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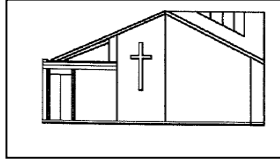
ST. MARK'S

GROVEHILL AND HIGHFIELD

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10th MAY 2009

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. Joseph

Boxmoor

Sun 9am
11.30am
6pm

Mon 9.30am

Wed 9.30am

Thurs 12.30pm

Fri 9.30am

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
(confession):
Sat 11am – 11.30am*

St. Mark's

Hollybush Lane

Sat 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sun 10.30am

Tue 7pm

Wed 1.30pm

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
(confession) –
before evening Mass*

**Church of the
Resurrection**

Highfield & Grovehill

Sat 5pm (Vigil)

Sun 9.30am

Mon 7.30pm

Tue 9.30am

Fri 9.30am

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession) –
after morning Mass*



**WHOEVER LIVES IN ME,
AS I LIVE IN HIM, BEARS
MUCH FRUIT**

Although Christ could not be the vine if he were not human, he could not offer such a grace to his branches if he were not at the same time divine. Since without this grace it is impossible to have life and consequently death is the result of one's free choice, he said: *Whoever does not dwell in me will be thrown away... And so the shame incurred by those branches that refuse to dwell in the vine is in direct proportion to the glory they will have if they do remain in him.*

Can a person dwelling in Christ desire anything out of harmony with Christ? The very fact that people dwell in their Saviour must mean that they have no desire that is opposed to their salvation. And yet we do indeed desire one thing insofar as we are in Christ and another insofar as we are still in this world. Because of our sojourn here below, a thought sometimes steals into our ignorant minds to ask for something which cannot be good for us.

But this may not be, if we are dwelling in Christ. He does what we ask only if it is for our good. To dwell in him, therefore, is to have his words dwelling in us; whatever we desire we shall then ask for, and it will be given us.
St Augustine

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

First reading Acts 9:26-31

Paul is a model for the Church in his own days. It is only when the Church remains in fellowship with the apostles – walking arm in arm with them, as it were – that it remains apostolic, preaching the same Gospel as the apostles preached.

Second reading 1 John 3:18-24

What impresses one in this passage is the way in which St John succeeds in holding together things that are often separated from one another in our thinking — faith *and* works, belief *and* obedience, the prayer of union with God *and* the love for one another. It is not a matter of either/or but of both/and.

Gospel John 15:1-8

The allegory of the vine and the branches offers insight into the way the early Christian community saw the redemptive relationship between God, Jesus and the faithful. God is described as the vine grower who cares for both the vine and the branches. Part of that caring involves rigorous pruning so that the vine continues to produce good fruit. This is exactly what has happened to Israel and to the Church through the ages.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

**DEADLINE IS
WEDNESDAY**