

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter, (B)**  
28th April 2024

**FIRST READING** (Acts 9:26-31)

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

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.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Psalm

21:26-28,30-32)

**R/. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly**

1. 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!

2. 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.

3. 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."

**SECOND READING** (1Jn 3:18-23)

*A reading from the First Letter of S John*

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 the 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.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL** (John 15:1-8)

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

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.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**



**IF YOU  
ABIDE IN ME  
YOU WILL BEAR  
MUCH FRUIT** —

Services this week

**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sun 28th 9.00am Mass (St Aidan's)  
10.30am Mass

Mon 29th S CATHERINE OF SIENA: no mass

Tue 30th no mass

Wed 1st 10.30am mass (St Aidan's)

Thu 2nd S Athanasius: no mass

Fri 3rd SS PHILIP AND JAMES: no mass

Sat 4th THE ENGLISH MARTYRS: no mass

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sun 5th 9.00am Mass (St Aidan's)  
10.30am Mass

*Love and respect of the Eucharist*

Come to Mass on time, and participate actively.

*On receiving the Eucharist frequently and mass attendance during the week:*

The Church invites us to receive the Eucharist frequently. Consequently we should go to Mass not only on Sundays but also during the week if our schedule permits.

WELCOME to our worship today, whether at St Augustine's or St Aidan's. Join us in speaking praise to God: join us also in keeping silence before mass, in listening to the voice of the Lord.

**Litter Picking** is this Saturday, meeting in the Parish Hall at 10.30am

**Bible Study Group** meet tomorrow at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**ACS Lent Boxes** Would you please return any Lent Boxes that you may have so we can collect the monies to send off to the Additional Curates Society.

**Electoral Roll Revision** The Revised Electoral Roll is now displayed at the back of church. If you believe you should be on it, please check that you are.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is after the 10.30am Sung Mass on Sunday 12th May. We hope all members of our congregations will be present, not only to hear the various Reports, but also to elect your Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council.

**Nomination Forms** for Churchwardens and PCC members are now at the back of church. If you would like to support the church's ministry of welcome by becoming a Sidesperson, please put your name on the list, also at the back of church.

**Reports Pack and Financial Statements Pack** These are available at the back of church for you to take away and peruse.

**Congratulations** to Fr Tony and Pam, celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary today. Everyone is invited to join them for cake and bubbles after the 10.30am Sung Mass.

**Parish Walsingham Pilgrimage 2024** Everyone is welcome to join us on our annual Pilgrimage to England's Nazareth. Please put your name on the list at the back of church, place the deposit in one of the envelopes provided and hand it to Elsie or Linda. The second deposit is now due. Thank you.

Alternatively, St Matthew's are having a shorter pilgrimage 28th– 29th September. The total cost will be in the region of £145 for adults and £100 for children. Please let Fr Tony know if you would like to go.

**Midweek masses at St Augustine's** Fr Tony is on leave this coming week, so there will be no said masses at St Augustine's. St Aidan's 10.30am mass will take place as usual.

**The Sick:** Roy Bryan, Sandra Smith, Brenda Sherlock, Derek Kruup, Catherine Princess of Wales, Dawn Randle, Theresa Stott, Keith Schofield,, Natalie Dicks, Les Worthington, Stephen Haslam, His Majesty the King, Len Hunt, Fr David Schofield, Jan Brown, Adrian Rahmati and Maureen Johnson.

**Departed:** Elzbieta Bialach, Ted Hale

**Anniversaries:**

Sun 28th Hetty McGuire, Stanley Ramsden, Richard Watson (pr).

Mon 29th Fred Davidson, Ann Powell, Joseph Foster, Arthur Mather, Frederick Warburton, Maggie Calderbank.

Tue 30th Margaret Edge, Elizabeth Savage, Anthony Teixeira, Philip Bolton, Olive Glasgow.

Wed 1st Nora Saltonstall, Frederick Tootill, James French, Sister Lisa Mary (Comm of All Saints).

Thu 2nd John French, William Stephenson, Benjamin Hutchinson, Edwin Halliwell, Mary Crier, Edith Halstead.

Fri 3rd Jane Haslem, Arthur Pearson, John Heyes.

Sat 4th Edwin Booth, Harry Middleton.

**Please take this Mass Sheet home with you.**