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Fifth Sunday of Easter : 2 May 2021



The vine: Today's readings are challenging. As Jesus does so often, he conveys his message through using ordinary examples and images from everyday life. Today, Jesus looks around him and sees the vines growing, and each branch has smaller branches from which hang heavy bunches of large sweet grapes. He comments that the grapes could never grow if they were not attached to the main plant: *'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 bears fruit in plenty but, cut off from me,*

you can do nothing. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit - and then you will be my disciples.' We cannot do it alone! We cannot be 'Christians' without being at one with Jesus, and all that Jesus stands for. We also have the second reading today where John tells us, *'Our love is not just to be words, or mere talk, but something real and active; only be this can we be certain that we are children of the truth'*.

- What sort of things do you do to keep you 'attached' to Jesus?
- When it comes to 'loving others', do you find you ever just 'talk the talk'?
- Note Jesus' words about discipleship: it's only when we bear much fruit that *then* we will be disciples!

	St Joseph's Ushaw Moor	St Michael's Esh Laude	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Newhouse
Saturday 1 May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	6.00pm mass For everyone in our parish Anne Cutmore and family		
Sunday 2 May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)</i>		9.30am mass For everyone in our parish; Marion Redmond; James and Anne Redmond; Maggie Rowntree.	10.30am mass For everyone in our parish; Joseph McKenna Snr, Olive McKenna and Joseph McKenna Jnr
Saturday 8 May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)</i>	6.00pm mass For everyone in our parish Tom Charlton		
Sunday 9 May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)</i>		9.30am mass For everyone in our parish; All members of the Coulson and Foy Families.	10.30am mass For everyone in our parish; Vincent Betty Barrigan; Mary Rita Hogan

Recently deceased: Angela Gannon (Esh Winning). Her funeral will be 18 May. Jack Tobin (formerly of Esh)

Anniversaries: Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs: Doreen Emery, Mary Young, Allan Thompson, Mary Moran, Thomas Keaveney, Stephen Shaw, Charles Sanderson.

St Michael's: Hugh Finley, Catherine Dumighan, Lily Palmer, Joe Donnelly, Pat Hennessy, John and Olive Finley, Robert Heels.

St Joseph's: Margaret Hope, Maud Manford, Bobby Doyle, Cissy Doyle, Edgar Halpin, Norah Bartlett, Kathleen Avery, Thomas McQuillan, baby Libby Ditchburn, Ron Jackson, Grieveson Ward, Irina Korotash, Catherine Ward.

Church cleaners during this week (3 – 8 May) (Team 3)

St Joseph's:	St Michael's:	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs:
Christine, Joe, Geraldine & John	Jill, Lynn, Karen	Angela, Esther, Melanie, Shelagh

Stewards for next weekend (8/9 May) (Team 1)

St Joseph's:	St Michael's:	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs:
Christine, Margaret, Joe, Bill	Jill, Anne, Shelagh	Cecilia, Angela, Tom, Karen

Ascension Thursday: On Thursday, 13 May we will keep the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Traditionally, we then use the days from Ascension to Pentecost to pray for the release of God's Holy Spirit within our own lives.

Local Election day: On Thursday, 6 May we have the chance to vote for local councillors in our area.



Fifth Sunday of Easter



Booking for masses: If things continue to go well, then Stage 3 of the 'Roadmap out of Lockdown' will be introduced on 17 May. Until then at least, we need to continue to wear face coverings in public places, including churches, and we need to keep a distance of 2 metres from others not in our household or support bubble. Remember, a 'household' is that group of people who live together under the same roof; a 'support bubble' is when someone who lives alone joins up with one other household as if they were part of that household.

For the sake of preserving everyone's safety in our churches we have tried to adhere scrupulously to government regulations over the past year whether in terms of regular cleaning of our churches, or distancing, or observing government definition of bubbles. And, frustrating though it may be, we still cannot simply 'turn up' for masses. Because of each church having a maximum capacity number, there could be a danger of someone 'turning up' for mass and discovering the church was already filled to its capacity; that person, sadly, would then need to be turned away and we need to do all that we can to avoid that. It remains essential, then, that if we are wanting to attend any mass then we need to phone in to book a place. In that phone call, please say whether you are to attend as an individual, or as a couple, or as a household/support bubble. And please give a contact phone number for yourself and for each adult in your bubble who plans to come to the mass. This is so that, in case of a local outbreak of infection, 'Track & Trace' can contact you directly. So, if you are wanting to come along to one of our masses next weekend then please phone these numbers during the times given:

- > **01740-469532 between 10.00am – 2.00pm on Wednesday,**
- > **0191- 373 4284 between 5.00 – 6.00pm on Thursday.**

Journey in faith: Before March 2020 we had a session of 'Journey in Faith' most weeks. This was designed for people who are not Catholic who want to discover more about what Catholics believe, and also for people who are already Catholic, but want to 'dig a little deeper'. Perhaps some people might like to have an occasional 'Journey in Faith' session on Zoom so as to keep in touch. Any thoughts?



Food Bank: Restrictions are slowly being lifted at the Chester-le-Street depot, and they are happy to accept food donations again. As such we are inviting donations **next weekend (8/9 May)**. This is

our first appeal in *14 months*. We would like to reassure you that we will be proceeding cautiously, and that maintaining a Covid secure environment at our churches remains a priority. Should you feel able to donate, bags can be placed directly into a car before Mass begins. This will be parked as close to the church entrance as possible. The items the depot have a shortage of at present are **long-life fruit juice, tinned fish, instant custard, rice pudding and sponge puddings**. The Trussell Trust (affiliated to 1471 food banks, including County Durham) distributed 2.5 million emergency food parcels between April 2020 and March 2021. This was a 33% increase on the previous year, and up 128% compared to 5 years ago. If you would like to learn more about the Trust, and their campaign for a Hunger Free Future, please go to www.trusselltrust.org

Discussion group: It has been suggested that we might arrange an occasional discussion group on Zoom so that we can meet and share thoughts on some chosen topic. Might anyone be interested in pursuing this?

Coffee morning: 10.30am on Saturday, 8 May. Details of how to join the meeting are available in the Parish Facebook Group, or by contacting christine.brennan61@gmail.com

Rosary Online: Pope Francis has invited Catholics around the world to dedicate the month of May to prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Pope will open the Marian month of prayer on 1 May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms. In our Parish, we will gather online via Zoom to pray the Rosary on Monday evenings during May at 7pm, starting with the Joyful Mysteries on Monday 3rd May. Zoom details will be available in the Parish Facebook Group, or from christine.brennan61@gmail.com

Sounds on the Bounds: On Saturday 8th May, from 12 noon and through the afternoon, Ushaw will be welcoming twenty local talented performers to mark the official launch of their new music programme. On Saturday afternoons, Ushaw will be hosting a range of live music - 18 live shows across the Summer season. There will be a bar and food available on the Bounds field as well as Ushaw's own cafe and facilities. Access to the event is included in the cost of an Annual Pass or Day Pass.

Mini-Vinnies: 'Mini-Vinnies' is simply a name for the junior 'St Vincent de Paul' groups we have in our primary schools. Before Christmas I had a Zoom meeting with some of our Mini-Vinnies at St Joseph's school. After that meeting, I mentioned in our newsletter some of the things our children are involved in, and how parishioners might like to help. One suggestion was that people of our parish might knit scarves and gloves for the homeless or for the Apostleship of the Sea, or offer unused wool to the children in school so they can use it. The class involved are only 7-9 years old so, obviously, they find it difficult to knit but they are super keen and are willingly staying in at dinner times to do this. Mrs Curtis, their class teacher, has expressed her thanks to those people from our parish who have helped with this project.

