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THE DEEP END •

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A BRANCH?

As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch? Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit, they need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit. As we are all too well aware, productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today, in our education systems, in the workplace, in economics; we are measured by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding on the pressure in this Gospel passage by telling us that he wants to see results or else!?

Perhaps we can read this passage in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don't measure their weight in terms of produce do you? But you do want to stay connected right? It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to: 'abide in me'. Are you connected or disconnected? If the connection is strong, then fruit bearing comes naturally and people will see the Gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected, all manner of things are possible for us.

'People see the Gospel in our lives; let them read our lives.' Pope Francis

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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

The Archdiocese of Dublin will lead a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland in July 2016. Youth Group 16-18 yrs and Young Adults 18-28 yrs. "Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you. Do not be afraid to dream great things" - Pope Francis To find out more or to express an interest in participating contact wyd@dublindiocese.ie

Alzheimer's Tea Party Day & Cake Sale



Raheny House Nursing Home is hosting an Alzheimer's Tea Party this coming Thursday, 7th May 2015 from 2.15pm – 4pm at No.

476 Howth Road, Raheny. Tea/Coffee and cake will be on sale while enjoying light entertainment. Cakes and buns will be sale and donations of cakes and buns would be appreciated. Please come and join the fun and support this worthy cause.

It's terrific to bake a pie and help ASI!

All services from our Parish Church are streamed live on the parish website; www.rahenyparish.ie Just click on the **Watch Us Live** tab.

Next Sunday's Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter Year B /Wk 6): Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48. PS 97:1-4, R/cf. V 2.1 Jn 5:7-10. Jn 15:9-17.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Vigil	6.00pm		
Sun 3rd	8.30am	Pro Populo	
	10.00am	Jim Healy	Anniv
	11.30am	Frank McAdam	Anniv.
Mon 4th	11.00am	Billy Kelly	Rec. Dec.
(Bank Holiday Monday)			
Tues 5th	10.00am	Gerry O'Donoghoe	Rec. Dec.
	11.00am	Funeral Mass: Adrian Ostinelli	
Wed 6th	10.00am	Special Intention	
Thurs 7th	10.00am	Special Intention	
Fri 8th	10.00am	Mass Bouquet Cards for Leaving Certificate Students	
Sat 9th	10.00am		

Blessing for Expectant Mothers



A Special Blessing for Expectant Mothers will take place on Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 8.00pm in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Brookwood Grove, Artane.

ACCORD DUBLIN An information evening for people interested in volunteering to work with Accord Dublin, providing marriage preparation programmes, will take place on Thursday 7th May at 8.00pm at 39 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. For further information contact Frances Stephenson, Director of Marriage Education, on 01 4780866.