

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2nd May – 8th May, 2021

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

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Ferial cycle | Psalter Week 5

JESUS THE TRUE VINE

A lot of messages and meanings could be drawn from the Gospel passage of today which describes Jesus as the true vine. Two parts could be drawn in these verses. There is Jesus' claim to be the giver of life, the fulfilment of all that was best in Israel, its ultimate hope for peace and prosperity. In addition to this, there is also the demand that the disciple 'remain with' Jesus. Of course, it is because Jesus claims to be not only the vine, but 'the true' vine, that the latter demand is so urgent.

Jesus is the source of life, peace, and prosperity for all who would be His disciples. As He tells us in John 10:10 "I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance." But, as always through the Gospel, Jesus admits that behind His life-giving power and presence is a Father. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser." Like a vinedresser, the Father must cut away those who claim to have their life in and through Jesus, but whose fruits deny the values of Jesus and His Father. Jesus, by His own obedience, fulfils the expectations of the vinedresser and when the fruit of that vine is pressed out in the winepress of the cross, as the blood of the new and everlasting covenant, Jesus wins eternal redemption for all who obey Him as He obeyed the Father

Jesus is telling us that the same thing can happen to us. In His own words: "I am the vine, you are the branches. 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." In simple terms, we belong to Jesus and we are part of Him like branches are part of a tree. As Christians, we must live in Christ and let Christ live in us. Our life as Christians is God's life in us. And this life of friendship with God is fed or nourished by God Himself. There can be no substitute or exchange, just as no hungry man can ever resort to eating stones. No amount of such illusive substitute can take the place of real food or drink.

For our salvation, no branch can stand by itself. In fact, what defines a branch is the point or fact that it is part of something from which it derives or receives life. As branches, we cannot, and we do not stand alone. Cut off from Christ, the true vine, we simply die. As the branch grows out of the trunk or vine stock and is alive with the very same life sap that is in the trunk, so are we all alive with His life, His love, His vitality. Because of this intimate union with Christ, one can say with St. Paul: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). The life we are called to live and are preparing to live is not ours but that of Christ. "Without me you can do nothing." Hence St. Paul says: "I can do all things by the power of him who strengthens me".

In simple words, these fruits are the good actions that come from living with Jesus. As He Himself lived His life doing good to people. In the same way, when we live with Him, in Him and He in us, we too live our life doing good. In fact, He continues, through us, doing good to people. The love of God passes through us and goes out to others - others in need of Him, in need of His help. His help reaches them through us. As we worship today let us pray that Jesus Himself will keep us ever close and united with Him and that through this union with Him, the unity of His Body, the Church will be preserved and promoted.

READINGS

FIRST READING

ACTS 9: 26 - 31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 21(22):26-28,30-32

SECOND READING

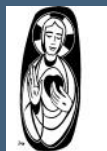
1 JOHN 3:18-24

GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

LEARN

"The Church is a cultivated field, the tillage of God. On that land the ancient olive tree grows whose holy roots were the prophets and in which the reconciliation of Jews and Gentiles has been brought about and will be brought about again. That land, like a choice vineyard, has been planted by the heavenly cultivator. Yet the true vine is Christ who gives life and fruitfulness to the branches, that is, to us, who through the Church remain in Christ, without whom we can do nothing."¹¹ CCC 755



SACRED HEART OF JESUS — CAMBERWELL

Archdiocese of Southwark 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am
10:00am 11:30am* 6:00pm
* with Children's Liturgy
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am
Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm
1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 2ND MAY

6:00PM (SAT)

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSING & GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN, DIVINE LOVE CHARISMATIC PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT, COURAGE,

RENEWED ZEAL & PASSION FOR SOULS

10:00AM

JOHN & MARTHA RAYNE R.I.P, EVELYN MARTIN TAILOR R.I.P

12:00NOON

THOMAS ANANE BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVING

6:00PM

VIOLET ASPER, RIP

MONDAY 3RD

SAINT PHILIP & SAINT JAMES APOSTLES

10:00 AM

ANGELICA D'SILVA BIRTHDAY THANKSGIVINGS

TUESDAY 4TH

FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

9:00AM

SEBASTIANO & VINCENZA CUOME R.I.P

7:00PM

WEDNESDAY 5TH

FERIA

9:00AM

MAUREEN & STEPHEN KELLIHER R.I.P

7:00PM

THURSDAY 6TH

FERIA

9:00AM

MAMA PAULINA DARLINGTON 12TH YEAR REMEMBRANCE.
SIDNEY ONYEWUCHE (RIP).

7:00PM

FRIDAY 7TH

FERIA

9:00AM

7:00PM

SATURDAY 8TH

FERIA

10:00AM

PATRICK JOSEPH DALY R.I.P

6:00PM

DECEASED MEMBERS OF D'SILVA FAMILY

SYLVIA & ASHLEY BASTIAN IN THANKSGIVING FOR THEIR INTENTIONS

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unfailing love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**PSALM 97: 1-2**

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.

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,
one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING**ACTS 9: 26-31**

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS21(22):26-28, 30-32

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

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!

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

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.

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

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.'

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

SECOND READING**1 JOHN 3:18-24**

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 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 own
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**JOHN 15:4,5**

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**

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.'

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.**

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE:

WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:

Sacred Heart Church Camberwell

Sort Code: 60-50-01

Account Number: 79102409

PARISH FINANCE COLLECTION

First collection amounted to £387.65

Gift Aid amounted to not including standing orders
£ 186

Second collection: Priests Training Fund : £450

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors for our offering. Thank you for your generosity.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to: camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

RCIA

RCIA class will be on Thursday 29th of April 2021 at 7.30pm. Classes are done via Zoom.

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant Baptism is ongoing. Kindly see any of the priest after Mass to discuss when you want your child baptised.

MASS BOOKINGS

We have spaces available for the weekday Masses. Kindly call or text any of the priests to book a Mass.

Deanery/parish thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Pats retirement.

This will take place in our parish on Sunday 20th June at 6pm Mass. A second collection will be taken the weekend of 16th May to support the charity project of Bishop Pat "the grow Edo project". This charity provides Job opportunities for young people in Edo state Nigeria to discourage them from falling victims to trafficking gangs. Voluntary cash donations will also be welcome as we shall also give him a personal envelope to express our gratitude for his dedicated pastoral leadership and love for our parish.

BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd May is bank holiday. We shall have only one mass at 10am.

FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass of George McLoughlin will take place here at 2pm on Thursday 6th May followed by cremation at Honor Oak Crematorium at 3:15pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory Amen.

FUNERAL PROGRAMME - EDWARD KARGBO

The Funeral programme of our dear parishioner Edward Kargbo is as follows:

Vigil Mass /Christian Wake service on Friday 14th May, 7pm to 9pm @ Sacred Heart Church

Funeral Mass on Monday 17th May @ 11am followed by burial at Camberwell new cemetery Honor Oak at 1:30pm

May his gentle soul rest in peace Amen

CONFIRMATION 2021

Retreat : Saturday 8th May 2021@ 10am

Confirmation Mass Group 1:

Saturday 22nd May 2021 @ 6pm

Confirmation Mass Group 2:

Saturday 29th May, 2021 @ 6pm

URGENT REQUEST

A parishioner is looking for 2 bedrooms flat or house in Camberwell or environs. Please speak to any of the priest if you are able to help.

A VAN

The Parish is looking for anyone with a van to hire for about an hour to transport some household items to the dump. Kindly let us know if you can help

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Will take place on Saturday 8th May beginning with the 10am mass. Please note retreat is compulsory for all approved confirmation candidates.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

May is a very special month for us Catholic's in honour of our blessed mother Mary. Endeavour to pray the rosary everyday during this month of May. May our lady continue to intercede for the world Amen

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

On Friday 7th May is our First Friday Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, beginning at 12noon to 7pm. Come and spend time with the Lord in prayers and adoration.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

NHS TEST AND TRACE APP

For those who have registered with this app you don't need to write down your names as you enter the Church. The parish now have the QR code which you can scan as you enter the church. This is located at the entrance of the Church. For those without the App, please continue to sign in on the sheets provided for each Mass, for the safety of us all. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to Fr. Victor. Such forms will be ready for pick up by the next day between 10am and 4pm.

For any other consultation please **email: Camberwell@rcaos.org.uk** or call any of the priests directly or by text message we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection.

May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary.

Amen.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

SUNDAY 5 PM ADORATION

We are reminded that Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Sunday at 5 to 6pm followed by Mass.

PILGRIMAGE 2021

Our postponed pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto of 2020 is now being advertised for October half term 2021. After a long struggle with Covid we now hope October will be a safe time to have this pilgrimage in thanksgiving to God for His protection and in thanksgiving to our blessed Mother Mary for her maternal intercession throughout this difficult time.

Full Package Price: £899.00 including flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. Single Rooms: £150 / Travel Insurance £39. 3 nights accommodation at Hotel close to St. Peter's Basilica, 2 nights in San Giovanni, 1 night at Loreto - all on half board basis. 1 x 1/2 day tour with coach and local guide in Rome - 1 x 1/2 day walking tour in San Giovanni and Loreto with local guide.

Optional extras: Vatican Museum Tour £38. St Peter's Basilica Tour £18. Full services of English-speaking courier for the duration of the tour. Tickets to Papal Audience included.

PRICE BASED ON MIN 40 Paying Passengers.

We would like an indication of who might be interested in joining this Pilgrimage.

Do register your interest with either Fr Darlington or Gill at Tangney Tours.

Tel: 01732 886666, 017322088666

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