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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER
YEAR B**

**1st May to 9th May
2021**

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

**Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

**Today's Mass
Readings**

Acts 9: 26-31; Ps 21;
1 John 3: 18-24; John
15:1-8

BEARING GOOD FRUIT IN CHRIST

Today's Gospel Reading presents us with another title of Jesus: **"I am the true vine"**. This is the last of the seven "I am" declarations of Jesus recorded only in John's Gospel. Jesus made this proclamation to his apostles and all those who would come to believe in him, shortly before his Ascension into heaven.

By using the metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus teaches about the relationship between his disciples and himself. The type of relationship that should exist between us and Christ is illustrated using what is familiar to his disciples in his time. Jesus wanted to reassure his followers that even though they would not see him physically as they used to, he would however still be united with them in his spiritual reality. He wanted us to know that, even though we cannot see him, we are closely connected to him as the branches of a vine are connected to its stem. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of Jesus' love and reconciliation in the world.

No branch can have life or bear fruit on its own, unless it is firmly attached to a tree. Likewise, in our spiritual journey as Christians, we cannot do without being firmly attached to Christ the vine, in whose name we were baptized. We are formed and called to remain in Christ for a purpose, and this purpose is to bear good and positive fruit in him.

Jesus, the True Vine is communicating to us his branches that the will of the Father for us is to bear much fruit and become his disciples. So, let us ask God to nourish us with his spirit, so that we may remain in him and bear good fruit that will benefit others.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THIS YEAR

We would like to say a sincere thank you to all those who Gift Aid their Offertory Donations. Last year's tax refund was £5866.19 It is a great financial support to our parish. We encourage parishioners who pay tax to Gift Aid your offertory donations. We also encourage people to set up a standing order as this is easier for everyone. To set up a Standing Order and to Gift Aid please collect an application form from the Parish Office. Those parishioners who Gift Aid via the envelope boxes can now collect them from the Church Porch. Please ask a steward. Many thanks for your support to our parish.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Elizabeth (Betty) Ibbotson, Joseph Ryan** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Michael Sullivan, Vera Morgan, Michael Slattery, Bridget Donnelly, Dyzma Finch, Edward Reeves, Eamon Connors, Carol Corish, Mary Hannon, Mary Nash, Eileen Pitt, Mary Richards, Philomena Roberts, Joyce Tandy, Christina Moody, Dorothy Clarke and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Funeral Service for Joseph Ryan will be on Tuesday 4th May 2021 here in Church at 11:00am followed by Cremation at Perry Barr Crematorium at 12:30pm.

Requiem Mass for Elizabeth (Betty) Ibbotson will be on Tuesday 18th May 2021 here in Church at 2:30pm followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 4:00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Thank you for your generous offerings for Mass Intentions for your family and friends. As we now have a large number booked, we would ask you to consider sending some of your intentions to support our retired priests in England, particularly Fr Tom Kelly, or our Mission in India. We understand that it is important for you to know when a Mass is being offered, but like this you would also be helping the work of the Church in other ways. Please indicate your choice on the Mass Intentions Envelopes. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall is still closed but cards and gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are available from the Parish Office during office hours. Other cards are also available for different occasions.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 1st May – Sunday 9th May (Psalter Week 1)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 1st May Easter Feria</p>	<p>12:30pm Ints of Sandra Pearson</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 2nd May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>8:30am Mrs Vivian Stokes 10:30am Emma and Richard Santy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10:30am Baptism</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 3rd May Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles</p>	<p>10:00am Kenneth Langston - Private Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 4th May Feast of the English Martyrs</p>	<p>11:00am Funeral Service for Joseph Ryan</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 5th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>11:30am Stella Floyd RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 6th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>10:00am Linda Concannon RIP -Private Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 7th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>11:30am Ints of Bridie Farren</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 8th May Easter Feria</p>	<p>12:30pm Canon Giles Goward RIP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3:30pm Year 4 First Holy Communion Mass - Holy Name School</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 9th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>8:30am Ints of Denise Watson 10:30am Antonio Jesus Pinto De Cairu RIP</p>	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection: £243.08**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£ 154.80**

**Loose Money:
£290.60**

**Retiring Collection
for the Clergy
Training Fund:
£211.74**

**Standing order for
February: £1388.17**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 178**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**
Acts 10: 25-26, 34-
35, 44-48; Ps 97;
1John 4: 7-10;
John 15:9-17

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon and Bridget Whitfield.

BAPTISM DURING MASS

This Sunday we will be celebrating a Baptism during the 10:30am Mass. There will be special provision for the family in addition to the normal capacity for the congregation. We pray for the family and welcome them to our community.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLET FOR EASTER

The "Walk with Me" booklets and calendar for the Easter Season are still available in the Church Porch. A small donation is appreciated to defray the cost. Please consider taking a copy for yourself. Many thanks.

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH

You can now get your newspaper delivered directly to your home every week. Postage is free and it's quick and simple. If you wish to receive them please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 8205722. They will arrange delivery for you.

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Digital copy & Hard Copy for: £115.00

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of the Reconciliation can now be received by appointment on Wednesday and Saturday. To make an appointment please speak to Fr. Vincent or the Parish Office. Many Thanks.