

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us.....

**THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father  
have mercy on us;

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD****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.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 21:26-28. 30-32**

**R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. or Alleluia!**

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! **(R)**
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. **(R)**

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.' **(R)**

**SECOND READING 1 John 3:18-24****A reading from the first letter of St. 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.

**The word of the Lord.**

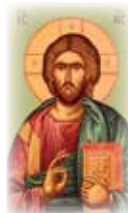
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Make your home in me,  
as I make mine in you,  
says the Lord.**

**Whoever remains in me  
bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!**

**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.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*All bow for following three lines:*

and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection  
of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Pray brothers and sisters.....

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.

Through Christ our Lord.

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

**SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

*The mystery of faith.*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

Behold the Lamb of God, .....

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.**

**Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

# focus on sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2nd May 2021

**Jesus describes his relation to us like the closeness of a branch to a tree. We are brought to life in him, grow in him as people who can love each other, and become in him a people of eternal hope.**



*I am the true vine...*



Sometimes we have a good conversation; after it, and during it, we feel uplifted, alive, sometimes we have a good laugh, or a good cry. Different groups we meet with can give us this lift of the spirit. Jesus today in the gospel speaks about branches that do not remain part of the vine. They wither

and they are thrown away. He is referring to himself and our relationship with him. Our relationship with Jesus can bring us to life because he is that sort of person. He appeals to the best in us and the real Jesus brings out the best in us.

When we come into relationship with Jesus, we are coming into new life. If the Jesus we experience is one who disapproves of us, keeps us down in ourselves, contributes to poor self-esteem, then this is not the real Jesus.

If we want to grow into good relationship with him, we notice how we feel with him and share that with him. Also, our relationship with him should reach out to others. 'Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty'. Someone once asked, how do I know I am praying right? The answer is not to get new methods of prayer, though these can help, but ask; what is your life like? Are you growing in compassion, justice, faith, good humour, and all the things that go to make up holiness?

The invitation today is to stay close to Jesus, as branches are close to the vine.

We can do this by living the words of the Prophet: act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God. This is the following of Jesus.

*Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger*



## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

Jesus liked flowers, mountains, beautiful clouds and silvery water. Today Jesus is looking at the vine and its branches. The seed goes into dark, cold earth and it will be fed with sunshine and water. Jesus sees us like seeds of God. God Our Father gives us breath and life, and helps us to grow beautifully, like leaves on a tree. Every leaf is different. We learn to use our hands everyday. We hug, play games, do kind actions, help at home. We join our hands to say thanks to God.





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**Sunday Masses:**

**SS John & Paul (Webcam):** Friday 7pm;  
Saturday 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12:15 pm

**Mary Immaculate Church -** Saturday 12 noon;  
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

**Weekday Masses Streamed on Webcam:**

10 am & 7 pm SS John & Paul Church

**SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Parish Office: 4, Dún na Ri, Shannon**  
**Tel 061 363243**

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(lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm) 1.30pm - 5.30pm

**Thursdays:** 9.00am - 1.00pm

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## 2 May 2021 Newsletter

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Sympathies:** Sympathies and prayers to the families of Eddie Ryan, Carrigerry and Shannon, and Sadie Smyth, Tradaree Court who died this week. Sympathies and prayers to Eileen Dunne, Tradaree Court and Gerry Dunne, Tullyglass Crescent on the death of their sister Teresa Holland who died in New York. Sympathies and prayers to Aine Lillis, Inis Ealga on the death of her mother Mary Lillis, Newmarket on Fergus. Sympathies and prayers to the McGettrick family on the death of Michael McGettrick, Texas, USA

**Anniversaries:** Joe Smyth, Margaret Browne, Frances Birchall, Kathleen Moloney, Bridget Kinane, Kieran O Loughlin



#### Resumption of Public Masses:

From Monday May 10th public Masses will resume in the parish and the schedule of Masses will remain in place up to the end of June. The full schedule of daily and weekend Masses in the parish will be published next week. Please note the wearing of masks and sanitising of your hands on entry and exit is mandatory on the resumption of public worship. Our stewards will also be there to support you on your return. We look forward to welcoming you back to Mass.



**Baptisms:** We thank our families for their patience and understanding in regard to the suspension of baptisms up to now. The celebration of baptisms will recommence on Saturday May 15th and because there will be a backlog of baptisms and in keeping with safety protocols, baptisms will be celebrated every weekend. Please call the parish office to book the baptism of your child and complete the registration forms at 363243. Parish Office is open Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30am to 5.30pm and Thursday from 9am to 1pm.



**Youth Ministry**  
— KILLALOE —

**Killaloe Diocesan Youth Ministry:** A blessing for all young people will be available and can be viewed on [www.killaloe-diocese.ie](http://www.killaloe-diocese.ie) on Sunday May 9th at 12noon. Do pass around the word of this lovely event.



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in both Church's after Sunday Masses on the Sunday's of the month of May, the month of Our Lady. Exposition will conclude at 6pm. You are welcome to visit the Church and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Synodal Pathway

For a synodal Church:  
communion, participation  
and mission.



#### Make a Submission for Upcoming National Synod of the Catholic Church

Let your voice be heard for the National Synod of the Catholic Church over the next 5 years!

It begins with a conversation for the next 2 years, and bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: parish hall meetings, focus groups, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences.

Your feedback, which should be no more than 300 words and submitted by Pentecost Sunday 23 May 2021, ought to focus on the nature of the process for the consultation i.e. how we can best go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation, rather than on the prospective themes for the Synodal Pathway, which will be addressed in the next phase.

Check out [www.catholcbishops.ie](http://www.catholcbishops.ie) on submitting your views.