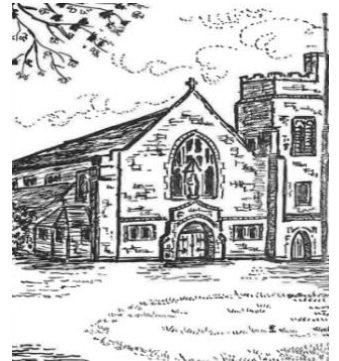


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## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Page 139

The Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year B presents us with the beautiful metaphor of the vine and the branches. Jesus emphasizes the importance of remaining in Him to bear fruit. Like branches that cannot survive, let alone bear fruit when severed from the vine, our spiritual lives wither without a deep and sustaining connection to Christ. This imagery invites us to consider the nature of the fruit we're called to bear. It's not merely about individual accomplishments but about contributing to the flourishing of the whole community, to the glory of God.

Bearing fruit requires trust and drawing strength from the Lord. It involves pruning—letting go of what hinders our growth and embracing a process of spiritual refinement. This is not always comfortable, but it is necessary for growth. In the spirit of the 5th Sunday of Easter Year B, we are reminded that our efforts, grounded in faith and sustained by grace, can lead to abundant life for ourselves and for others.

As we reflect on the readings for the 5th Sunday of Easter Year B, in Act of the Apostles we are called to embrace boldness in our proclamation and living of the Gospel, in the first letter of St John we are called to foster communities grounded in love and service, and in the Gospel we are called to bear fruit that brings glory to God. Let us draw strength from our connection to Christ, the true vine, trusting that He will guide and sustain us in our journey. Just as the early Christians' boldness in faith and action played a pivotal role in the growth of the Church, so too are we called to be instruments of God's love and grace in the world today.

**THE CAMPION SCHOOL CHOIR** We welcome to the parish this weekend the Campion School Choir who will be singing at the 11.30am Mass.

## **SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS' WED. AUDIENCE ON APOSTOLIC ZEAL (25)**

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on apostolic zeal, we have been reflecting on the spread of the Gospel through the witness of Christians of every time and place. Today we turn to the Servant of God Madeleine Delbr el, a 20th century French social worker, writer and mystic. After a period of agnosticism in her youth, Madeleine encountered Christ through the witness of her friends and, following her conversion, chose to live a life completely devoted to God, in the heart of the Church and the world. Madeleine was deeply moved by the plight of the poor and the anguish of those struggling to find meaning in life; she saw this as an urgent summons to reawaken missionary fervour in the Church of our day. For over three decades, she lived, prayed and worked among the poor in the peripheries of Paris. Madeleine Delbr el's example of apostolic zeal reminds us of our own baptismal mission to share the joy of the Gospel with others, and, in the process, to grow in fidelity to the twin commandments of love of God and love of all our brothers and sisters.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JON AND ROWENA** who were married at St Mary's last Saturday in front of family and friends. We wish them a lifetime of happiness together.

**VOCATIONS: Interested in a Vocation to the Priesthood?** – The next vocations evening will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Patrick Daly. Contact Fr Mark Swires - VocProm@brcdt.org – for more information.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Our Christmas bazaar will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Hall. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be left in the sacristy or given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office if you can help on the day.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 25<sup>th</sup> MAY:** Please can the payment of £25 for this trip be made by next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Cash can be dropped off to the Parish Office or if paying online – please use WALSINGHAM as reference and email the Parish Office to confirm payment has been received.

**YOUTH 2000 LONDON RETREAT DAY:** Come and See. Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on 11<sup>th</sup> May at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. It is jam-packed one day event, where people come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life. The cost £25 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, SUMMER 2024** Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). Book at <https://www.tangneytours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood/>. Bursary support is available for those in financial hardship. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please contact Kathryn Young: 07941 471503 [kathrynyoung@mail.com](mailto:kathrynyoung@mail.com)

**VOLUNTEERS AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP,** from 27<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August, help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+. [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk)

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next week there will be a second collection for World Communications. All donations will be gratefully received.

**ST BON'S REUNION CELEBRATION:** 11 July 2024 - 6.30 till late at St Antony's Catholic Club E7. All past students and staff welcome. For ticket information please contact: alumni@stbons.org

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Church cleaning takes place on Friday mornings from 10am and we are always looking for more helpers.

**DIVINE MERCY RECOLLECTION DAY:** On Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

**THY KINGDOM COME - PENTECOST PRAYER NOVENA 2024:** There will be 24/7 prayer running from 2pm on Sunday 12th May to 10pm on Saturday 18th May at the Sion Community Chapel. You are welcome to join us any time from 6am to 12 midnight. It would be very helpful if you could book an hour slot in the prayer room by visiting this link: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/75e411> or you can join us for Praise & Worship at 8pm which is taking place each evening. We look forward to welcoming you for this special prayer time.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Josephine 'Jo' Brown RIP & Daniel 'Danny' McCarthy RIP who have died recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.

**DANNY MCCARTHY RIP:** The funeral will take place at St Mary's on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11am with the Reception of the Body on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Carly Menon, Gina Mifsud, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward, Hannah Haughey and for all our family and friends who are ill.

**FINANCES:** You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

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## **SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>6.30pm</b>	Marie & Selby Tweedie RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter	28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary & Danny McCarthy RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Jack Hughes RIP
<b>Monday</b> St Catherine of Siena	29 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP & Mary Adams Int
<b>Tuesday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9.15am</b>	Sean O'Sullivan RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b> St Athanasius	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>10am – 12noon</b>	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Joseph Ma RIP
<b>Friday</b> SS Philip & James	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	William Curtin RIP
		<b>7.00pm</b>	Larry Fennessy RIP
<b>Saturday</b> The English Martyrs  Vigil Mass	4 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.15am</b>	Brenda Ryan RIP
		<b>9.45-11.15am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		<b>10.30-11.15am</b>	Confessions
		<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confessions
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Terry Inkersole RIP
<b>Sunday</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter	5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>8.00am</b>	Alayne Bone RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

**Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890**

*Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.*

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