



# Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B, 28 APRIL 2024

### MASS SCHEDULES

#### Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

#### Friday – Saturday

9am (Adoration)

9.30am

#### Sunday

6pm (Saturday Vigil)

10.30am (English)

12noon (Polish)

#### Confessions

Saturday

10.00am (After Mass)

or call to make an appointment.

The Gospel passage today is taken from another of Jesus's discourses but unlike last week's it is given to his disciples, in fact at the Last Supper. It is part of an answer to the apostle Judas (not the Iscariot) who asked, in a sentiment we could well echo, *Lord, what is this all about? Do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?* (14:22). Jesus's words are familiar from other parts of this and other Gospels, about the consequences of not bearing fruit. But these other passages are generally parables about growing plants; here Jesus takes it a step further and identifies *himself* as the 'true vine', a beautiful metaphor, with the word *true* showing that he is claiming to replace the imagery of the vine as applied to the house of Israel (e.g. Isaiah 5:1-7). It is combined here with one of John's characteristic phrases about *remaining in me* (*abiding* in some translations). 1R, although still from Acts, is finally from another stage in the life of the infant church, although it still gins in Jerusalem. Peter has dominated the readings until now, but now the spotlight turns on Paul. We do not hear the story of the road to Damascus but its aftermath. Saul is accepted by the Church apart from the Hellenists, Greek speaking Jews. The Psalm Response echoes the activity of Paul after his conversion and 2R is like a mini treatise on what the followers of Jesus should do, including Paul. LITURGY PLANNER

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### For Today Mass

#### Responsorial psalm

You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

#### Gospel acclamation

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Tak jak roślina nie może żyć odcięta od łodygi i korzenia, tak my nie możemy żyć duchowo, kiedy nie trwamy w Jezusie. To porównanie do winnej latorośli powinno każdemu z nas otworzyć umysł na zrozumienie konieczności bycia w stanie łaski uświęcającej, tego niesamowitego daru, który otrzymaliśmy podczas chrztu. To łaska uświęcająca daje nam zjednoczenie z Bogiem. Jezus pokazuje, że bez łaski, bez tego zjednoczenia, jesteśmy odcięci od źródła życia, a więc usychamy i nadajemy się tylko do spalenia. Plan Boga dla nas jest inny, On chce, byśmy żyli i owocowali i by to nasze owocowanie było obfite. W ten sposób oddamy chwałę Bogu i zostaną wysłuchane nasze prośby. Dwa razy dziś o tym usłyszeliśmy - w drugim czytaniu i w Ewangelii, że jeśli żyjemy zgodnie z wolą Bożą, to nasze modlitwy zostaną wysłuchane. MATEUSZ.PL

**SAINTS DAYS  
and SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCES THIS  
WEEK**

Monday 29th April  
**St Catherine of Siena**

Tuesday 30th April  
**5th Week of Easter**

Wednesday 1st May  
**5th Week of Easter**

Thursday 2nd May  
**St Athanasius**

Friday 3rd May  
**St Philip and James**

Saturday 4th May  
**5th Week of Easter**

**PRAYERS**

Please pray for the  
repose of the soul of  
those whose  
anniversaries occur  
about this time

**Eternal rest grant  
unto their souls,  
O Lord. May they  
rest in peace. Amen.**

**MATKI BOŻEJ  
KRÓLOWEJ POLSKI**

**5 Maja 2024  
g. 12:00**

**MAY**

May – Month of  
Mary – during May  
we will say a Litany  
of Loreto before  
Mass (weekdays)  
and after Mass (on  
Sunday). We will  
pray through  
Mary's intercession  
for Peace in the  
World, for Our  
Parish, our families  
and our private  
petitions

**GIFT AID**

If you are a UK taxpayer, ensure  
all your contributions to the  
OLMC Banff are Gift-Aided by  
registering for the OLMC Banff  
Gift Aid scheme. This means  
we can claim an additional 25%  
on top of all contributions you  
make in whatever form, without  
it costing you a penny more!!  
To complete GIFT AID  
DECLARATION FORM  
please contact Parish Office

**FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION**

Please pray for 22  
children who will  
receive Jesu  
in Holy Communion  
on 4 May 2024

**NO MORNING MASS**

**MAJ**

Maj jest miesiącem  
poświęconym Maryi.  
Módlmy się wspólnie  
Litanią do Matki Bożej  
polecając Maryi naszą  
parafię, nasze rodziny i  
nasze prywatne  
intencje

**COLLECTIONS**

Sunday's Collection  
21 April 2024  
Cash – £291.00  
Gift Aid – £70.00

**MARCH 2024  
FINANCES**

Income: £13436.92  
Expenses: £4216.91  
**Balance: £92220.01**

Bank account: £15837.61

**TEA AND COFFEE  
AFTER MASS**