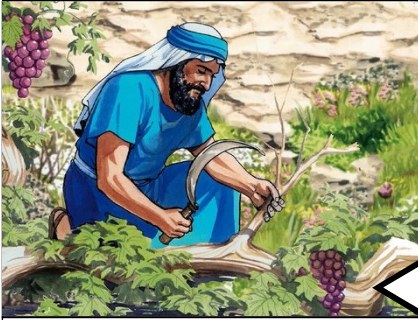


2nd May 2021: Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)



JESUS IS THE TRUE VINE

We are called to share the life of God through grace. It is like the sap in the branches that comes to them from the vine. If we really love God, then we will allow Christ to come into our lives and to remain in us. If we keep the commandment of love, God will live in us, and we will live in God.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 01	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Teresa Dean RIP
Sun 02	✠ Fifth Sunday of Easter
09.30	Julia Hogan RIP
11.00	Leonard Reynolds RIP
Mon 03	<i>Saints † Philip and † James</i>
	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
11.00	Catherine McWalter RIP
Tue 04	<i>The English Martyrs</i>
09.30	Our Lady
Wed 05	
09.30	Carl McGowan RIP
11.30	† Funeral Mass for Dominic Donnelly
Thu 06	
09:30	Oliver Conaty RIP
10.45	† Funeral Mass for Michael Cleary
Fri 07	
09.30	Wellbeing Intention for the Walsh Family
Sat 08	
09.30	People of the Parish
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
	Colin Dunne RIP
Sun 09	✠ Sixth Sunday of Easter
09.30	Mary Rathika Bernard RIP
11.00	John Conefrey RIP

Monday 3 May
Feast of Sts Philip and James, Apostles

As Apostles Philip and James were part of Jesus' inner circle. Philip had invited Nathaniel to "come and see" Jesus. Now Philip asks Jesus to "show us the Father." Jesus answers that to see him is to see the Father. Like Philip, we invite people to see Jesus by the way we live. First Corinthians 15:1-8 notes that Jesus appeared to James after the Resurrection. Philip and James were martyrs. Jesus still appears to others through us. We can stand firm on Philip and James by announcing the Gospel with our lives so that people see Jesus in us.

Tuesday 4 May
Feast of the English Martyrs

On 4 May 1535, at Tyburn in London, there died three Carthusian monks, the first of many martyrs of the English reformation. Of these martyrs, forty-two have been canonized, and a further 242 have been declared Blessed; but the true number of those who died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or were tortured or persecuted for their faith cannot now be reckoned. The persecution lasted a hundred and fifty years and has left a permanent mark on English culture: to this day Catholics continue to suffer certain minor disabilities under English law.

These martyrs came from every walk of life. There were rich and poor; married and single; men and women. They are remembered for the example they gave of constancy in their faith and courage in the face of persecution.

SECOND COLLECTION - This Week: Pew Kneelers

MASS COUNT LAST WEEKEND

Saturday: 18:30 (46) Sunday: 09.30 (103), 11.00 (74)

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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.

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.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 21

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

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.

The word of the Lord.

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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 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.