

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

5th Sunday of Easter

2nd May 2021



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Sunday, 9th May: Benediction of the foundation stone will take place next Sunday at 12.00 Mass to mark the 90th anniversary of the commencement on constructing St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Planned giving (gift-aid) envelopes are available in Church. We are extremely grateful for your donations as this helps with the running costs of the church.

Weekday Mass will be on Tuesday and Friday at 12.00.

Funerals: Thursday 6th May + Harold James Bowe (Not public)

Baptisms will resume on Saturdays at 12.00 and 1.00pm on the following dates: June 26th; all Saturdays in July; August 7th and 28th; and September 4th. It will also be possible to have baptisms on Monday, Tuesday evenings from 6pm [beginning June 21st] for those families who prefer a weekday. Please contact the parish office.

If families have 15 guests or less, this will be a great help as then two families can be accommodated in Church. [30 people max. in Church with safe social distancing].

Sacraments: Regular updates have been posted through the weekly parish newsletter. There has been no change on first communion. This does not imply that the preparation for Sacraments cannot take place. A significant element in the preparation for every Sacrament is participation at Mass, whether it be on a weekday or on Sunday.

Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound will recommence on May 10th. If a family member is unable to attend Mass, please contact the friary and a pastoral visit will be arranged.

Church Masses

01. Vigil	6.00 pm	Successful cancer treatment
02. Sunday	8.00 am.	Parishioners
	10.00 am.	Harry Gorman rip (3rd A)
	12.00 noon	Brenda Togstead rip (A)
03. Monday	12.00 noon	Jimmy Gough rip
04. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Marian Hora
05. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Church Closed
06. Thursday	12.00 noon	Harold Bowe Requiem Mass (Non Public)
07. Friday	12.00 noon	Arthur Price rip
08. Vigil	6.00 pm	Susan Mullholland rip
09. Sunday	8.00 am.	Margaret & James Whelan rip
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Susan

Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. David

01. Saturday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
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Masses to be said in the Friary by Fr. Vincent

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03. Monday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
04. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
05. Wednesday	12.00 noon	Donors Intention
06. Thursday	12.00 noon.	Donors Intention
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Masses Received.

Jimmy Gough rip, Marian Hora rip, Arthur Price rip, Gerard & Carmel Hanley rip x2, Michael Monahan rip x2, Hanley Family (Int), Monahan Family (Int), Colette, Derrick and Family, Susan Mullholland rip, ongoing cancer treatment.



Thought for today.

“Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.”

Karl Rahner SJ, one of the great theologians of the last century, wrote many books in which he tried to make sense of the Catholic faith for his contemporaries. That’s what a theologian has to do. Towards the end of his life he wrote an influential essay on the future of the Christian faith. It began with this provocative statement: “The Christian of the future will either be a ‘mystic’... or... will cease to be anything at all.”

Did he mean that we must all have visions like St Teresa of Avila? Karl Rahner thought that the old Catholic culture that he had known as a boy was fast disappearing, eroded by an increasingly secular world. It meant that the average Christian could not depend on a Christian culture that everyone took for granted. So he thought that unless Christians had a deep and personal experience of God they would not be able to keep up the practice of their faith. That is all he meant by saying that each person needed to be a mystic. No matter how big the institutional Church seems to be, if its members do not have in them the life blood of a personal encounter with God, then it will wither away.

Jesus took for granted that his Jewish faith needed laws and institutions like the Temple if it was going to transmit its message to the next generation. And so he knew that his Church must be built on the rock of Peter; then God would preserve it from all its enemies. But in today’s Gospel, he tells his disciples at the Last Supper that if they are to survive they must remain close to him.

He takes the image of the vineyard, which was used to represent Israel in the Old Testament, and in a sense identifies himself with it by saying: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.”

If the disciples are to survive then they must be branches of Jesus, the vine. And just as a vine is pruned to make it more fruitful, the disciples will also grow by being tested in their faith. Jesus tells them to remain close to him and have the living sap flowing in their branches, or else they will shrivel up. He insists that at the heart of their faith there is this close personal relationship with him: “Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.” As they are united in Christ so they will be united through him to the Father. But this experience is not just for special members of the Church, like the apostles. The Spirit is given to everyone. All are called to have this “mystic” experience of being so close to Christ in their daily life that they produce good fruit.

It is easy to get carried along by externals. The Church is essential to our faith. We cannot say, as some do, that we want Jesus but not the Church. In the Creed we affirm our belief in Jesus Christ and also in “one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church”. The institutional Church is a key part of our faith, but there is always the danger of just going through the motions and dying on the vine. The institution will shrivel unless its members have the sap of the living Christ flowing through them.

As Karl Rahner pointed out, it is much more difficult now to be carried along by other people’s faith in a society that is both secular and often hostile to our beliefs. How can we produce the fruit that will show that Christ’s Church is alive and well? We do not need to be mystics like some of the great saints, but to make sure our practice of the faith, whether it is going to Mass or saying our prayers, is firmly based on a close personal relationship with Jesus. We don’t at first have to do anything but rather to be at peace in his presence, to allow him to dwell in us. Then we can share a deep communion with him as we receive his body and blood in the Eucharist. If we change the image from sap, we could say that his real presence in his blood gives us new life. If we do have this close relationship of the branch to the “true vine”, then it will produce good fruits especially in the way we love God and one another.

Bidding Prayers 5th Sunday of Easter 2nd May 2021

Heavenly King, lead us to live our lives by your great, saving grace. We come before you, seeking your ever-loving guidance. Heavenly King, lead us to live our lives by your great, saving grace. We come before you, seeking your ever-loving guidance.

Let us pray for Pope Francis as he asks us all to nurture our interior life. *“We all need to meditate, to reflect, to find ourselves”*. Let us welcome meditation to our daily lives to draw closer to Jesus and against the daily stresses, to care for our interior life that should not be neglected.

As we mark *St Joseph the Worker*. Let us follow St Joseph’s example as we remember this compassionate and obedient man of God. We pray for all fathers as they strive to protect and provide for their family. May this honourable saint, who watched over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now care, and watch over all of us.

As the Coronavirus devastates India, we pause to remember the many families that are left alone abandoned with deeply unwell family members, unable to reach or receive medical care. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

As the children's charity the *NSPCC* declares calls and messages to its helpline rose to record levels during the pandemic, we turn our hearts and prayers to the safety of children currently living in fear, vulnerable to abuse and neglect. We pray the government sets recovery plans in place to protect children throughout the UK living in unsafe conditions.

We pray for our young people that continue to bear the brunt of the job crisis. Let them realise their own unique skill set and feel empowered to seek support and guidance for their future career path.

With lockdown restrictions continuing to loosen we pray that the coming together of families, friends and communities is a happy, united, and safe union.

As we continue to celebrate the risen Lord let us pray for ourselves. Let us take a moment of prayerful consideration to think how we might pass the glorious flame of the Holy Spirit on to all we meet.

In Memoriam. Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Harold James Bowe, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr. Peter Geier, Fr Colmcille Murphy, Michael Hanley, Harry Gorman, Leonora Ann McGuinness, Eddie Melia, Sheila Crawley, Josephine Moore, Catherine Shearon, Stephen Crane, Vera Hill, Ayda May McNally, Fred Jones, Martha Cairns, Kathleen Allerston, Fred J Woods, Doreen Caffrey, Eileen Dwyer, Irene Harkins, Vincent Ruxton, James Peter Newton, Gerry Redmond, Eileen Kehoe, Kathleen O’Donnell, Barry Mercer, Ellen Smith and Ethel Gorman. We remember all those who have departed this life and are now seated in the Kingdom of Heaven. We give thanks for their life and wish them eternal happiness. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Almighty God, we worship you, we give thanks to you. Keep us close as we go about our daily lives remembering your unfailing love for us. Amen.

Please pray for those who ask for prayers.

Arthur (infant), Margaret Barrow, Angela Bebb, Sonia Bechka, Carol Bennett, Joanne & Julian Bone, Michael Brooks, Christopher Browne, Lora Busa (seriously ill). Seamus Carten, Timothy Clarkson, Derek Checkland, Tom Culley, Conor Daly, Alice Feeney, Grace Fernando, Patricia Fitzgerald, Gail Flaherty, Gerry Foley, Marian Gallagher, Joan Ganner, Eunice Garforth, Clare Giblin, James Grant, John Green, Irene Gregory, Margaret Hannah, Juliette Hannon, Lilian Hill, Fr Gerald Hicks, Adrian Hill, Lilian Hill, David Jeffrey, Mark Kelly, Joan Kemp, Denise Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Maureen Kerruish, Freddie Keegan, Elma Kirwan, David Lee, Jennie & Leighton, Maria & Clare Leonard, Sue Lethbridge, Helen Linford, Eva Littler, Patricia McAuley, Winnie McFadden, Joseph McKenna, Simon McLeod, Lee McNeil, Danny McSweeney, Kevin McSweeney, Stephan Malick, Angela Millan, John Monaghan, Rihanna Mughan, Marisa Pacati, Cheryl Power, Terence Randles, Paul Rattigan, Hugh Reily, Tess Rice, Kenny Roberts, Therese de Rouffignac, Jacob Scott, Cecelia Shaw, David Smallwood, Jenny Spann, Patricia Steele, Eileen Stokes, Joseph Stokes, Mary Summerfield, Noah (teenager), Theo (teenager), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Annie Ward, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington.



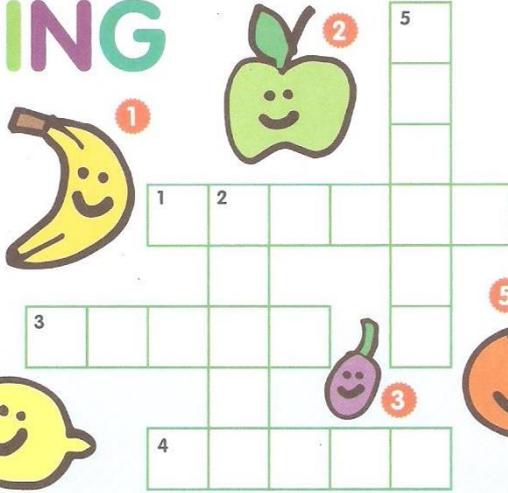
Sunday 2 May 2021
John 15:1-8
5th Sunday of Easter

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus tells the people that he is like a vine. Father, God in heaven, is like the gardener who looks after the vine, and we are like the branches that the grapes grow on.

My name is _____

GROWING GOOD FRUIT!

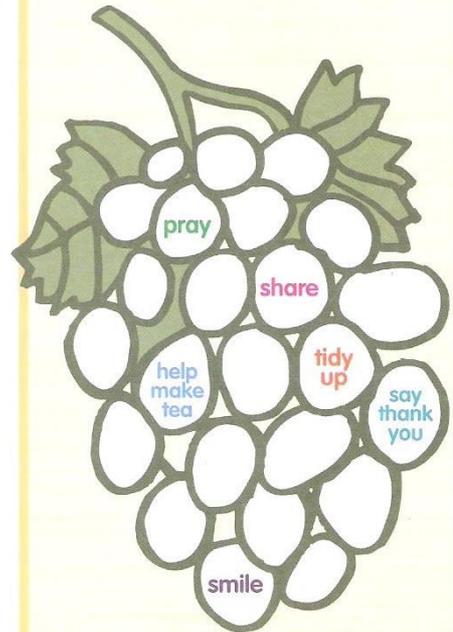


Can you fit the fruit into the grid?

- apple
- banana
- grape
- lemon
- orange

Bearing good fruit

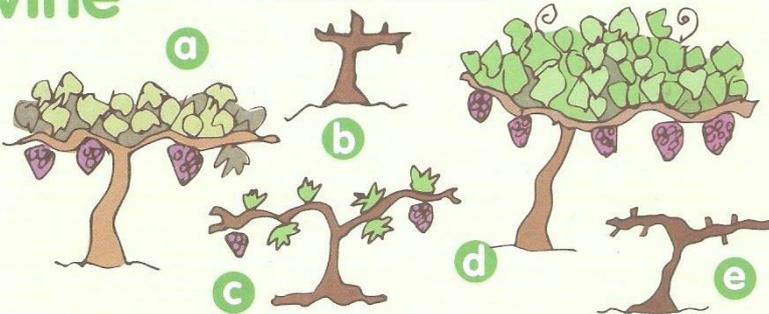
The good things we do are "good fruit". How will you share God's love and grow good fruit this week? Add some of your own ideas.



Colour in the grape when you complete the mission.

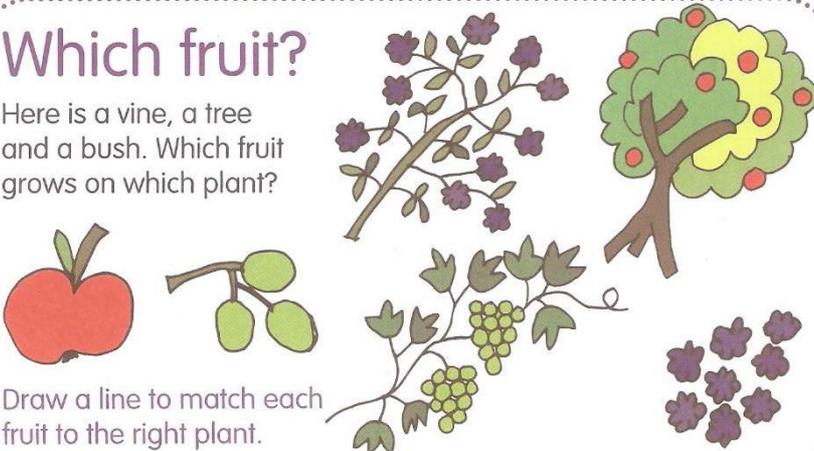
Growing vine

Can you put these vines in size order, starting with the smallest?



Which fruit?

Here is a vine, a tree and a bush. Which fruit grows on which plant?



Draw a line to match each fruit to the right plant.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me everything I need to grow. Please help me to grow in your love and bear good fruit. Amen.

Answers: 1.Banana, 2.Apple, 3.Grape, 4. Lemon, 5.Orange. Size order is b, e, c, a, d.