



Sunday 2nd May 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

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THIS WEEK

Sun 2 May 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Mary & Richard Cooksey RIP Clare & Tony Sullivan Ints. Frank O'Neil RIP Richard O'Dwyer RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 3 May 9.30am	Easter feria Colin Brook
Tues 4 May 9.30am	Easter feria Kathleen Anderson RIP
Weds 5 May 9.30am	S. Pancras Fransquina Fernandes RIP
Thurs 6 May 9.30am	THE ASCENSION OF LORD Lena Wayte RIP
Fri 7 May 9.30am	S. MATTHIAS Roger & Adam Ints. 
Sat 8 May 9.30am	Easter feria Michael Hannon RIP
Sun 9 May 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER George Hillier RIP Tom & Emma Fernandes Thanksgiving Dorothy Comarewel Ints. Brylee Vyla Gomes (1st Birthday) THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TODAY'S MASS



Jesus teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
Saint Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8
Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You cannot be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all."

St. Therese of Lisieux

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Theresa Isaccs, Emma Fernandes, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Neil Cummins, Stefka Arabora

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR May

The World of Finance Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

SANCTUARY LAMP

For all receiving First Holy Communion

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

In memory of Lily Crosby RIP

A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

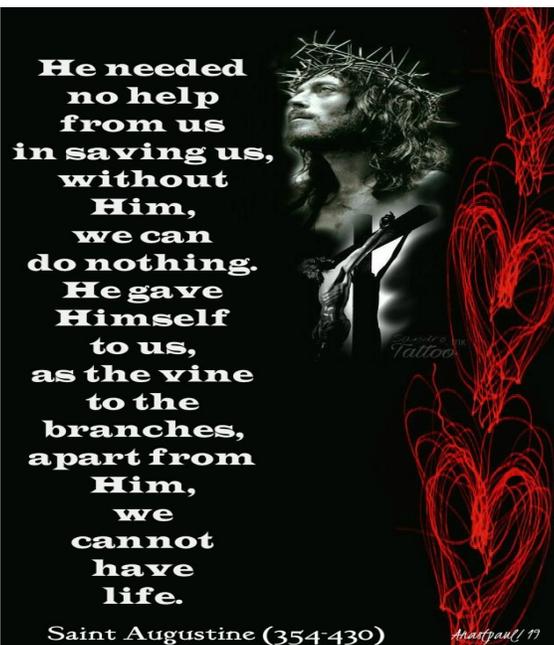
given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



Why does Jesus speak of himself as the true vine? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as “the vineyard of the Lord” and the prophet Jeremiah said that God had planted Israel “as his choice vine”. While the vine became a symbol of Israel as a nation, it also was used in the scriptures as a sign of degeneration. Isaiah’s prophecy spoke of Israel as a vineyard which “yielded wild grapes” whilst Jeremiah said that Israel had become a “degenerate and wild vine”. When Jesus calls himself the true vine he makes clear that no one can claim their spiritual inheritance through association with a particular people or blood-line. Rather, it is only through Jesus Christ that one can become grafted into the true “vineyard of the Lord”.

Jesus offers true life – the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vinedresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches – those which bear fruit and those which don’t. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him – the fruit of “righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17). Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us.

NEWS UPDATE



MASS TIMES: We are now keeping again our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Saturday 6.15pm (Vigil) Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5.30pm

The church will open on:

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) Open 5.45pm close at around 7.00pm

Sunday: Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am

Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am

Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am

Open at 5.30pm close at 6.15pm

Weekdays: Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

CONFESSIONS by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION Fridays 9.00-9.30am

Mass at the usual time of 9.30pm.

FLOWER COLLECTION & PRIEST TRAINING FUND:

thank you to all who gave so generously.

EVENING MASSES on SUNDAY The Sunday evening Mass of 5.30pm have now recommenced. If you wish to come to a mass that isn't crowded on a Sunday, this is the one for you. We thank all those who will do extra stewarding and cleaning to make this happen. **However we do need extra volunteers to make it possible. Could you help? Please let us know.**

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD falls this Thursday. Normally it is (outside Covid) a Holy Day of Obligation but do try to come to Mass if you are able.

FUNERAL MASS OF NEIL CUMMINS on Friday 14th May at 11.00am followed by burial in Hendon Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? Please do fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church. You can return it in the presbytery letter box or by post. This is important for use to know who you are and help you when the occasion arises.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 - Congratulations to those children making their First Holy Communion this weekend. The Parents/Carers of those children making their First Holy Communion next week should have received full details of the rehearsals in an email on Friday. Those attending rehearsals are reminded to please **arrive promptly**, to remember **face coverings** (face coverings for children under 11 years of age are optional) & **your own hand sanitizer** (to clean the children's hands before they go up to practice receiving their First Holy Communion).

CONFIRMATION 2021 - Thank you to Candidates, Parents/Carers, Catechists & Stewards for helping our COVID-secure Confirmation Registration Evening go smoothly. Our COVID-secure **Meet the Team Session** will be taking place in the Parish Centre on **Monday 10th May at 7.30pm**. To keep us as safe as possible, this year's session is for just **one**

Parent/Carer only.

HAVE YOU HAD THE VACCINE OR ARE NOT SURE ABOUT IT? 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 Hammer-smith & 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

The recording of the previous webinar, held prior to Easter, is available to view at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/vaccination-confidence-webinar/>

HOLY BAPTISM: As from 17th May we can recommence celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in Church. We are currently working through the list of families awaiting Holy Baptism for their children. Some now have dates in the diary. If you are still waiting for a date, please contact us. Parents should be trying to attending Mass here, as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament for their children. Fr Julio is co-ordinating all baptism requests so please be in touch with him.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES FOR YOUR OFFERINGS These should have either been delivered or posted to you. If you have not received them please let us know. By the way, we only send them out to those who request them or have received them previously. In order to be part of the envelope giving scheme all you need to do is simply to send us an email making that request.

SVP - Please take their newsletter letting you know of all their activities in the past months.

CHURCH LAMPS: Both the Sanctuary Lamp and the lamp of Our Lady of Walsingham have been sent away for some minor restoration. Whilst the lamps are not in their holders they are burning in the relevant places and for the intentions given. Under the present circumstances there are plenty of spaces during April and beyond.

THE PARISH OFFICE remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

TABLE TOP SALE : Great bargains to be had . From Real Silver Jewellery , to Scones and Preserves . The sale will be held in the car park ,at the Sudbury Neighbourhood Centre, (just behind the Methodist Church at Sudbury Town) on the following Saturdays : 15/5/21 / 12/6/21 Please come along , grab a bargain , whilst supporting a well loved local Charity .

ROOM TO LET 3 minutes from the church. Call 07504 739081

CANISTAN JUSAY, one of our stewards, is looking to rent a two/three bedroomed flat in the area. Canistan's number is: 07404 127098,

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY, via live-stream from Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 15th May at 3.00pm. 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 prior to the event. www.westminstercathedral.org.uk

THY KINGDOM COME 13th - 23rd May Taps into the Pentecost Novena, traditionally prayed by Catholics from Ascension to Pentecost, for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. *Thy Kingdom Come* offers us the opportunity to pray alongside our brothers and sisters from other Christian denominations, for people to come closer to Christ. We can do this using the prayers of our own tradition, by going to Mass, or exploring other Catholic forms of prayer. It is hoped that this will inspire and enable practicing Catholics to pray for evangelisation - specifically praying for five members of their family or friends to come closer to Christ - as they pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' from the Ascension to Pentecost.

Pentecost Novena: A beautiful way to prepare ourselves for the joy of Pentecost, This resource is available as a download, booklet, or podcast: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/pentecost-novena/>

Journey with Mary: This special playlist has been created for us to journey with Mary from the Ascension to Pentecost . What would we say, or share with Mary?

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/thy-kingdom-come/journey-with-mary/>

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES to the Registration of Marriages come into force in May. These changes are the biggest since 1837. From 4th May Marriage Certificates will only be issued by our Local Registration Office and not by the Parish Priest or other authorised persons. We will also be required to return most of our Marriage Registers to the Registration Office. We will no longer issue copies of Marriage Certificates for past marriages here either. This means that the couple will no longer sign the Marriage Register at the time of the wedding, neither will the Priest or the witnesses sign it. Instead, the couple will supply a 'Marriage Schedule', in advance of the wedding. This will be a single form and it is this, which will need to be signed by the couple, the authorised person and the witnesses at the time of the wedding. Once signed, the Priest or other authorised person will return the form to the Registration Office. The Registration Office will then issue the couple with their Marriage Certificate. The marriage ceremony itself does not change and the consent to marriage, made by the couple, does not change either.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 97: 1-2*

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.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal
Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make
new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care,
bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

First reading: *Acts 9:26-31*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 21:26-28,30-32*

R/. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

1. 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. *R/.*

May their hearts live for ever and ever!
2. 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/.*

3. 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/.*

Second reading: *1 John 3:18-24*

My children,
our love is not to be just words
or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise
against us,
because God is greater than our
conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,

and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 15: 4,5*

Allelula, allelula!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Allelula!

Gospel: *John 15:1-8*

Jesus said:
'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me,
as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way
of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: *Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5*

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.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have
imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.