



Diocese of Westminster

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles

Served by the Society of the Divine Vocations - Vocationists

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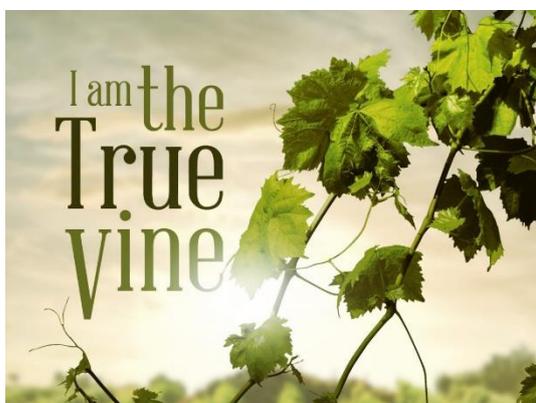
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2nd May 2021 – 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



This Sunday's Gospel has three elements to it which we need to bear in mind: the Father, Jesus and us; the Father is the owner of the vineyard, Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. As Jesus says the Father will cut, prune and tend the vine, those branches which produce no fruit will be cut away.

There is an image which enlightens us, every branch that does not bear fruit the Father cuts it away, those which bear fruit are pruned so that they may bear even more; this is God's strategy, His plan for us all. The gospel of this Sunday is a reminder to us all that unless we live in Christ and are united to Him we are ineffective

and fruitless branches of His vine. The image of the vine is also a reminder, not just of our unity with God but also of our lives. We live a life, at times, where we satisfy ourselves with the bare minimum and at the first hint of a challenge we blame God, when we need to sacrifice we turn to God to raise our complaints and once again blame Him for what is happening rather than take advantage of that moment to express our faith and trust in God. God will always provide for us and what we will receive is exactly what we need and we deserve; the pruning God subjects us to is to make sure we have all we need and the necessary things in our lives, it is a matter of having faith and trust in Him.

As branches of the vine, which are fed from the vine itself, we Christians have a vital link to Christ through the community of the Church. Through our Baptism, we were adopted and became part of this family but we still may find ourselves tangled in superfluous things and therefore, to keep us one with the family, God will prune these so we may be free and be one with Him forever.

Have a blessed Sunday and a good week ahead!

Fr Luigi

***** PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TAKE THE NEWSLETTER WITH YOU*****

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW THE NHS GUIDELINES
IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS.**

WASH YOUR HANDS - COVER YOUR FACE - KEEP THE DISTANCE.

IF YOU SHOW ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CHURCH

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NOTICES

COLLECTION: The Collection for Sunday 25th April was £1,022.50 (Loose Plate £258.00 – Envelopes £764.50). Last week's collection towards the **Priest Training Fund (PTF)** was £321.65. *May God bless you and reward your generosity!*

CHURCH OCCUPANCY: In light of recent numbers of new Coronavirus infection and the rising number within our parishioners of people who have received at least a dose of the vaccine we have decided that from this weekend we would increase the number of people allowed to attend services. The side pews of the Church which at weekend are reserved for families will still be used on weekends only for households with only the pews in the main body of the Church being used during weekdays. With this increase, we will be able to welcome **40 individuals (3 per pew with only 2 in the last pews)** on weekdays while on weekend we will welcome **40 individuals max and 13 households**. We want to invite everyone to always be careful and to always keep in mind not just your safety but everyone else's wellbeing. If you are booked to attend Mass and you or members of your household/bubble shows symptoms, you have been asked to isolate, or you are waiting for Test Results, please **DO NOT COME TO CHURCH**. Also, please bear in mind that the use of face masks in places of worship is now mandatory by law unless you are exempt due to health reasons.

MAY – MONTH OF MARY: Starting from Monday 3 May we will pray the Rosary 20 minutes before our weekday Masses.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Starting from Friday 7 May we will resume our prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the morning Mass. The Chaplet will be prayed after Mass on every first Friday of the month.

STANDING ORDERS: April is the beginning of the new financial year, if you are a gift aider and giving your offertory donation via the weekly envelopes why not consider giving by standing order? If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email.

CAR PARK: Due to antisocial behaviour and littering of our car park at night, after consultation with the Diocese, together with the Finance Committee we decided to install automatic gates in the hope that this would help reduce the disturbances. The gates will be open during the day and close at night time, anyone whose car is still in the car park can still be able to exit by approaching the gate which will open automatically.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15th May 2021 at 3.00 pm. The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy/parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number if no email), and these details will be sent to those organizing this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the Cathedral website before the event – www.westminstercathedral.org.uk.

ALTAR SERVERS: If any of the Altar Servers are willing to serve at the weekend please let Father Ritche know about your availability and which Mass you wish to serve at so we can arrange a rota as until restrictions are in place we will only allow two servers at any one Mass, unless they are from the same household.

MAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY will take place on Sunday 9th May at 3.30pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden. It will include Holy Rosary and Benediction, with music from the Shrine Singers. Due to Covid Restrictions, only a limited number of seats will be available for reservation. The Devotion will be live-streamed. For a link to the live stream and booking of available seats, please visit parish.rcdow.org.uk/Willesden

MARY'S MEALS PRAY IN MAY CAMPAIGN May is traditionally the month of Mary, and Mary's Meals is asking for our prayers this month for all the many children in schools in the developing world that the charity supports through its feeding programme. As the pandemic continues to affect so many, we ask for your prayers for those in the world's poorest communities. For more information please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

THY KINGDOM COME: Once again, alongside other Catholic dioceses, we are pleased to be participating in this timely ecumenical initiative to help us reflect more deeply on our journey with Christ and personal call to discipleship. A variety of rich Catholic resources are available for use in our parish communities, which can enable us to prepare more fully to celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost. In a year that has been beset by many personal challenges and worries, we hope that these resources may provide a useful source of spiritual nourishment and reflection. Please visit - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/>

VACCINE CONFIDENCE WEBINAR: A Covid-19 vaccine confidence webinar has been organized for the of Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, with the cooperation of Hertfordshire County Council and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and other local authorities. It will take place on Saturday 15th May 2021 from 10am to 11.30am and will feature a panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. The panel will share the latest information on COVID-19 vaccination. There will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions anonymously. To join the webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99627319556>
Passcode: 546617

| May 2021 | TIME | MASS INTENTION |
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| Saturday 1st <i>Vigil Mass</i> | 6:30 pm Church Open 7:00 pm Mass* | Olga & Cypriano Mirand RIP |
| Sunday 2nd 5th Sunday of Easter | 8:30 am Church Open 9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Church Open 11:00 am Mass* | Nicole Leah B'day Thanksgiving Joseph Rozario RIP |
| Monday 3rd <i>Ss Philip & James, Apostles</i> | 9:00 am Church Open / Confessions 9:10 am Rosary 9:30 am Mass* | Daniel Tynan RIP |
| Tuesday 4th <i>The English Martyrs</i> | 9:00 am Church Open / Confessions 9:10 am Rosary 9:30 am Mass* | Lalita Naik, RIP Death Anniversary |
| Wednesday 5th | 9:00 am Church Open / Confessions 9:10 am Rosary 9:30 am Mass* | Bridget Martin, RIP 14 th Anniversary |
| Thursday 6th | 9:00 am Church Open / Confessions 9:10 am Rosary 9:30 am Mass* | Leana Araujo, Good Health |
| Friday 7th | 9:00 am Church Open / Confessions 9:10 am Rosary 9:30 am Mass* Divine Mercy Chaplet | Levit Pereira, 1 st month |
| Saturday 8th <i>Vigil Mass</i> | 6:30 pm Church Open 7:00 pm Mass* | Moira Wynne, Rip 6 th Anniversary |
| Sunday 9th 6th Sunday of Easter | 8:30 am Church Open 9:00 am Mass 10:30 am Church Open 11:00 am Mass* | Mateus Gurjao RIP Maizy Fernandes, B'day Thanksgiving |
| *Masses will be live-streamed. Please note that on weekdays we only stream via our Facebook Page. Seats Booking for Masses is valid up to 10 minutes before Mass starts. Make sure you are there on time. | | |

NEWSLETTER

We are aware that, despite the drop in the number of cases, we still have people who are not comfortable with coming to Church and among these, some people have no access to the internet and therefore cannot read our newsletter. If you are aware of parishioners who would like to receive a newsletter through the post, please let our secretary know so we can update our mailing list.

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: Use the application online available through our website. Please give us two-month notice for your preferred date. Celebration of Baptisms will resume after 17 May, if you wish you may still apply for your child's Baptism, the application will be added to a waiting list and once we resume the celebration we will follow the order in which these come in.

CONFIRMATIONS: Confirmations for this year are cancelled, our next course will start in October, more info to come by the end of Summer.

MARRIAGE: If you wish to get married in our Church we need between six and twelve-month notice for the date. If you need to do the paperwork this will be done from six months before the wedding date. If your marriage is taking place abroad please enquire with the priest celebrating the marriage about documents needed and their validity, once we send the forms to the chancery we can no longer query them.

CHURCH DONATIONS AND COLLECTION

During these times, due to the current restrictions we are not able to pass around the Collection Bag around the Church therefore those who wish to give their donation envelopes at weekends you can do so on the way out of the Church. You can also donate online through our Virgin Money Giving Page you can reach it through our website at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/heston/donate/> alternatively you could donate by bank transfer (single donations) or via Standing Order using the following details:

Account Name: WRCDT Heston

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 11094912

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper.

USEFUL PRAYERS

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER OF ST ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant many of the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on them the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to their vocations. Give the church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests and fervent religious. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Justin, all the Angels and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve one another in faith and love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION OF BLESSED JUSTIN RUSSOLILLO

O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and in everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O dearest St Joseph, I consecrate myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After your example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O blessed St Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN FOR PROTECTION

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

PRAYER FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

Hear us, Lord, and send your angel from heaven to visit and protect, to comfort and defend all who live in this house. Amen.

Let us pray for the sick people of our Parish: Paige Byrne, Peter Wade, Ann Duckmanton, Christopher Notter, Grace Gauci, Ashley Bastian, Fr Simon Nguyen **and for all those who are suffering due to the coronavirus, and for all those who are still shielding.**

Let us pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Eamon Coyne, John McDonagh, James Lawless, Euphemia Kirkup Queck and John Rose

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen.