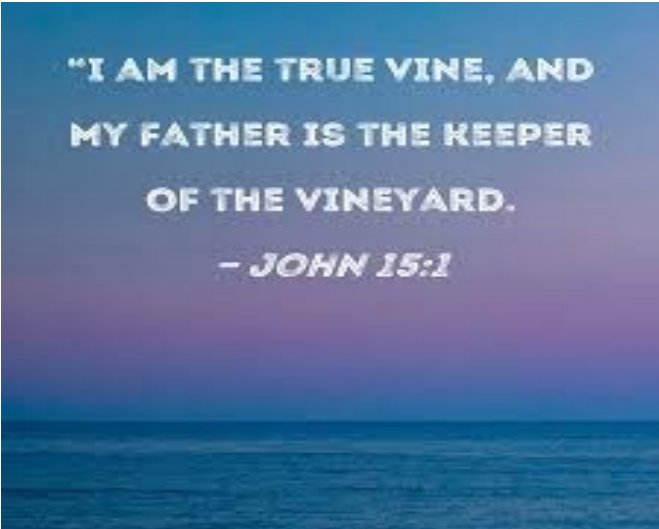
***St Joseph the Worker***

***5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter***

***Acts 15: 1-6, Psalm 121: 1-5 R. v. 1, John 15 : 1-8***

**Reflection** *May I know you more clearly, Love you more dearly,  
Follow you more nearly, Day by day*

Some years ago, I spent many summers on a retreat team situated among vines and a working vineyard. The process of planting, feeding, protecting, pruning, flowering, harvesting and pressing was always before me. This reminds me that our relationship with Jesus is a life-long process with its own particular rhythms of growth, loss, hopes, anxieties and joys. The familiar image of vines is Jesus' way of sharing his constant desire: to be one with us in our everyday lives. Pray today, for the grace to know Jesus more intimately, love him more deeply and follow him more closely.



**"I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND  
MY FATHER IS THE KEEPER  
OF THE VINEYARD.**

***- JOHN 15:1***

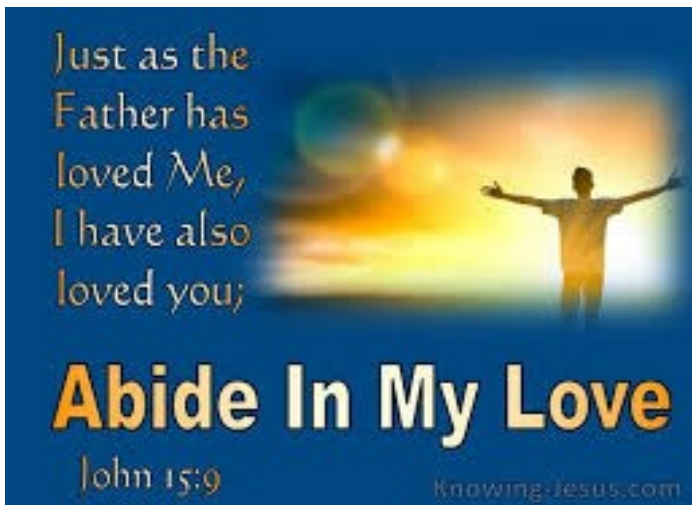
**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2024**

*5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter*

*Acts 15; 7-21, Psalm 95: 1-3, 10. R. cf. v.3, John 15: 9-11.*

***Reflection Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.***

Love is one of the all-embracing themes of John's Gospel. The fruit of a growing love relationship with Jesus is the desire and capacity to remain with him. Love also enables us to remain with those who are suffering, to remain active in our care for the earth, to remain courageously with the questions which might not yet have answers. Pedro Arrupe, SJ wrote: "Fall in love, stay in love and it will decide everything. What you are in love with.... Will affect everything. 'Imagine yourself sitting with Jesus in a vineyard. Become aware of what is happening in your life and in the world. Notice what concerns you. Let Jesus look at you with love. Saviour this love. Ask Jesus for the grace of a growing relationship with him which will bear fruit in love and joy.



**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2024**

**5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter**

***Sts Phillip and James***

***1 Corinthians 15: 1-8, Psalm 18: 2-5, R..v. 5, John 14: 6-14***

***Reflection..***

The Book of Acts tells us that Phillip had a gift for networking and drew people to Jesus. Jesus revealed himself to James. Jesus reveals the face of God. As the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote, 'Christ lovely in ten thousand places ... and faces.' Today people are drawn to Jesus by the way we live our lives. When we live our ordinary lives with generosity, hospitality, kindness, gentleness, courage, love and joy, people are attracted to Jesus. Reflect on who reveals the faced of God to you. Ponder where you meet God in your daily life. Notice how you experience Jesus. The Way, today.



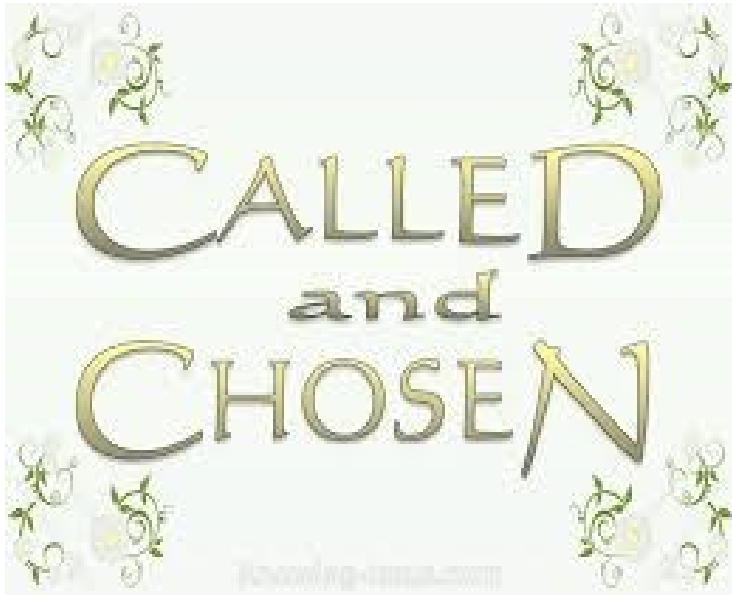
**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

**5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter**

***Acts 16: 1-10, Psalm 99: 1-3, 5, R.v. 1, John 15: 18-21.***

***Reflection***

Every choice has consequences: 'my choice withdrew you from the world', Jesus says in today's Gospel. He reminds us that living the Gospel places us at odds with 'the world' of power, greed and success. Reflect on what it means to be chosen by Jesus. Think over where this choice has led you. Give thanks for the ways being chosen by Jesus has flavoured and transformed your life. Open your hands and pray for a heart that rejoices in being chosen by Jesus. Pray for the gift of a courageous heart, free to live the Gospel in your daily life.



# 6th Sunday of Easter

