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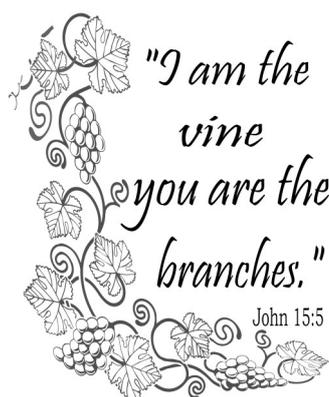
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2021

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser" (Jn 15:1)

As the Easter season progresses our Sunday gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of John, which provides us with rich material for reflection on what Christ has done for us through his death and resurrection. We encounter this Sunday another image which Jesus uses to describe himself and his relationship with his disciples. Jesus is the true vine. If Christians are supposed to be "other Christs", then it goes without saying that they need to be close to Christ. In fact, our own efforts are of limited value unless they spring from a closeness to Christ. It is the grace of the Father working in Jesus that gives worth to our efforts. If we are to follow Jesus, then we must know and love him. However, it is not enough to carry the name of Christian around with us. We have to bear fruit. Our lives must reflect in action the words that we loudly shout in our Creed. For if we claim to be part of the vine of Christ but produce no fruit, then we are merely deadwood. And the deadwood is pruned to see if it will produce; and if it doesn't it is burned. The story of the vine is fundamental to understanding Christianity. It is about an interior, spiritual life of prayer. It is about a sense of belonging as part of the roots and branches of something much larger than ourselves; about being nourished by God through the Church; about bearing fruit; about occasional experiences which prune us and cut us down to size so that we may profit from re-growth. But most of all it is about being part of something that is wholesome, life-giving and productive that is tended by a Father who glories in the vine he so lovingly cares for.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading Acts 9:26-31

A reading the Acts of the Apostles

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.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

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

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.**

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.**

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

A reading from the first letter of St John

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.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-dresser. 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.✠For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and your may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again. .*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

DEVOTIONS TO MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY: May Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary refer to special Marian devotions held in the Catholic Church during the month of May honouring the Virgin Mary.

WAYS TO CELEBRATE DEVOTION TO OUR LADY: **FAMILY DEVOTIONS:** Marian devotions can take place within the family, around a "May Altar" consisting of a table with a Marian picture or a Statue of Our Lady decorated with many flowers and the family would pray together. I encourage you to please say the rosary at home specially this month.

PARISH DEVOTIONS: You are most welcome to join our parish to the following Marian Devotions in the Church in the month of May:

- Rosary on weekdays before morning & evening Masses.
- Nine-Day Novena after Mass from 23rd MAY.
- A Feast Day Mass & Novena in Honour of Our Lady on 31st MAY.

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THOUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** *You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.*

EXTRA CARD TERMINAL: *We have managed to set up one more CARD MACHINE as more and more people are using their card to make the offerings. The third machine has set up near the exit door leading to the garden area. It will also help more people to use this exit to keep safe distancing.*

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGES: We will have a special Mass on Sunday 6th of June 12:00 to celebrate Marriages. During the mass you will have an opportunity to renew your marriage vows. Those who are celebrating their 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th plus Wedding Anniversary, please write your names on the sheet as we will have a special celebration to mark your special anniversary. You are most welcome to invite your family and friends to this unique occasion.



PRAY: We continue to keep in our prayers all those who are affected by Covid-19 especially the people of India. We offer my prayers to our parishioners whose loved ones are back India.

PENTECOST NOVENA: There will be a **Nine-Day Novena (Pentecost Novena) starting from Friday 14th May to Saturday 22nd May** to prepare for the celebrations of Pentecost on Sunday 23rd May.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Next Programme is on **Saturday 1st May at 10.15am** in the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Are on Saturday 10th July at 1pm & 3pm. Catechists will contact the parents to finalise the time of your child's FHC Mass.

CONFIRMATION: The next programme is on **Saturday 1st May at 11.45am.**

CONFIRMATION MASSES: Are on Sunday 11th July at 2pm & 4pm. Catechists will contact the parents to finalise the time of your child's Confirmation Mass.

SENIORS DAY: We value very much the presence and the contributions of Seniors to our Parish Family. To say a thank you to them, we celebrate a Day in honour of them which will be on **Sunday 25th July with a special Mass at 12:00** followed by a dinner & entertainment in the hall.

CORTALIM UNION & ST JOSEPH ASSOCIATION MASSES: We keep in our prayers these groups as we host their annual Mass in our Church this weekend.

There will be a Virtual Southwark Diocesan Life in the Spirit from 4th May. Further details about joining the Life in the Spirit Seminar are available via this link: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/liss>

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. **This Monday is Week1 (Team 1) at 10am.**

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE will be on **Monday 31st May at 7.15pm** in the Parish Hall.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am on Mon– Sat and Sun at 12:00.

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am.

DIED RECENTLY: Christine Fagardo, Kenneth Rohan, Marguerite Migale, Norris James, Camilla Prosper, Desmond Lawrence & Elaine Awad

TO BAPTISE A BABY: Please discuss with a priest during Parish Open House which is every Friday 4pm – 6pm in the Parish Office.



NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House on FRIDAYS. No appointment needed

HOSPITAL VISITS : If you or a family member are admitted to St George’s Hospital and would like to see a priest, please contact Fr March Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Helena O’Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastatsia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin , Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

Anniversaries: Charles Childs, Doreen Pulman, John Bateman, Jacques Mauqice, Hannah Macheta, Ann Moiyun, Michael Mooney, Martine Cayolle, Alistair McCuaig, Cieszawa Clark, Walter Cumbermack, Maria Maharaj, Norman Cox, Patrick Ryder, Charles Atiko. **May they rest in peace – Amen**

	1st & 2nd May	8th & 9th May
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Mitchel Bibat	Ethna Power
09.00	Remo Manoharadas	Jeanet Leyton
10.30	Rebekha Prabakaran	Gary Bennett
12.00	Sharon Wrightman	Ronald Cabrera
13:00	Ian Johnson	Pam Fernandez
18:30	Emie Roberts	Ivon Kandiah
Cleaning Rota:	Wk1: Mon 3rd May @ 10am	Wk2: Mon 10th May @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2004.41)
 Box collection £897.91, Card collection: 759.00 & S/O: 347.50



DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<p><u>Sunday 2nd May</u> FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>09:00 Christiane Ming Tu Yack RIP, 10:30 For Michelle Hoy/ Ellen Bolger, RIP 12:00 Pamela Lally RIP 13:00 Cortalim Union 16:00 St Joseph Association Mass 18:30 Frank Byrne RIP</p>
<p>Monday 3rd May Saints Philip & James</p>	<p>09:30 Paschal Fernandes RIP 18:30 Baby Dara McDonnell RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 4th May The English Martyrs</p>	<p>09:30 Jerome, Christy & Agnes Lobo RIP 18:30 Pauric Maher RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday 5th May Votive St Jospheh</p>	<p>09:30 Nancy Healy RIP 18:30 Mr & Mrs & Uthian Antonipillai & Mr & Mrs Prince</p>
<p>Thursday 6th May Feria</p>	<p>09:30 Brenda McGrath Ints 18:30 Laurence 'Dessie' Hanney RIP</p>
<p>Friday 7th May Feria</p>	<p>09:30 Vinny & Derval McDonnell Ints 18:30 For the Holy Souls in Purgatory</p>
<p>Saturday 8th May Our Lady of Scared Heart</p>	<p>09:30 Pro Populo 15:00 Baptism 18:30 Bridget McDonagh</p>
<p><u>Sunday 9th May</u> SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>09:00 Ouseph Devassykutty & Kochumariyam RIP 10:30 James Brown Ints 12:00 Theodore & Domingue Flys 13:00 Christina Francis 18:30 Baby Aaliyah GOMES, RIP</p>

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.
Tamil Mass: 7.15pm on Thursday 6th May.
Parish Open House: Friday 7th May 4-6pm

<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>
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