

### From Sunday's Gospel



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. 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."

Adapted from John 15:1-8 The 5th Sunday of Easter, Year B



**Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, "We cannot grow up by ourselves; rather, we journey and grow in a community, in a family." Today's word is **Growing**.** In this Sunday's Gospel, the fruit

which gives God glory is not the type that grows on trees, but the goodness that grows inside each one of us (e.g. joy, love, kindness, patience, courage, generosity, peace and self-control). We are filled with these 'fruits' when we choose to stay close to Jesus. Each new day is an opportunity to grow in goodness. Regularly praying together is a powerful way for the family to keep growing in love. What else can we do to keep growing in goodness in this coming week? Perhaps we can: always try to be fair with others; avoid doing wrong and always try to do what is right; spend some time reading the words of Jesus in the gospels; try to be more patient. ***Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the people who help us to grow in your love and please help us to keep growing in goodness. Amen.***



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## **5th Sunday of Easter**

**May 2nd 2021 (Mark's Gospel)**

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR MASS ON TUESDAY & THURSDAYS 9.30AM AND SATURDAY 6.00PM**

**The intentions are as follows:**

Saturday:	<b>6.00pm</b>	Fr Peter Johnson
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish (live streamed without a congregation)
Monday:		Sr Anne Collins
Tuesday:	<b>9.30am</b>	Audrey Westwell
Wednesday:		November Dead List
Thursday:	<b>9.30am</b>	Ellen & Christopher Murphy
Friday		Katherine Smith
Saturday:	<b>6.00pm</b>	Margaret Holmes
Sunday:	9.00am	People of the Parish (live streamed without a congregation)

### **Confessions by appointment**

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### Church Opening Times

From this weekend it will no longer be necessary to book a place for the **6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass**. We have never been oversubscribed for this Mass, and many other parishes have ceased to require booking. The church will continue to be open for a congregation to be present on **Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 9.30am and Saturday evening at 6.00pm**. Mass will continue to be live streamed on a Sunday morning at 9.00am without a congregation.

### Stewards/Cleaners April 2021

Saturday May 1st 6.30pm: Ian Charnock & Mary Farmer

Tuesday May 4th 9.30pm: Carol Street-Brown & Liz Moores

Thursday May 6th 9.30am: Emma Kirkman & Liz Taylor

Saturday May 8th 6.00pm: Ian Charnock & Mary Farmer



### Reclaim our Common Home

#### **Why 2021 must be a year of transformation**

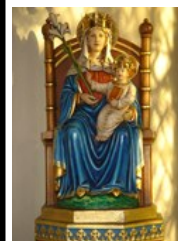
As the host of two major international conferences, the British government has a crucial role to play in 2021. In the summer, Britain will host the **G7 annual meeting** where the leaders of the seven richest countries will gather to discuss how to rebuild after the pandemic. This will be fol-

lowed by the **UN 'COP26' climate talks** taking place in Glasgow in November. You can sign the on line petition to the Prime Minister and find more information on [www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim](http://www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim) or take a paper petition from the back of church.



### Leeds Justice & Peace Commission

**J&P SPARK** Social Justice project is sponsoring 10 people, aged between 18-30, to attend the National Justice & Peace Network Conference (23-25 July) which is about what more we can do about our Climate Emergency – especially with COP26 coming up in Glasgow. More details and application form: <https://www.leedsjp.org.uk/climate-change-conference->

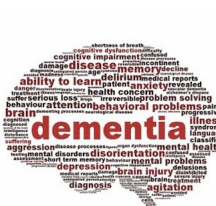


### May the Month of the Rosary

A message from Mgr Philip Moger ( a priest of our diocese) and currently the Director of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham:

I would like to draw your attention to our May Rosary Mission 2021 where we invite once again the peoples of the Dioceses of England, Wales and Scotland to pray the Rosary for the following intentions:

1. Protecting our families and the family of nations, in this Year of St Joseph
  2. A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life.
  3. Peace in the world
  4. Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.
- Please pray the rosary as often as you are able during the month of May.



### Some practical ways of helping people with Dementia

One of the realities of Dementia is that many of us are not confident in relating to people with dementia. This can be especially so if they are members of our own family because we remember them as they were before contracting the condition. They are the same person, but they no longer communicate, or often behave as they did before.

Below are some suggestions:

#### **Treat the person with respect and dignity**

People with dementia often feel very vulnerable so it is important to help them feel confident and valued. Encourage them to achieve small things for themselves.

#### **Be a good communicator**

Speak calmly and wait for signs that the person has understood what you have said. Look the person in the eye and use physical contact to offer reassurance.

#### **Organise a treat**

Think about what the person liked to do before their illness and try to adapt an activity to their current situation. You could go for a picnic or watch an old film, play music you know the person enjoyed in the past.

***"Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in You. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen"***