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Fifth Sunday of Easter 02.05.2021

Sat 1 May 6.00pm **Streamed + People**

John Pollock GE

Sun 2 May 9.00am (**Carterton**) + **People**

Fifth Easter Sunday Renate Seber GE

10.15am **Streamed + People**

Santina Carrinchi GE

Mon 3 May

Ss Philip & James

Tue 4 May **6.30pm** John Drew A

English Martyrs

Wed 5 May 9.45am Mass for Class only

7.00pm Mass with reception into

church of Isalina de Freitas

Thu 6 May **11.00am Funeral Isalina de Freitas**

This Mass will be streamed via Zoom, since limit of 30 in church applies: see below for details.

Fri 7 May 6.00pm (Burford)

Sat 8 May 6.00pm **Streamed + People**

Ray Field LD

Sun 9 May 9.00am (**Bampton**) + **People**

6th Easter Sunday 10.15am **Streamed + People**

Isalina de Freitas LD

N.B. Live-streaming of 10.15am Sunday Mass

Details on website: www.stjosephscarterton.uk

Church now OPEN for Mass on Saturdays,

6.00pm; Sundays 9.00am and 10.15am;

Tuesdays 6.30pm from 4 May; (+ Burford

Fridays 6.00pm).

Please pray for those who have died: Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Christopher Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Anne Jennings, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier, Sue Hand, Graham Copping, Romy Sadler-Tomkins, Jim & Lily Rooney, Terry Curtin, Frederick Shaw, Annette Steele, Marie Whelan, Elaine Barry, Isalina de Freitas.

Anniversaries: Phil Parker-Smith, Angela Overton, Fr Brian Reid, John Drew.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war: Pat Hay, Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Brendan Farrow, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Pat Hand, Rodrigo Bantug, John Pollock, Richard, Nkechi, Celia Fairbrother, Pauline Allen, Stephen, Cynthia Brick, John Titcombe, Dominic Martin, Santina Carrinchi.

***Red Boxes** Please return your Mission / APF boxes before the end of May

In 2020 Donations from the parish to Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries amounted to **£1,509**. The missionaries and the people they serve live in difficult circumstances made worse by Covid-19. They have asked to have their thanks passed on and promise their prayers for us. See more at www.missio.org.uk

***Factoid:** Income tax was introduced in 1799 by the then Prime Minister, William Pitt the Younger, as a temporary measure to cover the cost of the Napoleonic Wars.

Isalina's Requiem Mass Thursday 6 May at 11.00am Isalina's husband Josè and daughter Theresa wish to thank all who have sent cards and messages of condolence. If you wish to attend either the Mass with reception into church (Wed) or the funeral Mass (Thur) please call either 01993 837952 or 0781 232 9024. Please just request one of the two, and please be understanding if capacity (30 at each) has already been reached when you telephone. Zoom link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/4529593477?pwd=WjJBbEFNOUNQZnFmYVVveTFyZkVVUT09> or if Zoom is installed on your device: Meeting ID: 452 959 3477 Passcode: requiem

1st reading: Acts 9:26-31. 2nd reading: I John 3:18-24. Gospel: John 15:1-8

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B) 02.05.2021 *Make your home in me*

In the space of the eight verses of today's Gospel Our Lord implores his friends no fewer than five times to remain in his love. Why so often? Jesus explains why, employing the image of the vine. Just as the branches of the vine can only bear fruit if they remain attached to the vine, so do we disciples only bear fruit if we remain firmly attached to Jesus. We may imagine ourselves as the buds, leaves and tendrils of the developing vine. Separation from Jesus the vine means not only that bearing fruit is impossible, but also that we wither and die.

By baptism we are joined to the vine. The virtues of faith, hope and charity allow us to live, grow, and bear fruit in the vine, in the church, in union with Christ. But we Christians are not spared painful participation in Jesus' sacrifice. Jesus' Father, the vinedresser, is intent on quantity and quality of production, and vines needs expert pruning to achieve that end. But being pruned is a painful process analogous to the painful setbacks and disappointments which we humans continually experience. Cherished hopes will sometimes be dashed.

But take heart: these prunings will allow us to become more fruitful, even if we do not understand how! This affords insight into the sacrificial meal which is Holy Communion, by which we are spiritually and physically united to Jesus. We participate in Our Lord's sacrifice for our salvation. Yes, Jesus the true vine has also been pruned by his Father for the sake of a plentiful grape harvest and vintage. A further insight is that *we are pruned already by means of the word that [Jesus] has spoken to [us]*. Listening consistently to Jesus' word permits us to discern and navigate an authentic course, just like the sap flows from the root of the vine to the branches and yields a harvest of grapes in due season. Listening to Christ's word and eating his body and drinking his blood in Holy Communion enable us to remain permanently in Jesus.

George Herbert - 1593-1633

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lacked anything.

"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":
 Love said, "You shall be he."

"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
 I cannot look on thee."

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
 "Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve."

"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"
 "My dear, then I will serve."

"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."
 So I did sit and eat.

