

SUNDAY MASSES 27th/28th April 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SATURDAY St Timothy's 5.30 pm People of the Parish
SUNDAY St Paul's 8.30 am Helen Holmes RIP Anniv
SUNDAY St Paul's 11.15 am Alice Archer RIP B'day Anniv

WEEKDAY MASSES & SERVICES

MON St Paul's **12.00 noon** Cathleen Saunders
TUES St Timothy's **9.30 am** Fabian Morley
WED St Paul's **12.00 noon** Maureen NG RIP
WED St Paul's **1.15 pm** **FUNERAL:** Roberts (Bobby) **PARKER**
THURS St Timothy's **9.30 am** David Foulis Snr & David Foulis Jnr
FRI St Paul's **12.00 noon** Arthur Rimmer RIP
FRI St Paul's **2.00 pm** **FUNERAL:** Cynthia **LAMONT**
SAT St Timothy's **10.00 am** Freda Campbell Romaya RIP Anniv

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASSES

SATURDAY St Timothy's 5.30 pm People of the Parish
SUNDAY St Paul's 8.30 am Jack & Marie Whitehead RIP
SUNDAY St Paul's 11.15 am Mary McKeown RIP B'day Anniv

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

People of the Parish
 Jack & Marie Whitehead RIP
 Mary McKeown RIP B'day Anniv

Please pray for:

Those who have recently died: Eileen Griffiths; Norah Kendrick; Joseph Walsh; Cynthia Lamont; Robert (Bobby) Parker

The Sick: Elizabeth Rawlston; John Macdonald; Harry Knight; Doreen Fisher; Maureen Smith; James Rafferty; Susan Connolly; George Malcolm; Michael & Pat Brown; Gerard Crooks; John Harris; Lucy Gilston; Theresa Brown; Sarah Jones; Margaret McDonald; Kathy Dwyer; Kathleen Gallagher; Jane Dotty; Billy Maddocks; Archbishop Patrick Kelly; Sr Savio; Dot & John Wood; Pauline Gerrard Byatt; Fabian Morley

Birthdays Anniversaries: Alice Archer; Don Pearson; Mary McKeown

Anniversaries: Helen Holmes; Freda Campbell Romaya

Mass Intentions Received This Week: Joseph Walsh; Special Intention; Andrew Dalziel; Daniel Nolan; One Sick (FGM); Thomas Mulvey

Ecumenical Group: Next weeks service is on **Thursday 2nd May 2024** in St Paul's Church at 11.00 am - All Welcome

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 10.40 am at St Timothy's Church

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Parish Priest: Fr John Southworth; Assistant Priest: Fr John Meehan; Deacons: Joe McGunigle, Andy Cleary

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Open Churches: St Paul & St Timothy

In the Archbishop's pastoral letter last weekend he encouraged prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please note that both St Paul's and St Timothy's are open everyday. There are no set opening times but the churches are open from early in the morning until the evening.

David Wells: Parish Day of Renewal

Saturday 18th May: 9.30 am - 3.00 pm in the Parish Centre

This promises to be a very rewarding and enjoyable day and it is hoped that a large number of parishioners will attend. So for catering purposes we are asking people to sign the list at the back of the churches if you will be attending. Thank you.

Sing to Mary - May: the Month of Mary, Mother of God

We will honour Mary once again with a service on Thursday 16th May at 12 noon. Once again, if you have any old favourite hymns you want to sing let Fr Southworth know.

APF Red Mission Boxes

Those still using the boxes please contact the office by phone or email (details on back page). We need to update the Gift Aid contribution for the Mill Hill Fathers.

RCIA Mass for new Catholics - Thursday 20 June at the Cathedral at 7.00 pm

It will be celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. Anyone who has been received into the church, both this year and previous years are welcome to attend with their families, friends and Catechists.

Sacrament of Confirmation - 20th May

Bishop Tom Neylon will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the parishes of St Paul and St Timothy and St Margaret Mary on **Monday 20th May** at 7.00 pm in St Margaret Mary's church.

Contact: Those who have registered with the Archdiocese through their school will be contacted directly—Those who have not registered should contact the parish as soon as possible (email on back page).

CAFOD

There is a thank you poster on the notice board from CAFOD thanking us for raising £2,090 during Lent.

FOODBANK COLLECTION—Next weekend

4th/5th May will be the monthly Foodbank collection. A list of suitable items are on the poster on the notice board. Please do not donate any food items that need

Parishes of St Paul & St Timothy



EASTER

5th Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024

*I am the vine, you are the branches.
 Whoever remains in me, with me in them,
 bears fruit in plenty;
 for cut off from me you can do nothing.*
 John 15:5



Today's gospel about the vine and the branches is an Eastertide reminder to us that the basic thing required of all Christians is to be rooted in Christ, to be so attuned to his voice and presence that all our actions spring from his promptings through the Holy Spirit.

Any good that is achieved in the world comes about through God's action and grace. We are simply co-operators. We are not the vine itself, just the branches. And Jesus points out that we will keep ourselves fruitful if we are pruned. And we are pruned by listening to the word that he has spoken. So each of us has to consider how we are joined to Jesus through faith, prayer and keeping his word.

If each of us has to produce fruit, what is this fruit to be? Service? Action for justice? A life offered silently to God? Only God's word can tell you and me what is being asked particularly of us. But the most important thing is that we don't simply rush into action off our own bat, but that the fruits we bear should come from the Spirit and bear his seal.

CAFOD Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another crisis—extreme hunger.

Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudan_appeal.

Your donations will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it.

FAITH IN FOCUS: CHRISTLESS CHRISTIANITY?

Have you ever watched the TV and seen a report about someone who is doing sterling work, helping people and making a real difference to the world around them? And then you find out they don't even believe in God? That's because you don't have to believe in God to do good and you don't have to be a Christian to make a difference to the world. But today Jesus tells us that only those who "remain" or "abide" in him will be following the Christian path. So what does it mean to "remain" in him?

A vine branch is lifeless and useless unless it remains attached to the vine. Inside it there is living sap that flows throughout the vine into each of the branches enabling each branch to produce fruit. For us to abide in the vine means that we are going to be people who are depending upon Christ and who are allowing the power and the Spirit of Christ to flow through us and in us.

So, remaining in the vine means living our lives with the Trinity consciously present within us. And only if we do this will we bear fruit that will last as we become more and more like Christ. For when we "remain"

attached to the vine, we become more like Jesus and we want to tell others about the source of our life. When we become more like Jesus we pray more and our approach to life changes: we treat people more like Jesus did, we talk to people like Jesus did and we are prepared to go that extra mile like Jesus did.

One of the great risks that we run is to think that by our own effort we can make ourselves better and that we can make a lasting difference to our world. Yet Jesus reminds us that we are only branches of the vine and that branches cannot bear fruit all by themselves. We need to be attached to the trunk of the vine itself.

At the start of each day are we conscious of "remaining" in Christ? Do we speak to Christ during our waking hours? Do we ask for help and support in the decisions we make? Are our lives a go-it-alone affair or are they lived in God's presence? Anyone who bears fruit is doing something good. But Jesus tells us that only if we "remain" in him and are part of the vine will our fruit last.

Laudato Si - Care of the Earth Meeting

There will be a meeting on Tuesday evening @7.45 pm in St Timothy's Meeting Rooms of the Care for the Earth Group (Laudato Si). New members will be very welcome to attend. Come and see. You might find a niche where you can explore your own interests and make a valuable contribution to the parish or area.

Bereavement Support Meeting

The newly forming Bereavement Group will meet on Wednesday May 1st in St Timothy's Meeting Room @ 7.00 pm. Some training will be offered during the meeting and will be part of an ongoing process. New members are welcome.

Parish Centre

Friday 31st May Motown Night £12 inc full buffet.

Sunday: Tea and biscuits after Mass.

Thursday: Knitters Thursday Afternoon Social Gathering 12.30 pm - 3.30 pm
 Bingo from 7.30 pm