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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

## COVID-SECURE RESTRICTIONS

- ◆ Please be aware that there is currently **NO** obligation to take part in Mass on Sundays or Holydays.
- ◆ If you are in any of the “vulnerable” groups you are strongly encouraged not to come to Church.
- ◆ Numbers in Church are strictly limited by social distancing measures to **60** persons (or slightly more if in household groups) - and stewards will control seating and movement; once the Church is full no extra persons are allowed inside.
- ◆ Face masks or coverings are to be worn in Church.
- ◆ Anyone showing symptoms must not attend Church.
- ◆ You must still follow all Covid-secure restrictions in Church even after being vaccinated (e.g. wearing face coverings)

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to “belong” to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

This is observed this coming Tuesday 4th May. The Bishops of England and Wales have moved the date of this annual Day of Prayer from Lent to Eastertide, in response to a request from sur-

vivors, to express that this is a day in the season of hope and new life on which to pray for those who have been abused. On Thursday 6th May at Salford Cathedral Bishop John will celebrate Mass for Survivors of Abuse. The Mass will begin at 7.00 p.m. and is open to all. It will also be livestreamed and recorded on [www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral) As well as remembering this intention in your prayers on Tuesday, you may also wish to pray this Litany at this time:

*Response: Stay with us, Lord, on our journey*

*When trust is fragile. R.*

*When voices for unheard. R.*

*When we are unable to pray. R.*

*When suffering is endured. R.*

*When memories are reawakened. R.*

*When we feel betrayed. R.*

*When darkness weighs upon us. R.*

*When we cannot see you. R.*

*When burdens feel too heavy. R.*

*When hope seems faint. R.*

*When we are weak. R.*

*When faith seems difficult. R.*

**STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY!**

# NEWS AND NOTES

## **PRAY THE ROSARY WITH POPE FRANCIS IN MAY**

In response to the Holy Father's heartfelt wish, the month of May will be dedicated to a "marathon" of prayer, to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year now, and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities. Pope Francis wishes to involve all the Marian Shrines around the world in this initiative, so that they may become vehicles of the prayer of the entire Church: our own National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham begins the month. The initiative is being conducted in the light of the biblical expression: "Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God" (Acts 12:5). The list of shrines on their allocated days and with the intention specific for each day is found at <https://tinyurl.com/9yx7c43n>. A liturgical guide is found at <https://tinyurl.com/fftweyy3>

## **THE SAINT JOSEPH PROJECT**

A few positive comments about my idea! To commemorate the "year of pandemic" I am hoping to get a new statue of Saint Joseph for Church, since this is the year of Saint Joseph, and I have often thought of him as the patron of interrupted plans and frustrated designs—something that has marked this last year for all of us. I also like this new statue to be a memorial for all those who have died throughout the time of pandemic (however long it lasts), and who have not been able to celebrate funerals in the manner they would have wanted to. I am still trying to source a suitable statue, but soon I will be opening a fund for donations in memory of those who have died during the pandemic (whether from this parish or elsewhere). Watch this space for more information! Thank you!

## **EMERGING FROM LOCKDOWN**

The Bishops of England and Wales have produced a message from their low Week meeting, about emerging from the pandemic, which you can read at <https://tinyurl.com/sfpdyt8>

One passage that gives food for thought and prayer is the following:

*"What will be the pace of our emerging from this pandemic remains as yet unclear. What is clear is the challenge we face of bringing our communities and the practice of the faith to a still greater expression and strength. As your bishops, we are aware of a threefold pattern to this challenge.*

*a) There are the fearful and weary, anxious about coming into the enclosed spaces of our churches; those who have simply lost the habit of coming to church. Personal contact, clear reassurance, and sensitive invitations will all be needed.*

*b) There are those who will have reassessed their pattern of life and priorities. The practice of faith within the community of the Catholic Church may not be among those priorities. A gap may have opened up, or widened, between the spiritual dimension of their lives and any communal expression of that spiritual quest. They represent a particular focus and concern for our outreach.*

*c) There are those whom we might describe as the 'Covid curious', those who have come into contact with the Catholic Church through our presence on the internet—a contact we may be able to develop through our continuing presence across diverse media platforms.*

*In facing these challenges, we are endowed with veritable treasures which serve to resource and enrich us."*

## **THIS WEEK'S "ECO-THOUGHT"**

Today we have another powerful image from the world of nature; Jesus as the True Vine, with the invitation to remain connected to him in order to bear much fruit. As we reflect on our call to care for the world around us, the world of nature, what in our attitudes needs to be pruned away?

## **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES**

The Collection "Pro Terra Sancta" was born from the desire of the Pope to maintain a strong link between all the faithful and the Holy Places.

Through the funds collected, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land is able to carry out the important mission to which it is called: preserving the Sacred places, the stones of memory, and promoting the Christian presence through many pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social structures. There is a box for donations for the Holy Places, which will remain throughout Eastertide.

## SAINT JOSEPH'S PENNY APPEAL

Caritas wishes to thank all parishes and parishioners who have helped their local schools to raise money and fill the virtual St Joseph's Penny Appeal box during Lent this year. The total raised currently stands at £19,541. Whilst this amount is substantially down on previous years, we are so grateful for every penny that allows us to provide a much-needed immediate response to the urgent practical needs of the individuals and families experiencing poverty, loneliness, homelessness and marginalisation across the diocese, as well as work for the long-term on the 1:1 support that so many need to make transformative change to their circumstances.

## MILES THAT MATTER

Caritas is proud to have supporters, staff and volunteers who are walking in solidarity and in the 'virtual' footsteps of so many people who have fled war and conflict and seek a new life on these shores and in Greater Manchester and Lancashire in particular. "Miles that Matter" is running from 1st May until International Refugee Week in June. If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to participate, please call Rachel Taylor 0161 817 2285 or visit the website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/miles-that-matter/>

## YOUNG ADULTS: AN EVENING WITH AUSTEN IVEREIGH

The Diocese is privileged to invite all young adults (18 – 35 years) to an evening of reflection with Dr Austen Ivereigh on Thursday 13th May (7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.) Austen is the co-author of Pope Francis' latest book: "Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future." Listen to the invitation on <https://tinyurl.com/apr2b5ek> To register

or for more information, please email: [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

## RESUMPTION OF BAPTISMS

If you are thinking of having a child baptised but *have not yet been in touch*, could you please wait until 15th June before contacting Church, by which time we will have had a chance to make arrangements for all those who have been waiting—in some cases for more than a year! Thank you.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

I will be getting in touch with Year 3 and Year 2 families in the next couple of weeks, to outline what we will be doing to catch up with our programmes this year and next. Thank you to all our children (and their families) for their patience! *If you have a baptised child currently in Year 3 but NOT at Saint Vincent's Primary School, please get in touch with Father James after 17th May to register for First Holy Communion later this year.*

## NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

John 15:9-17



Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

# IN OUR PRAYERS ...

## REQUESTS FOR MASSES AND PRAYERS

**Recently Deceased:** Peggy Eycken, Teresa Skryp, Brian Hampshire, Ann Welsh, John Bomford.

**Anniversaries:** John Rogerson, Annie Kelly, Maria Fielding, Rosie Connolly, Audrey Krasowski, Anastasia Tarnowski.

**Other:** John Berry, Glenis Casey & Family.

## NATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

## HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION (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.

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

We pray for the parishioners of the parishes of Saint Mary, Clayton-le-Moors, Our Lady and Saint Hubert with Saint Wulstan, Great Harwood and Saint Charles Borromeo, Rishton, with Father Ian Farrell, their parish priest. Let us pray for their three parish primary schools. That, in this month of May they may follow the example of Our Blessed Lady, First Disciple of her Son.

THIS WEEK	
Fifth Week of Easter	
<b>Monday 3rd May</b> Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles	
<b>Tuesday 4th May</b> The English Martyrs	
<b>10.00 a.m.</b> Church opens at 9.30 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday 5th May</b> Easter Weekday	
<b>10.00 a.m.</b> Church opens at 9.30 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Thursday 6th May</b> Easter Weekday	
<b>10.00 a.m.</b> Church opens at 9.30 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>
<b>12.00 noon</b> <b>Funeral MASS of Peggy Eycken</b> <i>(Family and invited guests only)</i>	
<b>Friday 7th May</b> Easter Weekday	
<b>10.00 a.m.</b> Church opens at 9.30 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Saturday 8th May</b> Easter Weekday	
<b>5.30 p.m.</b> Church opens at 5.00 p.m.	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Sunday 9th May</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)	
<b>9.30 a.m.</b> Church opens at 9.00 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>
<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Church opens at 10.30 a.m.	<b>MASS</b>

# SUNDAY GOSPEL WORDSEARCH

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VINE BRANCH FRUIT PRUNES  
WORD HOME PLENTY THROWN  
FIRE BURNT GLORY DISCIPLES

