



The Parish of St William *served by* the Churches of St John & St Patrick

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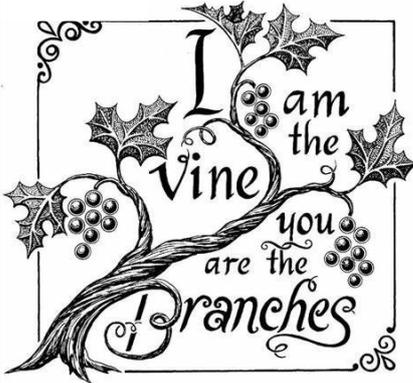
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Sunday 2nd May 2021 – 5th Sunday of Easter



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.'

John 15:1-8

Diary for the week ahead including Mass Intentions

Sun 2 May	5th Sunday of Easter	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am Mass St John's 11.00am Confessions St John's 3.45-4.15pm Mass St John's 4.30pm Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm	Stephen V.O. (LD) Mary Noy (A) Parishioners
Mon 3 May	Saints Philip and James, Apostles	Mass St John's 8.30am	Benefactors of the LISCF
Tue 4 May	The English Martyrs	Confessions St Patrick's 6.45-7.15pm Mass St Patrick's 7.30pm	Valerie Pitcher
Wed 5 May	<i>Wednesday, 5th of Eastertide</i>	Mass St John's 10.00am	Peter Fenton
Thur 6 May	<i>Thursday, 5th of Eastertide</i>	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am	Thomas McNulty (A)
Fri 7 May	<i>Friday, 5th of Eastertide</i>	Mass St John's 10.00am	Angela Garcia
Sat 8 May	<i>Saturday, 5th of Eastertide</i>	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am	Maureen Green
Sun 9 May	6th Sunday of Easter	Mass St Patrick's 9.15am Mass St John's 11.00am Confessions St John's 3.45-4.15pm Mass St John's 4.30pm Parish Rosary via Zoom 6.30pm	Jimmy & Paul Whyte and Julie Hughes (A) Neville Edgar (LD) Parishioners

Please pray for the sick *Please remember in your prayers our sick relatives and friends:* Colin Benfold, Sheila Parkinson, Brian Scott, Albert Winstanley, Paul Fairhurst, Karen Parry, Michael Pitcher, Tim Moran

Please remember those who have died: Paul Hayes

 **May God grant Eternal Rest and Peace**

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas McNulty, Francis Xavier Myers, James Winstanley, Agnes Dumican, Kieran McLoughlin, Beatrice Dalton, Mary Ann Thomas, Bernadette Burbridge, Dorothy Halliwell, Irene Rigby, Cathryn Maye, Terence Richardson, Mary Jane & Henry Gregory, Margaret Green.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED: Mary Gavaghan, Mary Elizabeth McLoughlin, Terry Windsor LD, Ellen McGann, Maurice Leonard, Maja Giruc and family

INDIA: We've all been shocked and moved by the dreadful scenes on TV of the suffering in India caused by Covid. Our hearts go out to the people there, and to parishioners who may have relatives back home affected by the pandemic. Buckets will be available at the back of church this weekend for donations to Cafod for India. Please be as generous as you can. (Cheques should be made payable to CAFOD). Thank you for your generosity.

SOME STATISTICS: In his Pastoral Letter last weekend Archbishop McMahon referred to the decrease in the number of priests in the Archdiocese. At the back of church this weekend you'll find a list of the priests of the diocese, given in the order of their ordination. Food for thought. Please do collect one and pray for vocations.

SYNOD 2020: From the four themes of (1) All called and gifted by God (2) Sharing the mission of Jesus (3) How we pray together (4) Building community, nurturing belonging, 120 proposals and 45 affirmations were developed through the process of Synod. All of this has led us towards the 19 Recommendations made to the Synod that Chris and Josh will be voting upon later in June. We have now been invited to continue our journey of reflection and discernment. As a parish we have arranged 6 hour-long evenings of reflection which will focus on the themes that will be covered by the recommendations:

- Thursday 13th June 7pm St John's Church— Evangelisation and Ministry
- Thursday 20th June 7pm St Patrick's Church— Invite and Welcome in God's Name
- Thursday 27th June 7pm St John's Church— Faith Formation
- Thursday 3rd June 7pm St Patrick's Church— Prayer and Spirituality
- Thursday 10th June 7pm St John's Church— Catholic Social Teaching and Community
- Thursday 17th June 7pm St Patrick's Church— Administration and Governance

Please arrive in the normal way at church—social distance guidance will apply. Please support our deliberations! ALL ARE WELCOME.

ST JOHN'S RED BOXES: During 2020 our Red Boxes and individual donations from raised £509 - thank you very much for your generous donations. Missio, the Pope's official charity, is now providing alternative ways for supporters to donate to the Red Box Scheme. Due to COVID19 supporters have been unable to get their Red Boxes emptied but the needs of missionary dioceses around the world have become more urgent than ever, as the constraints of lockdowns have added to existing problems of poverty, violence and injustice. Missio is letting supporters know that there are different ways to donate to the Red Box Scheme:

- Send a cheque made payable to Missio-Mil Hill to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU
- Give online: www.missio.org.uk/redbox
- Via text: Text REDBOX 5 to donate £5 or text REDBOX 10 to donate £10 to 70085 plus your standard rate message
- Donate by telephone: call 020 7821 9755 during office hours to donate with credit/debit card
- Donate by bank transfer: to Account name Missio, Sort Code 16 00 16, Account number 10824230, reference RB and your postcode

Alternatively, you may leave your Red Box/place the money from your Red Box in an envelope with your name on (there is no need to count it) in the container provided at the back of church.

WIGAN TO LOURDES BY WHEELS (WITH BACK-UP MISSION): The 1630 km walk began yesterday! You can donate to the charity through Josephine's JustGiving page: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/josephine-tingle1?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=josephine-tingle1&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=478070dd93d641f281c2b31199889cc0 For those who would like to join the team or would like to find out more, please contact Josephine on 07904317873. To find out more about the work of Across check out their website: www.across.org.uk. Thanks so much for your support.

ST PATRICK'S REFURBISHMENT UPDATE: A new external gate has been installed to the Presbytery yard and garden this week, greatly improving access. Thank you for your many generous and continued offerings to our Refurbishment Fund. Further work is in the pipeline.

ST PATRICK'S ARCHIVES: New photographs have been uploaded to the St Patrick's Facebook Page this week. Thank you to Tom Walsh, local historian and parishioner, for this kind donation.

ST PATRICK'S GARDENERS: Following the installation of the new gate, the warmer weather approaching and the easing of lockdown, it is time to think about the grounds. Could you help for an hour or two periodically? All ages welcome - more information to follow.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY: On the home page of our website you will find a short video entitled "Honouring Our Lady at St. John's" which was created last year—it is a montage of old and new photos of how Our Lady has been honoured over the years—a lovely memento celebrating our devotion to the Mother of God.



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'St Patrick & St John Wigan'