

St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd May 2021

If you have Corona Virus Symptoms:

High temperature and new continuous cough, a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, take a test and stay at home. (NHS Advice) It is now compulsory to wear a face mask in church. Please sign your name and the number in your group, on entry to Church.

In view of the current situation, it is even more important that we take care to stay safe when we are in church. Please sit as far apart as possible and please do not congregate at the back of church to chat with others but leave safely and promptly.

Times of Masses:

Saturday 1 st May	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	Jenny Nixon (A)
Sunday 2 nd	4 th Sunday of Easter	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	People of the Parish
		10.30 a.m.	Mark Almond (Spdy Rec'ry)
Monday 3 rd	Ss Philip & James	9.00 a.m.	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 4 th	English Martyrs	7.30 p.m.	James & Hilda Marshall
Wednesday 5 th	Weekday of Easter	10.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving
Thursday 6 th	Weekday of Easter	10.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Emily & Steve Clarkson
	7.00 p.m. Sacrament of Confirmation (St. Joseph's)		
Friday 7 th	St John of Beverley	10.00 a.m.	Zofia & Tadeusz Niewola
Saturday 8 th	Weekday of Easter	10.00 a.m.	Special Intention (KM)
	Vigil	5.30 p.m.	Eileen Sharkey (LD)
Sunday 9 th	6 th Sunday of Easter	9.00 a.m. (St Pat's)	Edward Myers (LD)
		10.30 a.m.	People of the Parish

Confessions: Saturday : 9.30 – 10.00 a.m. and 4.45 – 5.15 p.m. In the Sacristy

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Clifford Ball who died on Wednesday.

Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Thursday evening to 16 of our youngsters (and one adult). Please keep them in your prayers.

Mass Intentions Received: Eileen Sharkey (LDx2); Bernard Spencer (An).

Weekly Offerings: (28.4.21) £468.00 Many thanks.

Piety / Repository Stall. Please have a look at the stall, **there are gifts for Confirmation candidates**, Mass cards and cards for other occasions, Rosary Beads and a selection of reading matter as well as a variety of small gifts.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Required - **Deputy Headteacher** from 1st September 2021

An exciting opportunity has arisen at our school which was rated as good by Ofsted in 2017 and in our Section 48 inspection of November 2018. Governors are seeking to appoint a strong, highly motivated and inspirational Deputy Headteacher who is a practising and committed Catholic, to join our dedicated and caring school team. In partnership with the Headteacher you will work effectively and pro-actively with the children, parents, governing body, staff, the church and the local community.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed by arrangement. Covid restrictions will be in place. Please contact the School Office to make an appointment Tel: 01282 813045

Closing date: Noon on Friday 14th May 2021

Shortlisting: Monday 17th May

Interviews: Friday 28th May 2021

Starting Date: 1st September 2021

Applications must be made using the CES Application Form only.

Application forms can be downloaded online or can be requested from:

recruitment@btlancashire.co.uk

Applications are encouraged to be returned electronically to: recruitment@btlancashire.co.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that there will be a meeting on Saturday 8th May at 4.00 p.m. using Microsoft Teams, for parents and children who will be making their First Holy Communion this year. If you have not registered for the meeting, please contact Mrs Woods at St Joseph's Primary School or Father Firth as soon as possible. A reminder that in order to make First Holy Communion your child must have already made their First Act of Reconciliation. The classes are for a child and parent together. Following the initial meeting classes will continue at 4.00 p.m. every Saturday on Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

15th May	12 th June
22nd May	19 th June
29th May	26 th June

There is a seventh meeting and parents will be notified when this will take place as soon as possible. This meeting - the last meeting - will also involve going over what will happen when your child makes their First Holy Communion and as you will appreciate no date or arrangements have yet been made for that.

Special Prayers

Lillian Price – Jennie Hendley – Jim Kelly – Marie & Bob Fletcher – Mary Posiko – Margaret DeVito – Phyllis Kirrage – Val Kaynell – Mark Hoare – Dale McLaughlin – Marie Keating – Max Hudson – Peter Catley – Stan Nelson – Paul Wood – Tony Atherton – Pat Maloney - Mandy McLaughlan – Vincent Reeves – Alfred Atherton – Jo Walton – Carmel Heyes.

Please pray for these and for the comfort of anyone suffering in any way. Please also remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

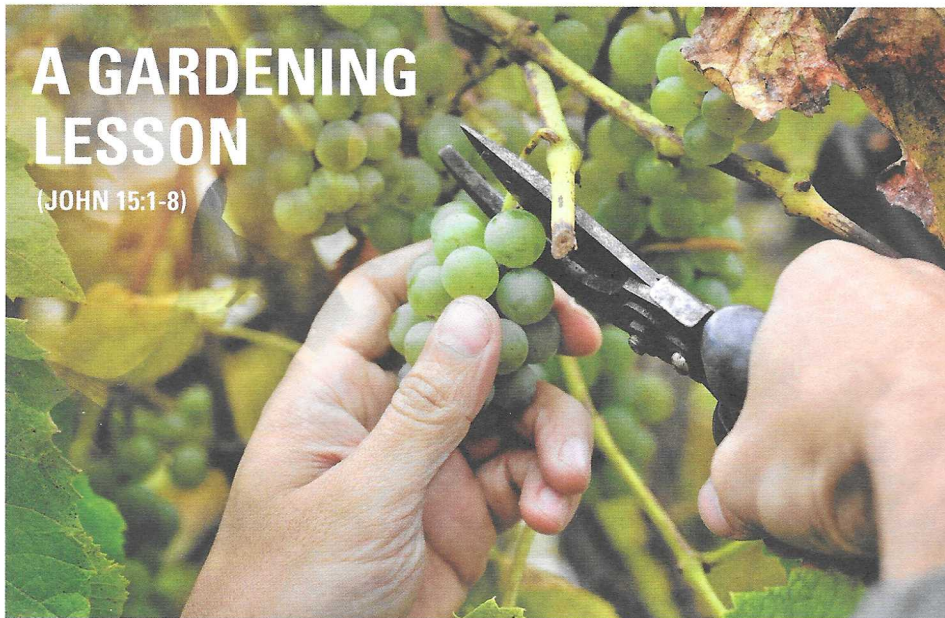
Please! If you use the toilet, please sanitise afterwards using the sanitiser and paper towel provided.

Airedale Hospital Chaplain: If you require Fr Michael McLaughlin please phone 01535 653153

Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year B • Psalter Week 1



A GARDENING LESSON

(JOHN 15:1-8)

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus describes himself as the true vine for his disciples. The one tending the vine is the Father. The plant is not decorative: its purpose is to produce fruit and for this to happen a certain amount of pruning has to take place.

The instrument for this task is the word which the disciples whom Jesus is addressing have accepted and are therefore already cleansed or pruned and in a fit condition to be productive. But, as with any growing plant, care has to be taken that this healthy state is maintained, so "remaining" (or "abiding") in Jesus is vital. The image of the vine is especially appropriate, as it suggests the intimate flow of life from the trunk into the branches: if this communication is interrupted or impeded, the branch will wither and lose its reason for being part of the plant. If the disciples remain in Jesus and his words remain in them, then the positive result is that whatever they ask, the Father will grant.

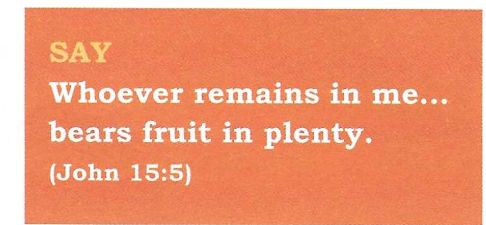
This passage warns against any sense of complacency: the image of the living vine suggests more than a passive attitude towards Jesus, that being his disciple is proved by bearing much fruit, which will redound to the glory of the Father, another strong theme in the Fourth Gospel. It is the word of Jesus which gives life to the disciple, and it is the mutual love of the disciples which will reveal them as disciples of Jesus, to the glory of the Father. ■

REFLECT

There is no scene in John's Gospel of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. The Eucharistic text is usually identified as the feeding of the crowd of five thousand, which only concerns the bread. Some scholars suggest that the passage on Jesus as the true vine provides the teaching on the Eucharistic wine. Whatever the merits of such arguments, there is an interesting lesson in the idea of communicating life.

The importance of the branch being properly joined to the trunk is

unquestionable: the stem is the source of the branch's life. In the New Testament tradition of the institution of the Eucharist, Jesus speaks about "the cup of my blood". In biblical thought, the blood is where the life principle of a person or animal is to be found. When we speak of Jesus "shedding his blood" on the cross, we really mean that Jesus "gave his life": the sacramentally consecrated wine is a very powerful way in which the risen Jesus communicates his life to his disciples and makes sense, if we think about it in the context of the vine



SAY

Whoever remains in me... bears fruit in plenty.

(John 15:5)

LEARN

The image of the vine or vineyard is used in the Hebrew scriptures as a symbol for the people of Israel.

The life principle of the creature is in the blood (Leviticus 17:14).

Jesus "shedding his blood" really means that Jesus "gave his life" for us.

DO

Buy a bunch of grapes. Take some time at home to contemplate them in the context of Jesus' teaching about the vine and the branches. Then enjoy them!



providing life-giving nourishment to the branches: this enables them to bear the grapes, which then produce wine.

One of the most important reforms of the Second Vatican Council was the restoring of the chalice to the laity: as Jesus commanded, "drink of it, *all of you*". Perhaps we might reflect that it is one way in which the Lord communicates his life to us. ■

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery
within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in
Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much
fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to
join the disciples, but they were all afraid
of him: they could not believe he was really
a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge
of him, introduced him to the apostles, and
explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul
and spoken to him on his journey, and how he
had preached boldly at Damascus in the name
of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with
them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in
the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken
to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they
became determined to kill him. When the
brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea and
sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee
and Samaria were now left in peace, building
themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and
filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 21

Response:

You, Lord, are my praise in the great
assembly.
or
Alleluia!

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear
him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who
seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return
to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before
him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of
the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to
the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my
children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations
yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet
unborn:
"These things the Lord has done." (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his
presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience
and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our
conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus
Christ

and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in
you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow during the next two lines)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange
effected in this sacrifice
have made us partakers of the one supreme
Godhead,
grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears
fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we
pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with
heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.