

28th APRIL 2024: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Mass book: p268

1st Reading: Acts 9: 26-31

2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24

Gospel: John 5: 1-8

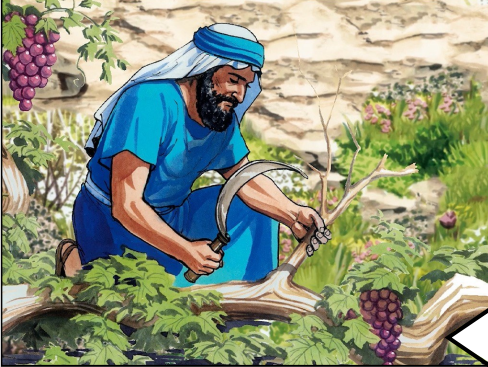
11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 283
Gloria: 998

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 268
Communion: 627

Offertory: 775 & 761
Post-Communion: Hymn Sheet

Memorial Accl.ⁿ: *We Proclaim...*
Recessional: 883



Jesus is the true vine

We are called to share the life of God through grace. It is like the sap in the branches that comes to them from the vine. If we really love God, then we will allow Christ to come into our lives and to remain in us. If we keep the commandment of love, God will live in us, and we will live in God.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the role of women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 27	18:30	First Mass of Sunday Victor Doron RIP
Sun 28	09.30	✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Mary Smith RIP
	11.00	Stanley Fellows RIP
Mon 29	09.30	St Catherine of Siena David Courtney RIP Rosary
Tue 30	09.30	Birthday Blessings - Jamil Gordon Rosary
Wed 01	09.30	Canon Nigel Larn RIP Rosary
Thu 02	09.30	Saint Athanasius Mr & Mrs J.P. O'Connor RIP Rosary
Fri 03	09.30	Saints † Philip and † James Intention of George & Sylvia Lakey Exposition
Sat 04	09.30	The English Martyrs Catherine McWalter RIP
	18:30	First Mass of Sunday Teresa Dean RIP
Sun 05	09.30	✠ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) Faithful Departed
	11.00	Catherine Atuwaogu RIP

Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter. Please send an email to: regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk.

Please Pray for the wellbeing of:

Bernadette Dowswell and Patrick Watts.

Regina Caeli

V. O Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia

R. For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia

V. He has risen as he said, Alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia

R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia

Let us pray: God our Father, you give joy to the world by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sharing the Word

First Reading - Three years after his conversion Paul went up to Jerusalem. At first the disciples were afraid of the ex-persecutor. It was only when Barnabas introduced him to the community that the Apostles accepted him. And when Paul began to preach, the Hellenists (Greek speaking Jews) turned on him and

sought to kill him. They regarded him as a traitor. Paul had to be smuggled out of the city, and he then went to Tarsus.

Second Reading - John tells us what we have to do in order to be at rights with God. We have to believe in God's Son, Jesus, and love one another as he told us. Active charity is what distinguishes true Christians from those who are such in name only.

Gospel - The image of the vine and the branches stresses the unity that exists between Christ and his disciples. Christ is the vine and the disciples are the branches. The vine cannot bear fruit without the branches and the branches cannot have life if separated from the vine. The branches need to be pruned in order to become fruitful.

Sick and Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take them Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the hall on Sun 5th May at 10am for, Reconciliation Revisited.

Confirmation Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the parish house on Sat 4th May at 5pm for, Session Eleven: Pentecost Story: Signs and Symbols.

St. George's Cathedral - Second Collection

For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light.

Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girl's choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major events. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark.

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Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or Government funding, not has an endowment to rely upon. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship.

Thank you!

- Donate Online: www.rcaos.org.uk/Cathedral
- Or Scan QR Code using telephone camera (right)
- Telephone weekdays 9 am - 5 pm: 020 7960 2504
- Cash / Cheque - please use the St George's Cathedral envelopes at the back of church.



A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments.

Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning in the parish house will be after 9.30am Mass on 5th April. Do come for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £139 Not Gift Aided: £367

Mass Count: Sat (59), Sun 09.30 (118), 11.00 (105)

Second Collection

Last week: Priest Training Fund (£571)

This week: St. George's Cathedral (Gift Aid)

Next Week: None

Donate

Gift Aid: Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

Card: Card Machine in Church Foyer or www.olspn.church

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

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