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CHANGE OF MASS TIMES



The **9.00pm Novena Mass** on Thursday will now be at **8.00pm**, beginning on **6th May**

This Mass will be open to the public from that date.

12.00pm SATURDAY MASS

This Mass will resume on **May 8th** - and will be open to the public

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Webcam and Public Masses in Clonard

MASSES via the WEBCAM

PUBLIC MASSES in CLONARD

7.00am	9.30am	11.00am	12.30pm	Sunday May 2	7.00am	9.30am	11.00am	12.30pm
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Monday May 3	7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Tuesday May 4	7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Wednesday May 5	7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	8.00pm	Thursday May 6 [Novena Masses]	7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	8.00pm
7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm		Friday May 7	7.00am	9.30am	6.15pm	
7.00am	9.30am	12.00pm	7.30pm [Vigil Mass]	Saturday May 8	7.00am	9.30am	12.00pm	7.30pm [Vigil Mass]

GOD'S WORD IN APRIL 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 21; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



In today's Gospel Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches." The Bible often presents Israel as a vine and God as the planter or vinedresser. However, when Jesus uses this image he is saying something about himself (the vine) in relationship with the Father (the vinedresser) and in relationship with his followers (the branches). Only when the vinedresser, the vine and the branches are in a harmonious relationship is fruit produced. If Jesus is the vine, then his Father is clearly the vinedresser, for it is God who directs Jesus and his work. Jesus describes himself as a vine that is "true" or "authentic". He is such a vine because he comes from the Father and is in relationship with the Father.

God, the vinedresser, removes fruitless branches from the vine, but prunes fruitful ones so they can bear even more fruit. But what is the "fruit" that Jesus speaks of? It is the love that members of the Christian community must have for one another. The fruitless branches are those within the Christian community who fail to love, while the fruitful branches are those who imitate Jesus' love.

Vine branches that stay connected to the vine thrive and bear grapes. Those that are disconnected wither, dry up, bear no fruit and end up in the vinedresser's fire. It is vivid language which Jesus uses to make a dramatic point about choice. We can choose to be in relationship with Jesus (the branches connected to the vine) or we can choose to reject such a relationship (the fruitless, withered branches). The choice and its consequences are ours.

Courtesy of REALITY magazine

OPENING OF MONASTERY RECEPTION

**Reception is reopened from Saturday 1st May
Closed on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May**

Opening Times:

Tuesday to Friday 9.00am to 12.45pm and 2.00pm to 4.45pm

Saturday, May 1st from 9.00am to 2.45pm

Sunday, May 2nd from 9.00am to 12.45pm

Please follow safety precaution notices