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*Dixit Jesus discipulis suis:  
Ego sum vitis,  
vos palmites.  
Qui manet in me,  
et ego in eo,  
hic fert fructum multum,  
quia sine me  
nihil potestis facere.*



Jesus said to His disciples:  
I am the Vine,  
you are the branches.  
He who abides in me,  
and I abide in him,  
he it is that bears much fruit,  
for without me  
you can do nothing.  
John 15: 5

*Services for the Fifth Week of Eastertide 2024, Fourth after the Easter Octave  
28<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Mary's Month of May*

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**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April,**  
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

The People of the Parish

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, *The Fifth Sunday of Easter (OF) – Fourth after Easter (EF)***

Holy Mass, 8.00 am  
Solemn Mass, 10.30 am

Charles & Joan Lambert RIP  
A husband's employment

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**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April, *The Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe (OF) – St Peter of Verona, Priest & Martyr (EF)***

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Emma Sue & David Hooper

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**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, *Easter Feria (OF) – St Catherine of Siena, Virgin (EF)***

Holy Mass, 9.30 am

Maria Auxiliadora Domingues Paiva RIP

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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, *St Joseph the Worker (OF, EF)***

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Ray Fitzpatrick RIP

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**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, *St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor (OF, EF) - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday (Christ the Priest)***

Holy Mass, 9.30 am  
Holy Mass, 12.00 noon (Extraord. Form)  
Holy Hour & Confessions, 4.15 – 5.00 pm, Benediction, 5.00 pm

John & Hannah Chegwyn  
Connie Roustum

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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, *The Feast of SS. Philip & James, Apostles (OF) – Feria (EF) – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday (Sacred Heart of Jesus)***

Holy Mass, 6.00 pm (Extraord. Form)

Fr Daniel Seward

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**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, *The Feast of the English Martyrs (OF, EF) – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday (Immaculate Heart of Mary)***

Holy Mass, 9.30 am  
Holy Hour, Confessions, 10.00 - 11.00 am, Benediction, 11.00 am

Rose O'Doherty

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**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, *Vigil of Sunday***

Confessions, 5.15 pm  
Holy Mass, 6.00 pm

Christopher Long RIP

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, *The Sixth Sunday of Easter (OF) – Fifth after Easter (EF)***

Holy Mass, 8.00 am  
Sung Mass, 10.30 am

Robert Walker RIP  
The People of the Parish

*Father John writes:*

***This Sunday: Visit of Father Francisco***

Our dear friend Fr Francisco of the Bournemouth Oratory will be visiting us this weekend, 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April. This is his first visit to St Gregory's since his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on 24<sup>th</sup> January. He will celebrate the Solemn Mass at 10.30 am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. After Mass he will give his First Blessing.

***This Sunday: Emergency Second Collection for Sudan***

In response to an appeal from Cafod, His Grace the Archbishop has asked us this weekend to take an emergency second collection this weekend for Sudan. The situation in this war-stricken country is deteriorating rapidly. With 25 million people needing immediate humanitarian assistance, up to seven million people will now be at risk of famine-like conditions by June.

***Next weekend: Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians***

The annual **International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians** will take place next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, India, and Ukraine. For further detailed information, please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-fitzgerald-give-thanks-to-god-for-eastern-christians/>

***Advance Notice: Second Collections***

12<sup>th</sup> May - Catholic Communications

16<sup>th</sup> June – Day for Life

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Second Century Fund

30<sup>th</sup> June – Peter's Pence

***A Date for the Diary: May Procession***

The May Procession is one of the happiest events in the parish calendar. This year it will take place **3 pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**, the eve of the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. We will need cakes and helpers! If you could help with the tea party, please call Kathy on 07717 164410.

***One Million Roses for Our Lady***

At each of her apparitions, Our Lady explicitly asked: *My dear children, pray the Rosary*. So let's answer her request! During the month of May, on the *Rosario* app of the *Hozana* organization, each decade prayed is transformed into a spiritual rose. Once a million decades are reached, *Hozana* will deliver thousands of real roses to Our Lady at the world's most visited Marian shrine, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. The flowers will symbolize the prayers offered up, in faith and love, to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary for the needs of the Church and our poor broken world. Here's the link for sending spiritual roses to Mary: <https://urlz.fr/qnTy>

***Eastertide House Blessings***

Please let me know if you would like your home to receive the special blessing during Eastertide (up to Trinity Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May).

***Mass Intentions***

Asking for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to be offered for one's own intentions, or for a loved one, living or dead, is a beautiful and powerful act of faith, hope, and charity. If you would like a Holy Mass offered, please use one of the little brown envelopes in the narthex, fill in the details, add your offering, and return either through the Presbytery letter-box or in the collection plate.

***Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth***

Please contact your MP urgently, asking her to oppose the extreme proposal currently before Parliament, using SPUC's webtool:

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments> Pray for the protection of unborn babies, and for the support and comfort of mothers in need. **The Second Vatican Council condemned abortion as 'an unspeakable crime'.**

***The Food Larder***

Thank you to all those contributing items each week. Please continue to donate dry goods, not forgetting toiletries and washing powder, using the boxes in the narthex and Presbytery porch.

***Please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East, and don't forget Ukraine!***

***Please pray for the sick and housebound***

His Majesty The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Anne-Marie, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Jane Brownson, Ela Bulewicz, Olive Clarke, Paul Conway, Maureen Dalton, Mike Hall, Aneta Gawrysiak, Joyann Green, Sr. Joseph Andrew OP, Jill Kelly, Emily Long, Elsie Maria Michaud, Fiona McLaren, Anne Morris, Alice Murphy, Jill Pinnock, Sharon Power-Hartley, Joy Smith, Fr Frank Sofie, Malcolm Spicer, Matthew Spicer, Evelyn Watkin, Anthea Watson, and Dennis White.

***Please pray for the faithful departed***

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Richard Austin, David de Bono, Catherine Joyce, Priscilla Leonard, and Wilfred Bernard Wagstaff, who have anniversaries at this time.

**+ Requiem aeternam dona eis,  
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.**

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