

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Edwardstown Catholic Parish



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28th APRIL 2024

5th Sunday of Easter— Year B/ 2

Parish Priest

Father Phillip Alstin

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesday 8—11.30am
Wednesday 1.30—4.30pm
Thursday 1.30—4.15pm
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Parish Finance Council

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Parish Pastoral Council

TBA

St Anthony's School

Principal: Mr Stuart Baker
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Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30am

Thursday 9.30am

Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after weekend
Holy Mass
After Tuesday 9.30am Mass

Adoration

Tuesday 7:00pm—11.00pm
concluding with Angelus.

Wednesday

9:30am Adoration
6:00pm Rosary (Wed)
6:30pm Vespers (Wed)

Contact for Adoration

Danica Rusov 0411 132 223
Geoff Walles 0419 810 590

Rosary Times

Maria Goretti Chapel

Mondays 5.30pm

Tuesdays 8.50am

Wednesdays 6.00pm

Fridays 8pm - Via Telephone

Messenger App (Contact Grace
Via the parish office number)

Today's readings take us into the heart of the divine union between Jesus and the Father, and between Jesus and those who choose to follow him. Jesus' powerful words about the vine and branches provide us with an image we can all understand. A branch cut off from its vine dies. It cannot live on its own; much less can it produce fruit on its own. But if it remains connected, it receives the life energy of the vine, and it lives and grows and bears fruit. This simple image reveals something of the mystery of our relationship with Jesus and with the Father.

The life and love shared by the Father and the Son is not exclusive but is available to us all, for Jesus has declared that he is the vine and we are his branches. What a joyous connection! When we are connected to the vine – to Jesus – we are also connected to the Father, and to each other as the Body of Christ. The same life and grace flow through us as through Jesus himself, providing us with everything we need to flourish and bear the fruit God created us to bear. But if we allow our connection to him to be broken, we are on our own, and our future is as futile and bleak as that of a branch broken off from the thriving plant that produced it. Jesus makes the contrast between being connected to him and not being connected very clear: if we remain in him, we "will bear much fruit"; if not, we bear no fruit. Much fruit or no fruit. Bearing a little fruit on our own is not an option. He says bluntly: "without me you can do nothing." Jesus is our indispensable Source of life, the One upon whom we must depend totally.

Based on this vital communion between Jesus and us, and between Jesus and the Father, we can have great confidence in the power of prayer. "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you." The expression, "whatever you want" does not mean "whatever vain desire pops into your head." What we want is fullness of life, and this is what the Father wants for us. Our connection with Jesus the vine implies that our deepest desire corresponds with his. Our prayer is that the Father's will be done, and that is also Jesus' prayer – so we can be sure that it will be done! But for our prayer to be fruitful, we must remain grafted on, connected to the vine. Whatever part of our life that blocks the flow of the vine's life must be cut off. This "pruning" process can strike us as painful and contradictory; we feel as if life is being taken away from us rather than given. But the Father, the divine vine grower, knows how to make us fruitful. "He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

We live in an age of unprecedented "connectedness." The technological advances in the media of communication have made possible instant connectedness and access to everyone and everything we desire. But ironically, we are also more disconnected from one another than at any other time in history. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, the Internet, iPhone, iPad, i-everything – which all make communication possible – also make it more difficult, because we are more tempted to focus on the "I" than the "we." Social communications often give only the illusion of true personal connection. Even worse, they can distract us from the one primary and vital connection, our life in Jesus Christ, the true Vine. If we are online with thousands of social contacts, but offline with the Lord, we cannot bear fruit. We foster a chaotic world, filled with people disconnected from each other and even from themselves, and most tragically, disconnected from Jesus, the Source of all life and goodness. We must work together, nourished by the vine and supported by each other, in order to bear abundant fruit. As the psalmist says, "I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people."



Why is it important for me to strengthen my connection to the Vine? Why is it necessary for the Lord to prune and cut off all that does not bear fruit in me? How does my working together with others bear much fruit for the Church?

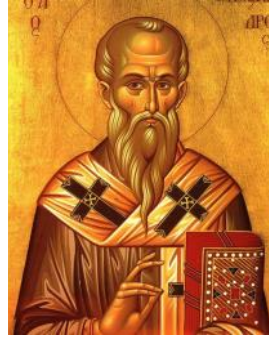
Excerpt from Community, Anawim. Pondering the Word - The Anawim Way - Vol 20 Num 4: Holy Thursday to Pentecost (pp. 155—161).

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2074 Jesus says: "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." The fruit referred to in this saying is the holiness of a life made fruitful by union with Christ. When we believe in Jesus Christ, partake of his mysteries, and keep his commandments, the Savior himself comes to love, in us, his Father and his brethren, our Father and our brethren. His person becomes, through the Spirit, the living and interior rule of our activity. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - John 15:2

MAY 1—ST ATHANASIUS was born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, around 297. Little is known of his early years before his ordination to the priesthood except that he had a very good education. Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church and was the greatest champion of the Catholic faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism. This heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ, was backed by many powerful persons in the empire and in the Church. As Bishop of Alexandria, Athanasius defended the truth of the Incarnation – for which he was exiled from his diocese five times. Returning from exile for the fifth time in 366, he dedicated himself to his work as a bishop: refuting heretics, building churches, rebuking greedy governors, comforting faithful bishops, and strengthening the faithful everywhere. Among his writings, the biography *Life of St. Anthony* achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life. Athanasius, one of the earliest and greatest Doctors of the Church, died in Alexandria on May 2, 373.



FORMED.ORG— Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/st-athanasius>

MAY 3—ST Philip was one of the first Apostles to come to faith directly through Christ with no intermediary. Previously a follower of John the Baptist, he seems to have been an enthusiastic person. He is the one who brought his friend Nathanael to Jesus, insisting to him that he had found the person about whom Moses had written. Philip preached in Greece, Syria, and Phrygia. According to tradition, he was crucified upside down at Hierapolis under Emperor Domitian.



FORMED.ORG Dr. James Prothro and Taylor Kemp reflect upon St. Philip the Apostle. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/st-philip-the-apostle-catholic-saints>

James, the son of Alphaeus, was from Caesarea. He is called James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with the son of Zebedee, also an Apostle, known as James the Greater. James the Lesser became the first bishop of Jerusalem and played a central role in the first Church council (cf. Acts 15). He confirmed the decision that the Gentiles need not undergo circumcision to follow Christ. Tradition also identifies James as the author of the epistle associated with his name. According to some traditions, James was pushed off the Temple in Jerusalem and then stoned to death by resentful Jews.

FORMED.ORG -On this episode of Catholic Saints, join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life of one of Jesus' inner circle disciples, St. James the Greater. <https://watch.formed.org/videos/st-james-the-greater-catholic-saints>

Sts. Philip and James share the same feast day because their relics were brought to Rome from the East together and buried together in the church of the Twelve Apostles in the sixth century.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

SUMMARY

Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this— Love your neighbour as yourself."
Mark 12:29-31

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.



May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



READERS OF THE WORD FOR MAY

Saturday—Jackie Harris
Sunday - Anna Pivato

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

SICK: Imelda Kempson, Peter Freeborn, Perry Burns, Marie Oates, Romola Blowes, Amy Lopez, Amanda Razon, Douglas Robertson, Isaiah Noack, Alby Foster, EJ Orbase, Marie Emery, Michael, Apolo Gomez, Lorraine Boys, Phil Bawden, Patricia Kehoe, Chris Harwood, Rosemary Young

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Catherine Clark, James O'Brien,

ANNIVERSARIES: Michele Colagrossi, Dean Castle, Guiseppe Spano, Frank Stephens, Angelo Composto, Catherine Stewart, Maria Visentin, Glenn Freeborn, Lucy Rodriques, Darryl Ryan, Rosemary Keain, Pat McClure, Giuseppe Marchesan, Ronda White, Maurice Spiers, Maroun Khabbaz, Stan Puczkowski, Barbara Bartoszek, Rosemary Prosdocimo, Relatives and friends of the Burns and Hill families.

PRAYER REQUESTS: *If you wish the names of your loved ones to be included in the Prayers for the Sick, Recently Deceased or Anniversaries, please contact the Parish Office. These will be listed for 4 consecutive Sundays in the Parish Newsletter. Names can be re-listed on request from the family to the Parish. Office. Names are also placed on the Altar for Mass intentions.*

Marian Procession

The 75th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 19 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. Please let the Parish Office know if you are attending by 10th May.

****The change of location this year is due to road closures on King William St for a Port Adelaide football club home game.**

The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or

events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Marian Procession Volunteering

The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. If you are available and willing to help, please contact events@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8220. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday May 18 and Sunday May 19 (which is the date of the event and begins at 2pm).

SAVE THE DATE – 2024 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly

June 14 and 15 Parishes, schools and communities are asked to mark their calendars for the 2024 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly which will take place on the evening of Friday June 14 and Saturday June 15. Further information and invitations will be sent out soon. Any questions, please contact Sarah Moffatt smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au



People First Community Lottery tickets go on sale from 18th April until 25th July 2024. 100% of every \$2 ticket sold goes directly back to our Vinnies group in this parish. Tickets are on sale online only at communitylottery.com.au.

It is important when buying tickets to choose our St Vincent de Paul – Edwardstown/Plympton group, either by typing in the search area or choosing 'Church' and clicking on our group. There is an early bird prize of a Toyota Corolla Hybrid Ascent Sport if bought before 16th May.

Thank you for your recent and ongoing support of our request for food and toiletry donations. With the cold weather setting in, we are also adding cans of soup to the list. There are baskets inside the church to leave these donations in. They are collected weekly and used to make hampers to distribute on our visits each week.

CHANGE TO WEEK DAY MASSES

From Tuesday 30th April 2024 mass will be offered
9.30am Tuesday & Thursday only

All Sunday Mass times remain the same

Saturday 6.00pm & Sunday 9.30am

Wednesdays—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues concluding with Rosary & Vespers as usual.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation & Benediction will not be offered.

Other Times - Reconciliation may be offered after Mass.

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Parish, here's how:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish/Organisation"
4. Find St Anthony's Parish -Type "Edwardstown" or Postcode "5039"
5. Enter your email, you're in!



Adoration at St Anthony's

TUESDAY NIGHTS

7.00pm - 11pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

WEDNESDAY

9:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10.05am Prayer for Priests

12.00pm Angelus

6.00pm Scriptural Rosary

6.30pm Vespers



"Could you not watch with me one hour?" - Matthew 26:40

Please contact Geoff Walles on 0419 810 590 if you are able to help with the roster or for any queries.

PLEASE SEE FRONT OF THE NEWSLETTER—for additional weekday Mass and the return to normal office hours commencing Tuesday 30th April 2024.

FIRST FRIDAY/SATURDAY REPARATION VIGIL

The Alliance of the Holy Family coordinates every First Friday/Saturday Reparation Vigil at St. Anthony's

Next Vigil - Friday, 3rd May 2024

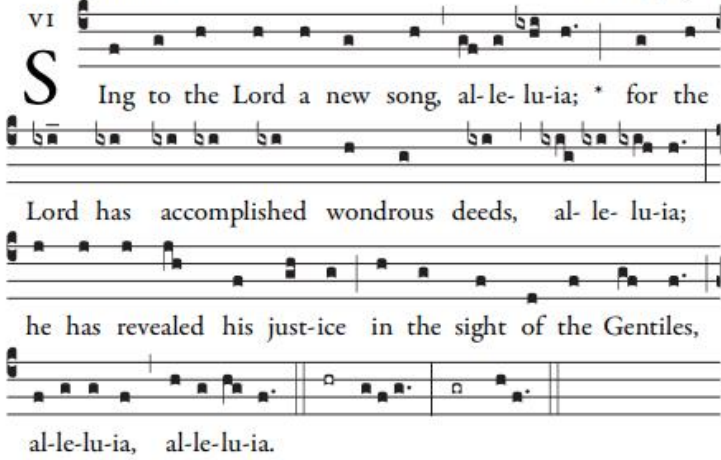
8:00pm Rosary (Sorrowful Mysteries)
8:30pm Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)
9:00pm Mass in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
9:30pm Adoration
11:00pm Office of the Sacred Heart
1:00am Mass in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
1:30am Office of the Immaculate Heart

Adoration, Confession available between the Masses.

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Cantate Domino

Ps 98 (97): 1

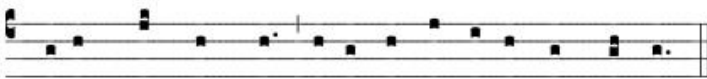
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 Sing to the Lord a new song, al-le-lu-ia; * for the
 Lord has accomplished wondrous deeds, al-le-lu-ia;
 he has revealed his just-ice in the sight of the Gentiles,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Psalm 98 (97)

1. His right hand and his *holy arm* *
have brought *salvation*.
He has remembered his *merciful love* *
and his truth for the house of *Israel*.

Glory Be to the Father...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



I will praise you, Lord, in the as-sembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever! **R.**"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him **R**

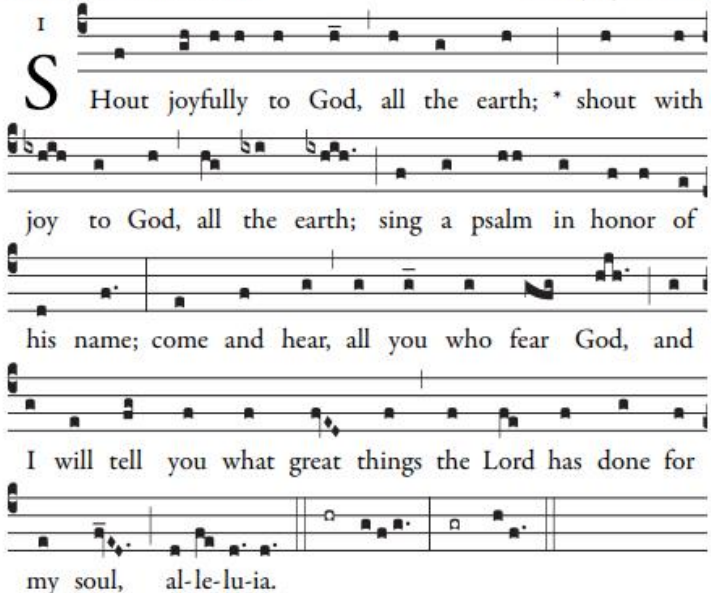
To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust. **R.**

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown. **R.**

OFFERTORY

Iubilare Deo universa terra

Ps 66 (65): 1, 2, 16

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 Hout joyfully to God, all the earth; * shout with
 joy to God, all the earth; sing a psalm in honor of
 his name; come and hear, all you who fear God, and
 I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for
 my soul, al-le-lu-ia.

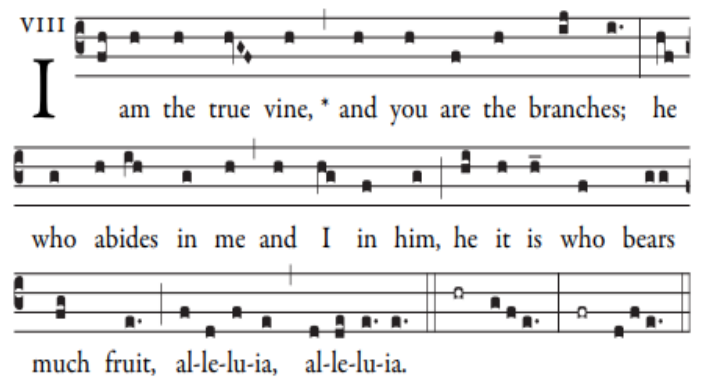
OFFERTORY CONT'D.

1. Burnt offering I bring *to your house*; *
to you I will pay *my vows*,
the vows which my *lips have uttered*, *
which my mouth declared in my *distress*.

COMMUNION

Ego sum vitis vera

Jn 15: 5

VIII

 I
 am the true vine, * and you are the branches; he
 who abides in me and I in him, he it is who bears
 much fruit, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1. O shepherd of *Israel*, hear us, *
you who lead *Joseph like a flock*:
2. You brought a vine *out of Egypt*; *
you drove out the *nations and planted it*.
Before it you *cleared the ground*; *
it took root and *filled the land*.

Glory Be to the Father...

COMMUNION HYMN

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast;
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
blood of my Saviour bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be;
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high,
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion thunder like a mighty flood;
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you ever more"?