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SUNDAY 2ND MAY 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

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 (John 15.5)

The words of Christ to His disciples: "I am the True Vine, you are the branches...separated from me, you can do nothing" (John 15:1,5) are reassuring in our world riddled with challenges and difficulties, and suggest that when we remain with, and in Christ, we can surmount the many challenges in our lives. In the Second reading, John gives us the blueprint on how to remain in, and be glued to Christ. This simply involves obeying God's commandment and is summarized in the love of God and neighbours. Jesus equally remarks that every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

Each of us is on our own personal journey of faith and will be pruned in different ways and at different times. Pruning could involve some types of suffering, challenges, carrying our crosses be it physical, mental, or spiritual; however, we must note that each pruning is an opportunity to draw closer to Christ. God always invites us to remain in Him, and we have the free will to accept this invitation or not. Some of us are very independent and do not like being told what to do. But, the consequences of saying "yes" or "no", are so dramatically different. We can remain in Jesus and bear much fruit, or we can become a withered branch that will be burned. Hence, to accept Jesus as the true vine into which our lives are grafted and rooted, is to regard every human ideology or institution which recommends itself to us as an object of primary allegiance as flawed, imperfect or false; for separated from Jesus, we can do nothing.

Confiteor (I Confess)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 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(22): 26-28, 30-32

Response: 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**

Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Second reading: A reading from the First Letter of St. 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!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to 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.*

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 yours 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.

SANCTUS

English

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of 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.

Latin

***Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dóminus Deus Sábaoth***

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.

Hosána in excélsis.

***Benedíctus qui venit in nómine
Dómini.***

Hosána in excélsis.

We shall pray **Preface V of Easter** and say **Eucharistic Prayer III**

The Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

English

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

***O Sacrament most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment thine x 3***

Latin

***Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.***

***Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.***

***Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata
mundi, dona nobis pacem.***

Hail Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Priest: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest: Let us pray:

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings For The Week Ahead:

	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
03/05/21	1 Corinthians 15:1-8	Ps 18(19):2-5	John 14:6-14
04/05/21	Acts 7:55-60	Ps 30(31):3-4,6,8,17,21	Matthew 10:17-20
05/05/21	Acts 15:1-6	Ps 121(122):1-5	John 15:1-8
06/05/21	Acts 15:7-21	Ps 95(96):1-3,10	John 15:9-11
07/05/21	Acts 15:22-31	Ps 56(57):8-12	John 15:12-17
08/05/21	Acts 16:1-10	Ps 99(100):1-3,5	John 15:18-21



PARISH INFORMATION AND FAITH NEWS

Funeral: The funeral service of the late Mario Angeli will take place at 2pm on the 4th of May at Kemnal Park Crematorium. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, attendance is limited to family only. We condole with his family and pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Second Collection: There will be second collection this week in aid of St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, the mother church of the Diocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.

First Aiders: If you hold an up to date First Aid certificate, ideally one that has been renewed in the past year, and would be willing to be included in a list of Parish First Aiders, please let the Parish Office know.

Parish Florist Team: We need volunteers to join the Parish Florist team. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Fr. Cyriacus or Dominica, the Parish Secretary.

First Holy Communion: The next class for the First Holy Communion programme will take place on Saturday 8th May from 11.15am-12.15pm.

Parish Youth Group: As Covid-19 regulations are gradually being relaxed, the Youth Group is now meeting in person again. Initially, this is outdoors and in small groups. The Youth Group is for children and young people from the age of

seven. If you would like to return to/join this group, please contact Lisa (Youth Group Co-ordinator) on 07951 169119 or the Parish Office with your details.

Archdiocese of Southwark - Life in the Spirit Seminars: Tuesday 4th May – 1st June 2021. The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic Team are delighted to offer a wonderful opportunity for personal and diocesan renewal. Through the Life in the Spirit Seminars you will be invited to grow in your love of the Lord, welcome the Spirit into your life afresh and pray for the renewal of our diocese. Each Tuesday evening, the seminars will feature a talk from a gifted speaker and small group sharing. On Saturday 22nd May, in addition to the Tuesday evenings, the series will feature a double-bill of seminars.

You can register for these seminars on the Archdiocese of Southwark website.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Please note that, for the moment, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not be taking place before the Wednesday evening Mass.

Pre-Booking For Weekend Masses: Thank you for continuing to pre-book your places at Mass. Booking is open for regular weekend Masses a week in advance, so please book early using the methods shown below. *If you have booked and are subsequently unable to attend any Mass, remember to cancel your spaces so that they can be released to other parishioners.* You do not need to book for weekday Masses.

If you have access to the internet – search for 'Eventbrite OLOC London' or use the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--london/oloc/> and you will be able to book a place.

If you do NOT have access to the internet – please call the dedicated booking phone line on 07783 648613 and leave your full name, phone number, details of the Mass you wish to attend and the number of places you require.

Parish Safety Measures: Please take time to read

- Please book your place at Mass.
- Do not come to the church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19.
- Temperature checks will be carried out before you enter the church. If you have an elevated temperature, please do not come to the church.
- Proper use of a facial mask/face covering is mandatory in the Church. Please come with your own face covering.
- Sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church.
- Stewards will direct you to receive Communion or a blessing and at the end of Mass. Please remain in your pew at all other times.
- We are obliged to keep doors and windows open during Mass for ventilation, so please wear warm clothing during the colder months.

Financial Support of the Parish: Despite the disruption caused by the current pandemic, the parish still has financial outgoings. If you are able, there are several ways to support our parish financially.

- You can set up a regular standing order, by contacting our Finance Secretary on david.philip@btinternet.com

- You can donate via the Parish Just Giving Page, by using the following link www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Craysparish, using the Donate button on our website or scanning the QR code on this page.
- You can drop your usual offering in an envelope through the door of the Presbytery.



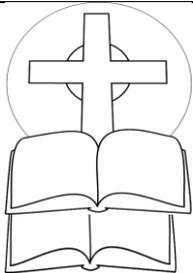
Thank you for your generosity.

Bromley Food Bank: If you would like to contribute to Bromley Borough Foodbank, you can leave bagged donations in the Church foyer. Please see below for current requirements. Do not donate chilled items.

Currently required	
Tinned vegetables (particularly carrots)	Longlife Fruit Juice (Urgent)
UHT Milk (Urgent)	Desserts
Cold Meat (not chilled)	Shaving Gel and Razors
Not currently required	
Pasta and rice	Toilet rolls
Beans	Soup
Cereal	Tea

REQUEST FOR PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Eleanor Smith, Monica Gallagher, P. J. Connor, Mary Stanley, Janet Sinclair, Peggy Colman, Marya Misajat, Sheila Santos, Denis O'Donoghue, Paddy (Patrick) Quinlan, Jeanette Miller-Spice, Jeanne Allen, Ivan Muir-Clark, Mary Hayes and all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR MAY

We remember in our prayers: Margaret Downes, Peter Storer, Mary Ann McNally, Julianna Akogboso, Anthony Reeves, Gerald Coleman, James Bryne, Isobel Kooper, Bill Glancy, M Fitzpatrick, Bridget Kelly, Charles Plowman, Owen Wait, Michael Downes, Margaret Sheridan, Emanuel Camilleri, Anne Rose Dorrard, Francis William Allen, Owen Toland, Sheila James, Charles James, Frank McMahon, Josephine Della, Rose Bateman, John Sheridan, Sheila Conway, Michael Lynch, John Fleming, Joanne Walker, Terence Crowley, Phyllis Eyre, John Twomey, Veronica Esenwah, Patrick O'Shea, Kate Wait, Alexander Kelly, Robert Burchell, Eilish O'Sullivan, Stella Hill, Thomas Murray, Raja Perera, Charlotte Wickenden, Kevin Dwane, Catherin Egbukwu, Barry Clarke, Eustace Rudolph, Sylvia Sobemheim, Dr. Tony Juwah, Danny McNally and Michael Lyons.



We welcome all new parishioners. Please ensure you give your full contact details to any of the stewards before leaving the Church.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<p>Sun: May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter B</p> <p>6.00pm (Sat.Vigil): Rose Barrowclough, RIP</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Rose Barrowclough, RIP</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Nelly Esong, BT</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed & available on YouTube)</i></p>	<p>Sat: May 8: Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)</p> <p>5.15pm – 5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Eva Idunorba, BT</p>
<p>Mon: May 3: Ss. Philip & James, Apostles (Feast)</p> <p>Private Mass: Daniel Ekukole, SR</p> <p>Tues: May 4: The English Martyrs, (Feast)</p> <p>Private Mass: Holy Souls</p> <p>Wed: May 5: Feria</p> <p>7.30pm: Alison Hannah, BT</p> <p>Thu: May 6: Feria</p> <p>Private Mass: Daniel Ekukole, SR</p> <p>Fri: May 7: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the BI Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am: Vincent Rudolph, RIP</p>	<p>Sun: May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter B</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Veronica Boswell & Bobby Esong, BT</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed & available on YouTube)</i></p> <p>Note: SI means Special Intention SR means Speedy Recovery BI means Blessed GB means God's Blessings WB means Well-Being TG means Thanksgiving PI means Private Intentions BT means Birthday Thanksgiving WA means Wedding Anniversary Pro Populo: People of the Parish Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p>
<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Starts at 8.45am on Friday</p>	

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