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**WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 2nd May 2021
(Readings-Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Cycle 1, Psalter Week 1)**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Gospel: JOHN 15:1-8)

ST CATHERINE'S		Intentions
Sunday 2 nd May: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Jack Turner
Tuesday 4 th May: 9.15am	Mass	Eileen Burke
Thursday 6 th May: 9.15am	Mass and online via Zoom	Caroline Stevenson
Sunday 9 th May: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Tony Walsh
ST AGNES		
Saturday 1 st May: 5.30pm	Mass	Moya Gladding
Sunday 2 nd May: 10.30am	Mass	Paula, Sorcha and Niamh Riby
Wednesday 5 th May: 9.15am	Mass	Private Intention (TM)
Friday 7 th May: 9.15am	Mass	Chris and Mary Henry
Saturday 8 th May: 5.30pm	Mass	Gallagher Family
Sunday 9 th May: 10.30am	Mass	Bob Dulson

MASS READINGS can be found at universalis.com/mass.htm.

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: In the Gospel today, the symbol of the vine and the branches describes the intimate union between Christ and the believer. The Christian is to live united with God in Christ. You may recall how early in John's Gospel some disciples asked Jesus where he was staying. Jesus replied, "Come and See," and the disciples "remained" with him for the rest of that day. Discipleship begins with "abiding" with Jesus. Such a close union with Jesus is not the privileged experience of the saints; it is the core of Christian life. If you want to know Jesus more intimately, you can begin with some contemplation of the Gospels. Set aside 30 minutes this week to contemplate a passage of the Gospels. The Gospels are stories written to engage our imaginations, hearts and minds so that we will come to know, love and follow Jesus.

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently and their families especially Margaret Huddleston.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick.

MASS on Tuesdays at 9.15am is restarting from 4th May 2021.

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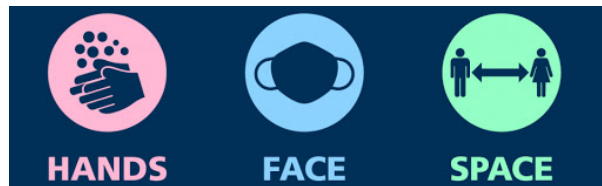
ONLINE MASS via Zoom is on **Sundays** at **9am** and **Thursdays** at **9.15am**. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524> All those who have contacted the Parish Office for the Zoom link will automatically be sent the link weekly.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP is this Sunday at 11.15am via Zoom.

More information and how to get involved each Sunday can be found on our private Facebook Group 'St Catherine's Children's Liturgy'. Please email Phoebe (stcathoylake@gmail.com) in the Parish Office for details or if you have any questions.

NATIONAL LOCKDOWN: "You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times."



GUIDANCE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS: In line with governmental and diocesan guidelines we have the following safety measures in place:

- on arrival for Mass, a steward will ask you to sanitise your hands and guide you to a suitable bench depending on whether you have come as part of a household or as an individual observing at all times the minimum 1m+ social distancing procedures.
- everyone must wear face coverings; please bring your own covering with you and **ensure it is worn correctly over your nose and mouth**. There will be some available if you do not have one.
- **please remain in your bench at the end of Mass and wait to be asked to leave by a steward. This ensures safe distancing on exiting the church.**
- please fill out on the Test and Trace form on your bench. This information will be kept by the Parish for 21 days and destroyed after this time. Please place your completed form and pen in the designated baskets at the end of Mass.
- booking is not required.
- please do not mingle after Mass and please leave the premises promptly.
- **Please bear in mind that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days remains suspended.**

Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding.

OUR LADY OF PITY ANNEXE PRESCHOOL, HOYLAKE has places available for 2-4 year olds starting in September 2021. Please contact the Preschool Manager, Jenny Jackson via: olopannexepreschool@gmail.com or 0151 632 6336. Further information can be found on their website: www.olopannexepreschool.com/

INTER-DIOCESAN FUEL MANAGEMENT LIMITED is a Catholic organisation currently recruiting an Administrator. The Company purchases gas, electricity, fuel oil and biomass for the majority of Catholic Dioceses in England and Wales. The role is working with others in the department processing invoices, collecting data and general administration duties. This is a full-time post: 35 hours Monday to Friday based at the Curial Office, Birkenhead, Wirral. Salary: £16K to 19K dependent on experience. Closing date 28 May 2021. Please send CV to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org For further details please visit the website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies>

PAX CHRISTI: Join their Pilgrimage for Peace from 15-21 May 2021. Walk, cycle, row, run, pray, read ...whether as an individual, a group, a family. Set yourself a sponsored challenge and raise funds for Pax Christi. Further information can be found at <https://paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/>

AED DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING: for both new certification and renewal will be arranged for one evening in the near future at St Catherine's. Please let Simon O'Connell know on 07711 163922 or the Parish Office (stcathhoylake@gmail.com) if you wish to be included. (NB. Our AED is located in the Church Hall.)

PRAY IN MAY with Mary's Meals: Throughout the month of May, Mary's Meals is asking parishes across the country to pray with them to bless Mary's Meals, as they recognise the special place of prayer in their work. Further information on the work of Mary's Meals can be found here: www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are now available for this year. Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office (stcathhoylake@gmail.com) if you would like to have your box delivered. Thank you.

GIFT AID: if you have previously donated with gift aid but now do not pay tax or if you now pay tax and wish to gift aid your donation please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

FOOTBALL BOOTS: do you have an unwanted pair of football boots which could be donated to the asylum seekers (preferably adult size 11-12, but any size will be appreciated)? Please contact Sr Monica in West Kirby on 07531240457 or 0151 625 5592 who would be very happy and grateful to collect from any address. Thank you.



Would you like to contact the Parish Office or do you have any items for the newsletter? Please email stcathhoylake@gmail.com. Thank you!

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Gospel: John 15:1-8

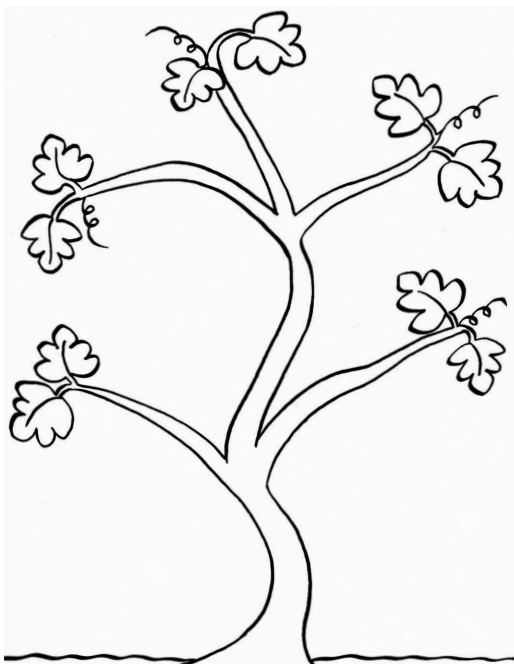


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Find more resources at cafod.org.uk/families

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

(Redemptorist Publications)

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... Jesus tells the people that he is like a vine. Father, God in heaven, is like the gardener who looks after the vine, and we are like the branches that the grapes grown on.

A PRAYER TO SAY... Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me everything I need to grow. Please help me to grow your love and bear good fruit. Amen.