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## Fifth Sunday of Easter



**Confessions;**  
**Friday 6PM - 7PM**  
**Saturday after 9:30AM Mass**  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Mon 9AM - 7PM**  
**Friday 6PM - 7PM**

I am the vine, and you are the branches, says Jesus today. We are strongly rooted in his love. Our resurrected Lord provides us with everything we need to draw closer to his Father and others. In the first reading, we learn that shortly after his conversion, St Paul was treated with fear and contempt by those he had been persecuting. Only Barnabas, who recognised his conversion and trusted him, took him to the Apostles. Shortly thereafter, it became clear that St Paul's fervour for the Lord and his Church stemmed from a very intimate encounter with Christ. Knowing that he was entirely loved, despite all he had done before, inspired him to preach the Good News. In today's second reading, St John supports St Paul's great accomplishment by saying: Our love must be more than words or mere talk, but something real and active. And today, we all know how active St Paul was and how great his work is. Today's gospel provides another magnificent vision of a very close contact with Jesus. Jesus is the vine, and we are His branches. Jesus does not say, "You are the branches, and I am the stem." While the branches rely on the stem for support, they are not part of the stem. The entire vine, includes the branches and stem, one organism. This illustrates that we are not just dependent on Jesus, but also parts of him. Through baptism we are put into Christ's Body, not just into an external relationship with him. We are one flesh, one body of Christ. Therefore, our parish is part of Christ's Church, a living organism and not an organization. The problem is that so many believers don't see nor understand this image and its significance. How about you? Can you see yourself as a part of Christ's life? Let us make a conscious effort this week to recognise that we are all branches of the same vine—Jesus—rooted in the love of God. Despite our imperfections and differences, we are eternally loved and accepted by a compassionate, loving, and forgiving God. Let us pray that we will have the grace to share this wonderful Good News, just like St. Paul did.

Sat 27th April 2024	<b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>9.30AM 18.00PM</b>	<b>All Parishioners Fr Brian Cuddihy IC</b>
Sun 28th April 2024	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>10:00AM 18.00PM</b>	<b>Georgina Nourse RIP &amp; Family Johnny Ward</b>
Mon 29th April 2024	<b>Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe</b>	<b>10.00AM 19:00PM</b>	<b>UCM Michael Ward</b>
Tue 30th April 2024	<b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>10.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Kevin Baynes RIP Victims and Survivors of Abuse</b>
Wed 1 May 2024	<b>Easter Feria</b>	<b>10.00AM 11.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Fr Charles Sormany IC Funeral Service of Dennis Deery Holy Souls in Purgatory</b>
Thurs 2nd April 2024	<b>Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</b>	<b>10.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Fr Brian Cuddihy IC Rory Brady (Healing)</b>
Fri 3rd April 2024	<b>Feast of Ss Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b>	<b>10.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Diana Dane RIP Martin Ward</b>
Sat 4th April 2024	<b>Feast of the English Martyrs</b>	<b>09:30AM 18:00PM</b>	<b>All Parishioners Eileen O'Byrne</b>

**This week's Gospel – John 15:1-8  
'I am the vine, you are the branches'**

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.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

**The Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse** is observed on 30 April 2024. It is always marked on the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter in England and Wales. This year's focus is on communities who have been directly affected by allegations or convictions related to abuse – especially, but not exclusively, within the Church. This may be associated with clergy, a teacher in a local school, a leader of a Catholic group or other person or group whose investigation or conviction is likely to affect the wider community. There will be legal and financial implications but, for the community, something that addresses their pastoral and spiritual needs can be very helpful. It can also support those who need to impart very painful information by helping them to draw on spiritual resources beyond themselves. This is not "spiritualising" the situation as if to diminish it; rather, it is to say that, for us, the bar is set higher as we know that all involved are children of God and part of the Body of Christ. What harms one harms all.

**The St. Vincent de Paul and CAFOD Joint Ventures**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from Sunday 7 - Saturday 13 July in London. Candidates must be aged between 20-30 years old and have a passion for social justice. Please see the Poster at the back of Church.

With the general election on the horizon, CAFOD and SVP are joining together to launch A Year of Encounter. This joint initiative invites parishes to reach out to local candidates to find out more about their views on the issues that we, as people of faith, care about such as poverty and injustice. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter), including online sessions details on Saturday 4th May to learn more.

**Midland Catholic History Society – visit to Oulton Abbey,  
Wednesday 22 May 2024**

Oulton Abbey, was the home until recently of a Benedictine community of sisters and 2024 is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their foundation. The former community and school buildings are now the site of a care home, but the chapel and cloister area, the work of E.W. Pugin, are still occasionally available to visit.

**PROGRAMME** - 12.00 Mass in Abbey chapel

1.00 Buffet lunch

2.00 Exhibition illustrating the life and work of the community accompanied by talk from Fr Julian Booth

Non-members are more than welcome to join us on this visit as long as they make contact beforehand by simply emailing so that we can keep track of the numbers likely to attend. Vincent Burke Bookings no later than **13 May 2024**  
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**Easter Duty**

You may be familiar with the term "Easter Duty" and relate it to the obligation to go to confession and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. If you already have a habit of regular confession and Communion, you can fulfill the obligation without much effort. If not, please try to attend confessions either on Friday evening 6-7PM or on Saturday morning after the 9:30AM Mass. We have daily masses in the mornings and evenings along with three Sunday Masses.

**UCM**

The next UCM meeting will be this Monday after 10AM Mass. If anyone is interested in joining the UCM please do join us as you will be most welcomed or speak to one us after the Masses if you cannot attend daytime meetings. For those attending please come with ideas for planning the year ahead. Thank you

**Parish Office Closed this week**

The Parish Office will be closed this week Wed's 1st May to Fri 3rd May and reopen on Weds 8th May 9:30AM-12:30PM

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Dennis Deery

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME**

Edward Lewandowski, Mary Carter, Sean Murray, Zezaf Cefai, Louise Richardson, Kathleen Jones, James Sheridan, Carl Richardson, Kevin Brand, Eileen Reed, Betty Prokipczuk, Teresa Dillon, Michael Taylor, Teresa Parnell

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK**

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Elsie Johnson, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Avito D'Souza, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock, Fr Bellwood IC, Fr Cuddihy IC