

St Michael and All Angels Catholic Church, Leigh Park

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Fifth Sunday of Easter 28th April 2024

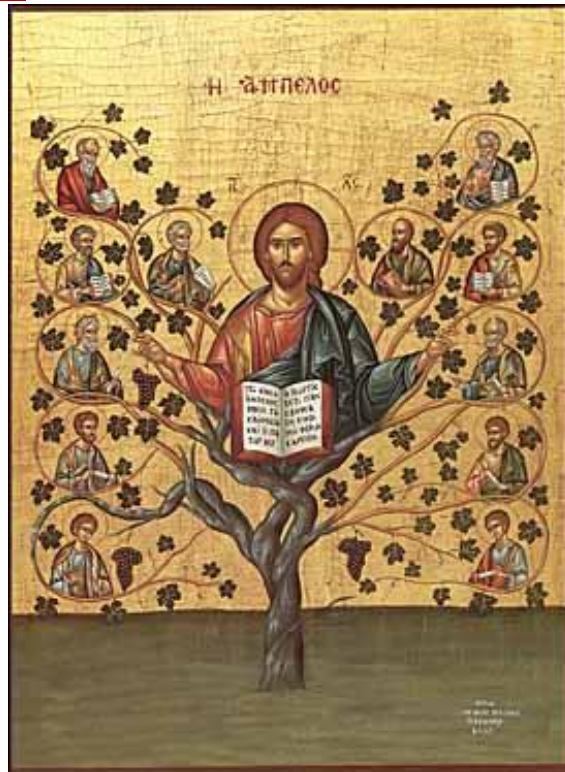
The vine and the branches

Parish Mass Book: page 268 Prayer of the Church: Week 1

The Scripture Readings

Acts 9:26-31 The first reading tells us about some of the trials that St Paul endured after his conversion.

1 John 3:18-24 St John reflects on Christ's commandment of love.



Icon of Christ the True Vine

late 20th century, Dormition Convent, Parnes, Greece, based on an early 15th century icon by Angelos Akotantos

John 15:1-8 Jesus uses the image of the vine and its branches to illustrate how close are the ties that bind him to his disciples.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Peter Edge, Michael Stringer and Michael Smith RIP. Peter's requiem is on Tuesday. We pray for Judy and the Stringer family in their loss of Michael and for Veronica in the loss of her son. We also pray for all those who are sick or anxious, housebound or in any particular need.

Parish BACS details Lloyds Bank

CDP Leigh Park St Michael 30-93-04 Account number: 00882004

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

27th April

Saturday of Fourth Week of Easter

6 pm for the Parish

28th April Fifth Sunday of Easter

10 am Mass with St Thomas More School children and the baptism of Jasmine Ghosh

Monday 29th April St Catherine of Siena

10 am Mass Philomena McEntee RIP

30th April Tuesday of Fifth Week of Easter

10 am Requiem Mass Peter Edge RIP

*Our Diocese prays today for
Victims and Survivors of Abuse.*

Wednesday 1st May St Joseph the Worker

10 am Mass Frances Murphy & family (MC)

10.30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Christ in the House of His Parents John Everett Millais, 1849

Thursday 2nd May St Athanasius

Friday 3rd May Ss Philip & James

*Canon Gerard attends the Discernment
Conference.*

Saturday 4th May The English Martyrs

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass for the Parish

5th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 am Mass Maurice Wren RIP

The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated next
Thursday 9th May.

You are all invited ... to short presentations at 10 am on Saturday mornings. Canon Gerard gives 45-minute reflections on these themes.

27th April **A guided meditation**

4th May **The art of Easter**

11th May **Catholic Social Teaching**

18th May **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Flores de Mayo



May, the month of Mary, is with us soon. We are blessed here at St Michael's to celebrate the Mother of God with the glorious **Flores de Mayo** for the fourth time. Mass at 10 am on 5th May will be supported by the Havant Filipino Community, joining our musicians, readers and others to enhance our liturgy.

After Mass there is the Procession of the *Reynas* to Our Lady's grotto. You are invited to stay for lunch, bringing a dish if you wish, and sharing good company. Filipino parishioners will be selling raffle tickets.

Cafod Sudan Appeal Tim Collins speaks at the weekend Masses about a humanitarian emergency.

Canon Gerard writes:

As I mentioned at Mass last weekend, I have had the privilege of being the Diocesan Director of Vocations since 2004. This has meant working with all those men preparing for priesthood. It has been a real honour but I am grateful that Bishop Philip has kindly agreed to my request to appoint a successor. From summer I hand on this work to Fr Christopher Heaps, a Parish Priest in Reading. I will, God willing, continue as Parish Priest for St Michael's.

