

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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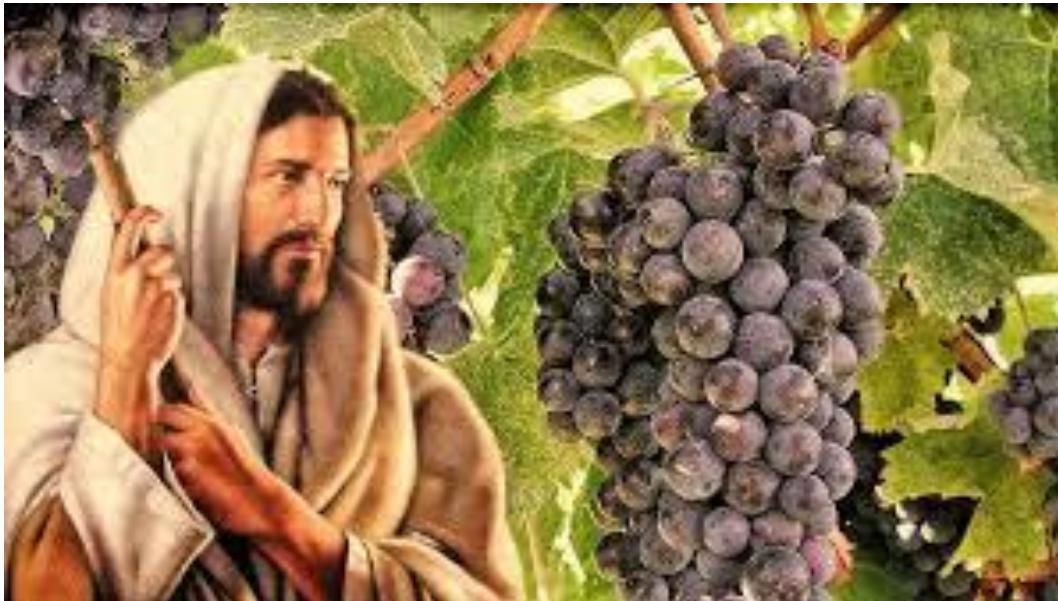
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Fifth Sunday of Easter – 1-2 May

“Those who remain in me and I in them will bear much fruit.”

John 15,5

IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL A MASS BOOKING

If you are unable to take up your place at Mass for some reason please let the stewards know on these numbers so that your space can be used :

Saturday 17.30 07544260440

Sunday 10.00 07753605972

Even when the website says sold out, it is worth phoning the relevant number on a Saturday as there are sometimes seats available at the last minute.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

For those who use envelopes, there are new boxes available. Thank you to those of you who set up direct debits over the last year.

For some people you will have a new number but your money will go to the same place.

PUBLIC MASSES DURING MAY

For the month of May, we will have one public Mass a week. For those who would like to book an intention (that will be published in the bulletin) please contact the parish office.

Wednesday, May 5, 18.30 – intention already taken. No pre-booking required.

Thursday, May 13th (*Solemnity of the Ascension*) 19.30 **Book on Eventbrite.**

Available Mon 3 May

Intention taken

Wednesday, May 19 18:30 – intention taken. No pre-booking required

Wednesday, May 26 18:30 - no pre-booking required

The Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B – Mark):

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

Mass Intentions for Fifth Week of Easter

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

Saturday	1 st May	17.30	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Sunday	2 nd May	10.00	Our Lady & St Anne
Monday	3 rd May <i>Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles</i>	No Mass	
Tuesday	4 th May <i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>	No Mass	
Wednesday	5 th May <i>Wednesday of the 5th week of Eastertide</i>	<u>18.30</u>	Sarah Bernto
Thursday	6 th May <i>Thursday of the 5th week of Eastertide</i>	No Mass	
Friday	7 th May <i>Friday of the 5th week of Eastertide</i>	No Mass	
Saturday	8 th May <i>Saturday of the 5th week of Eastertide</i>	No Mass	

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B

Saturday	8 th May	17.30	Fr Giles Goward RIP
Sunday	9 th May	10.00	Terry Colehan RIP