



St Teresa's Newsletter

28th April 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

WEEKDAY READINGS EASTER OCTAVE, PSALTER WEEK 1
SUNDAY MASS: 5.30pm(Sat.), 8am, 10.30am, 12.30pm
(Polish)
LIVE-STREAM: See our website or YouTube Channel.
CONFESSIONS: Monday-Saturday after 10am Mass

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday there is a change in symbolism from shepherding to that of the vine. This is an image that derives from the Old Testament where the prophets speak of the chosen people as God's vine that he tends with love in the hope of it producing choice fruit. The evangelist now takes that same idea and revolutionises it by showing us that Jesus is the true vine and the disciples are his branches, in other words they cannot and do not exist apart from him. We are in complete union with him, that is, we remain or abide in him and draw life from him. Since we draw life from him then we will bear fruit and that means that we cannot claim to be his disciples and live only for ourselves. Abiding in Christ involves more than just superficial connection or occasional interaction. It requires

a deep and ongoing relationship characterised by faith, obedience, and love. When we abide in Christ, we open ourselves to his transforming presence in our lives. We allow his words to dwell richly within us, shaping our thoughts, desires, and actions. The result of abiding in Christ is the bearing of fruit. Jesus says, "Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." This fruitfulness is not merely about outward accomplishments or religious activities but about the transformation of our character and the manifestation of Christ's love in our lives. The fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—begins to grow and ripen within us as we abide in Christ. Jesus also warns of the consequences of not abiding in him. He says, "Whoever



does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned." Apart from Christ, we are spiritually barren and lifeless, destined for destruction. But in Christ, we find true life and purpose. Are we abiding in Christ, allowing his life to flow through us and produce fruit? Or are we relying on our own strength and resources, apart from him? Let us recommit ourselves to abide in Christ daily, trusting in his grace and drawing deeply from his life-giving presence.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th April

10.00am *Holy Souls*

5.30pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday 28th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

8.00am *Holy Souls*

9.00am Wye *NO MASS*

10.30am *Holy Souls*

12.30pm **Mass in Polish: Antaek's 18th Birthday and Sebastian's Birthday.**

3.00pm **Mass in Syro-Malankara**

Monday 29th April SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

10.00am *1. Rosa and Peter Barco RIP*

Tuesday 30th April 10.00am *1. Ambrose Jessie Farthing and Family RIP*

Wednesday 1st May SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

10.00am *1. Holy Souls*

Thursday 2nd May SAINT ATHANASIUS

10.00am *1. Holy Souls*

Friday 3rd May SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES

10.00am *Sr. Mary Hearn RIP*

7.30pm *Holy Souls*

Saturday 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

10.00am *Holy Souls*

5.30pm Vigil *Ambrose Jessie Farthing and Family RIP*

Sunday 5th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

8.00am *Holy Souls*

9.15am Wye *Ambrose Jessie Farthing & Family RIP (St Mary's Brook)*

10.30am *Halina Kurek RIP*

12.30pm **Mass in Polish: People of the Parish**

3.00pm **Mass in Syro-Malabar**

5.00pm **New Catholics Mass-Bishop Paul**

28th April-Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21(22); 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; Psalm 97(98); 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17



MONTH OF MARY The month of May is a time when the people of God express with intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. May is dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the mother of God and Mother of the Church. This month of May which the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance. **The Rosary will be said after the 10.00am Mass Monday-Saturday in the month of May.**

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. **There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend.**

CELEBRATING MIGRANTS MONDAY 6TH MAY Anyone who has moved from one country to another, from one part of the country to another, one city to another, one town to another, one street to another is a migrant whether travelled by bus, train, car, taxi, aeroplane, boat, ship or any other means of transport. Bring one another to celebrate the valuable contribution the stranger makes to every structure of society in life across our city and beyond. Principle celebrant Archbishop John Wilson. The Mass will be celebrated on Monday 6 May at 12.30pm at St George's Cathedral, London.

GIFT AID Envelope Boxes if you have not collected your box yet you may get it from the Parish Hall after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday and next Sunday. If you took a standing Order form at the Gift Aid Appeal, can you please return it to the Parish Office. Many Thanks.

FRIDAY EVENING MASSES Please note that these will now be the First Friday of the month and not every Friday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Confirmation Mass with the Auxiliary Bishop for Kent Bishop Paul Hendricks on Sunday 19th May at 3.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES Saturday 25th May at 10.00am and Saturday 1st June at 10.00am. Please keep our young people in your Prayers.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION during May is for the formation of religious and seminarians. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

PLEASE SUPPORT US!

JUST GIVING for our **Roof Fund** is a simple process of donation by bank transfer, Google pay, debit card, or Pay Pal. Gift Aid option is available.

EASY FUNDRAISING is a simple and regular way whenever you buy anything online from your weekly shop to your annual holiday this system raise some funds for the church. This way when you spend money on shopping at eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, M&S, amazon and many more, we get donation with no extra cost for you.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

BOOKING A MASS. Mass Intentions can be celebrated for deceased members of family or friends, thanksgiving, anniversaries, vocations, for the sick and any other particular need. If you would like a Mass said please let the **OFFICE** know. **ONLINE or CONTACTLESS DONATIONS now available.**

Please note that the **contactless machine** in the porch is purely for roof donations **not for Mass bookings.**

COLLECTION FOR THE POOR Please deliver the items when you come to Mass and put in the box provided in the porch. This will be on a regular basis each weekend. Remember, little but often makes the difference. We are collecting certain items please see the list below:

Food: Cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, lentils, beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, only UHT milk, fruit juice/squash. **Non-food items: Household items:** (see list on CARITAS Board in the Porch). **No clothing.**



Next CAFÉ Caritas - Saturday 27th April and 11th May at 10.30am. Please come along for a chat and cuppa and make friends. You are very welcome to invite someone (not required to be a Catholic or of any faith) and share time together.

CARITAS The next Caritas Group meeting on Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm .



PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM a journey filled with spiritual enrichment and community bonding. The trip promises a day of reflection, prayer, and camaraderie as we explore this significant pilgrimage site together. We will be joining the Union Catholic Mothers Mass when we arrive.

Date: 2nd July, Departure: 6:00 am by coach

Return: 8:00 pm, Coach Cost: £35 per person

You will need Badges for the day to enter the shrine they cost £8 this needs to be in by 15th May. The coach money needs to be in by 1st June. Please pay at the Parish Office. We need a minimum of 50 people to make this trip possible, so please consider joining us for this memorable experience. Your participation will not only enrich your spiritual journey but also strengthen the bonds within our community. To secure your spot, kindly sign up using the form available at the back of the church. Your commitment is crucial, so please ensure you've signed up by 12th May. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to Anne Urgohide or contact the Parish Office/Louise.

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.

BAPTISM of Children. Please fill the online Baptismal Application Form (see our website) and we will contact you with the date for the baptismal preparation course (usually first Monday of the month at 7pm).

CHILDRENS LITURGY gathers Primary School age children for a special Liturgy of the Word offered at the 10.30am Mass. You may register your child on the day. The next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday **28th April** and **12th May** PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN ARRIVE ON TIME TO THE SESSION.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023/2024: The next meeting for Parents and Children will be Saturday **4th May** at 11.00am in the Church.

CONFIRMATION 2023/2024: The next meeting for Candidates will be Thursday **9th May at 7.15pm** in the Parish Hall. (Please be prompt as we are going to Mass).

POST CONFIRMATION/YOUTH CARITAS Meeting on Thursday **23rd May** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All young people are invited to come along aged 14 years upwards.

RCIA Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church or wishing to become a Catholic? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a very friendly programme to introduce the Catholic faith to those adults who are seeking to be baptised or Christians who would like to become Catholic. Please contact the Parish Priest for more details.

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Children's corner



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the people who help us grow in your love and please help us to keep growing in goodness. Amen.

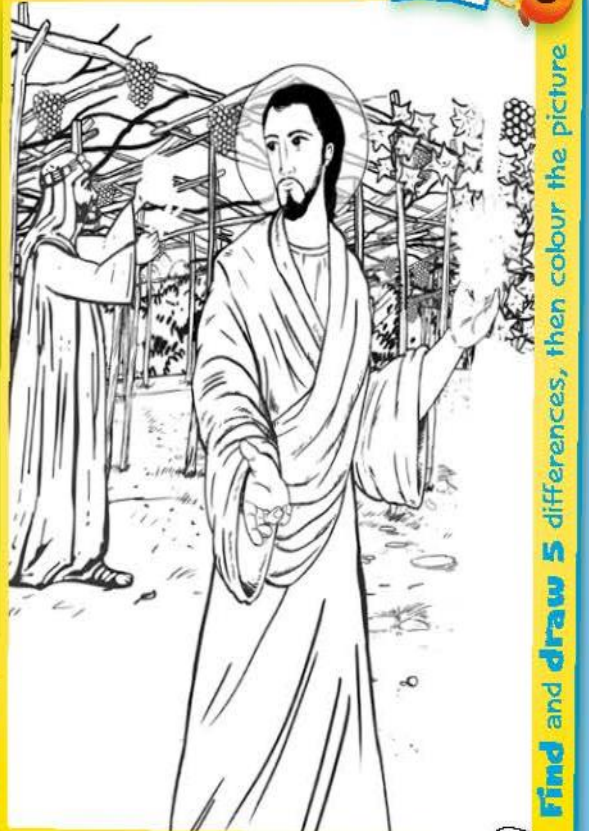


WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- JESUS
- VINE
- PEOPLE BRANCHES
- REMAIN JOINED
- MUCH FRUIT

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY



find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **h b s** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

frubhits srehmabin Gsohbd ghlosrby

Jesus said, "If you _____ in me you will produce much _____ to the _____ of _____."

Growing in goodness helps us to be happy together. We keep growing in goodness when we act upon what we learn about following Jesus. As we grow, we become more like Jesus: patient, loving and full of forgiveness.

This week I will try my best to...

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED

Kathleen Wood, Philip Croft, Rosemary Sloan, William Dias, Thomas Kirby, Marta Thompson, Kathy Collar, Bernard Claw, Ann Carter, Sue Wall, Felicity Gliddon, Liam O'Connor, David Lavelle, Sarah Weston, Mark Haberland, Jane Rutter, David Robbins, Catherine Keane, Fr David Peck, Sharon Mooney, Corrine Clark, John Melsom, Bridget Day, Michelle Moore, Lynn Wheeler, Elizabeth Benson, Chrissie, Mieczyslaw Kucharski, Tommy Vanlinden, Ken Batchelor, Gillian Clark, Teresa Davies, Pat Kelly, Joyce Dennis, Carol Regan, Barry Innes, Ted, Jean Smith, Stephen Jennings, Wojciech Niewinski, Philip, Anna Gawlik, Andy Hatton, Sorrell Wootton, Mark McGarrigle, Jih young Yi, Eileen Ball, Raffi Parris, Baby Robyn, Lisa Thwaites, Ruth Perry, Margaret Kay, Simon Rose, Rosaleen Williams, Hilary Lewis, Bridget Gunn, Dorothy Wiseman, Baby L, Tina Hogben, Melanie Taylor.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Eric Tomkins, George Malone, Johanna Morrissey, Patrick Connor, Gwendoline Kirby, Kieron Larkin, Arthur Wakefield, Patrick O'Grady, Mary Wells, Frederick King, Katherine Flynn, Veronica Dimmock, Collin Dirkze, Nora, Hilda Baker, Annie Breen, Ethel Phillips, Brendan Doyle, Ewa Kaszycka, Eleanor Kelly, Cherry Burgess, Joseph Byrne, Vera Benson, Thomas Doran, Maurice Barry, Bridget Wheble, Margaret Finn, Jeffrey Swinard, Michael Moore, Edward Vavaseur, Angela Edwards, Patricia Knight, Olimpia D'Silva, Antonio Guadagno, Thomas Feeney, Cecil Le Contre, Joan Edwards, Lawrence Freed, Patrick Farrell, Urszula Jansen, Walter Darling **and all whose anniversaries occur at this time**

RECENTLY DIED:

Rosemary (Penny) Clover RIP

Teresa Leonora Bechelli RIP (Funeral Thursday 16th May at 11.00am St Teresa's)

SAFEGUARDING

Abuse is the violation of an individual's human and civil right, and is always harmful.

OUR SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

JULIAN GIZZI

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If you are concerned about a child or adult at risk, talk to your Safeguarding Representative.

CLERGY TEAM

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FR MANU MATHAI

RETIRED PRIEST AT WYE

(TEL: 813765)

FR RODNEY SCHOFIELD

THANK YOU

to all who donate by Standing Order and to those who have recently signed up, as well as those who have made their donation any other way.

SUNDAY'S OFFERING

OFFERTORY & S/O £ TBA
PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND **£526.26**

2ND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK: MAINTENANCE ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

NEXT WEEK: N/A

EASY WAYS TO DONATE:

STANDING ORDER, GIFT AID, CHIP & PIN MACHINE, BASKET

ST TERESA of AVILA CHURCH & PRESBYTERY

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THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN:

Monday 9.00am - 2.00pm
Tuesday 9.00am - 2.00pm
Wednesday 9.00am - 2.00pm
Thursday Closed
Friday 9.00am - 2.00pm

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