

# GROWING TOGETHER

## Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus said to his disciples:

**I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts away every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit. But he trims clean every branch that does produce fruit, so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already clean because of what I have said to you.**

**Stay joined to me, and I will stay joined to you. Just as a branch cannot produce fruit unless it stays joined to the vine, you cannot produce fruit unless you stay joined to me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me. If you don't stay joined to me, you will be thrown away. You will be like dry branches that are gathered up and burned in a fire.**

**Stay joined to me and let my teachings become part of you. Then you can pray for whatever you want, and your prayer will be answered. When you become fruitful disciples of mine, my Father will be honoured.**

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

In this week's scripture passage Jesus is comparing himself to a vine and saying that we are the branches. He wants us to stay joined to him so that we can produce fruit. In other words, if we stay close to Jesus we will do well and achieve great things. He does not want us to separate ourselves from him. What good fruit can our faith in Jesus help us to produce?



## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT...

- This week is a good opportunity to think about the school Mission Statement.
- How do we grow together? Does our Statement fit with this week's reading?
- If you were to have your own form a Mission Statement what would it be?



Lord, you are the **true vine** and we are the **branches**.  
By your Spirit, produce the **fruit** of love, joy, peace, and patience in us for others to taste and **enjoy**. Keep us from hanging on to love for ourselves. Prune all selfishness from us and **fill us** with your **love**.

Have **mercy** on your earth and supply its needs. Where people are hungry, give **food**. Where people are in distress, **comfort** them. Where people are in trouble, bring order and **peace**. And may all stay **connected** to you as the **true vine**.  
Amen.



## SOMETHING TO DO...

Watch the YouTube clip 'The True Vine'

<https://youtu.be/m0yu1qyevwE>

Watch the YouTube clip 'God is the Gardener'

[https://youtu.be/rTyvkPpcv\\_k](https://youtu.be/rTyvkPpcv_k)

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday is the Feast day of St Catherine of Siena so chocolates will be given to all Catherine forms.

Year 8 are presenting 'For one night only' on Wednesday evening in the Arts Theatre. Good luck to all those involved.

Breakfast with God in the Junior Dining Room on Friday before Registration.

