In last Sunday's gospel, the evangelist John spoke of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd highlights Jesus' steadfast love and care for us, just as a good shepherd loves and cares for his sheep. Of course, a corollary of the Good Shepherd image is that we are the sheep (and, like sheep, we can be rather uncooperative at times)!

In today's gospel, John writes of Jesus as the true vine from which all of the branches of the vine draw their life and sustenance, and of his Father as the vinedresser who tends the vine and prunes it of withered branches. The core of the message this week is that we are the branches, and that we draw our life and sustenance from our connection to Jesus.

The gospel highlights the beautiful image of mutual abiding – we in Jesus and Jesus in us. It stresses that all who abide in Jesus and draw their sustenance from him will bear much fruit, just as the branches on a good vine do. Whereas last week's image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd focuses attention on Jesus' relationship to us, today's image of Jesus as the true vine focuses our attention more strongly on our relationship to Jesus and our responsibility as his disciples. We are to make our home in him, to stay connected to him, and to be fruitful.

Indeed, the gospel quite forcefully drives home the point of our abiding in him. We are to remain in him not just for the sake of our comfort and enjoyment. The gospel is clear in reminding us that every branch is expected to be fruitful. The second reading today, from the First Letter of John, spells out the fruits that are expected of us: our love for one another is not to be expressed in just words or mere talk, but in truth and action, something real and active.

Those fruits, demonstrated in truth and action, are our witness to Jesus and the good news revealed in his life, death and resurrection. The first reading today points to the great apostle Paul as an exemplar of discipleship, bearing much fruit, and giving Christian witness not merely in words but in truth and action.

Jesus does not mince words in today's gospel. He tells us that every branch of the vine that does not bear fruit will be cut away by the Father who prunes the vine. But he also says that if we remain in him and his words remain in us, he will be with us. The challenge is to enter, with him, into the paschal mystery of death and resurrection and to let God's boundless grace shape our growth in wisdom, grace and love that is real and active.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn)
O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 21)

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

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

Or Alleluia!

LECTOR: My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever. **R.**

LECTOR: All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

LECTOR: And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

TODAY'S READINGS Acts 9: 26-31; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8

NEXT WEEK (6th Sunday of Easter) Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 97; 1 John 4: 7-10-; John 15: 9-17

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This week's Parish Mass Times

Sun April 29:	6.30am, 8.30am
Mon April 30:	6.30am
Tues May 1:	**7pm**
Wed May 2:	6.30am,
Fri May 4:	6.30am
Sat May 5:	8am, **6pm**

Each week at 8.30am Mass in Hall

Reconciliation each Saturday 5.30pm or by personal arrangement

Next 2018 Parish Baptism Talks
Sunday May 6, June 3 at 4pm
in parish hall.

A Mass will be celebrated Sunday next, April 29 at the 8.30am Mass for recently deceased ***Gloria McMahon***. Mass will be followed by Morning tea in the hall. All welcome. Please join family and friends in remembering Gloria.

Over 50's ~ May 2 Bustrip,
Holmwood Produce Lavender, Lunch Q National Hotel, Laidley, Cost $45; depart 8.30am, BYO Morning Tea,
for details contact: **Leila Bourke**
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The Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Study Group
Is starting in parishes near you in the week commencing 28 May 2018.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Run over 8 wks (sessions approx 90mins)
Make sense of the Bible & see how it relates to your everyday life! 2 venues
Wed May 30, 11am Our Lady of Graces
Thurs May 31, 7pm St James Parish
No prior Scripture/Bible Study or training is required, all welcome. Contact Lisa, St Thomas parish secretary: p: 3398 1154 e: stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au or your parish office to register your interest. Check on the Camp Hill Parish website or your parish website for more details
We invite all come along and be a part of for this Deanery initiative.

The Brisbane East Deanery Presents

A Decade of Decades Trivia Night

When: ***Saturday, 12 May 2018***

Where: ***Our Lady of Graces, Dominic Centre***
100 Mayfield Rd, Carina

Time: ***7pm for a 7.15pm Start***

Price: ***$15/person*** *BYO Alcohol & Food,*
Soft drinks and water available for purchase on the night.

Come dressed as your favourite decade

There will be a prize for the best dressed table!

Recently Deceased: **Sarah Ash (Polkinghorne) Margaret Carroll, Terry Effeney, Kev Kearney, Jill McGarvey, Gloria McMahon,** Jean-Noel Okle, **Sr Margaret Scott,**
Anniversaries: **Attilio Calvisi, Cornelia Calvisi, Villelmo Calvisi,** Les Heathwood, Lorna Jones Bruno & Gilda Mattiuzzo, John & Joan Momet, Eric Neilsen, Wynten Neilsen
Special Intentions: Graham Allen, Georgie Anderson, Baby Ella, Leo Barcham, Zoe Barwick, David Brighouse, **Edward (Ted) Butterworth),** May Carroll, Ruben Augusto Cesar, **Joshua Chester,** Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Mark Cummins, Graeme Devine, Susan Donald, Rosa De Francesco, Richard Felsman, Vince Geraghty, Paul Heathwood, Philomena Hegarty, Allaura Hows, J Perini Jarrett, Zach Jones, Ann Kearney, **Rob Kidston,** Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, **Katie Loveday,** Cheryl Loveridge, Betty McKenzie, Peter McLaughlin, Terry McNelly, Mark Mensal, John Morgan, Christopher Mothershaw, Marie-Louise O'Brien, **Pamela O'Reilly**, Peter Reid, John Scott, Wal & Joyce Smith, Mary Twomey, Zelina & family

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all for support within the Parish for our Church Appeal 2108 to raise needed funds for "The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped". We thank and advise Parishioners this year they have raised $2,240.10. Their generosity will enable us to carry on our work within our communities on their behalf. Your parish has been a great supporter of our work for many years and we look forward to your continued support.
"The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped"

All Hallows' School Open Day
Sunday 27 May 2018, 11am – 2pm
The day includes a welcome from Principal, Mrs Catherine O'Kane plus opportunity to view displays, meet our staff, enjoy performances, view academic & co-curricular displays & tour the School. Limited car parking will be available in the School's car park accessed from Dodge Lane, in the surrounding streets & nearby public car parks. To register your attendance & to view the program for Open Day, please visit **www.ahs.qld.edu.au**. We look forward to welcoming you and your family on this day. Thank you for your assistance and support of All Hallows' School.

Regina Caeli date claimers: from April 2018

Mon May 7:	**Public holiday Mass 8am**
Sat/Sun May 12/13	**Sacrament Prep Session 1**
Sat May 12:	**Deanery Trivia Night at OLG**
Sat/Sun May 19/20	**Sacrament Prep Session 2**
Sun May 20:	**Friends of Regina Caeli Meeting**
Sat/Sun May 26/27	**Sacrament Prep Session 3**
Sun May 27:	**'Terrace' Past Mothers Mass**
Sat/Sun June 2/3	**Sacrament Prep Session 4**
Wed June 6:	**State of Origin ~ East's League's**
Sun Jun 10:	**Confirmation & First Eucharist**
Wed June 20	**Over 50's Morning Tea - 9.30am**
Sat Aug 25:	**Parish Trivia night**
Sat/Sun Sept 8/9:	**Annual Catholic Campaign**
Wed Sept 12:	**ACBC Social Justice Statement**
Sat Sept 15:	**Hoe Down**

Brisbane Archdiocese hosts the national

Proclaim Conference: 12-14 July

This focuses on inspiring, equipping & encouraging parishes & Catholic communities engage in Evangelisation & Renewal.
The theme of this year's Conference is… **"Make your home in me." (Jn 15:4)**
More info ~ www.proclaimconference.com.au
Should any parishioner wish to attend some financial sponsorship is available from Brisbane East Deanery.
Limited reservations available!! **See Fr John.**

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