

Thought for the week

Fifth Sunday of Easter — 29th April 2018

Just a few weeks ago we were still in the grip of winter aka "the beast from the East"! Now the trees are in blossom, tulips and daffodils are blooming and all the gardeners are sowing seeds to produce flowers and vegetables next Summer and Autumn.

They have to be nurtured and nourished to be fruitful. They also need to be defended against the onslaughts of slugs, birds, mice and insects who seem to regard a well-tended allotment as a larder for their consumption!

Hard work seems to be the order of the day. Our faith is like a seed, but all that it needs to grow is given as a gift freely by God. We only have to ask and it is ours!

The Spring and Summer beckon with the promise of better weather, let us pray that this year we can all grow in faith and bear much fruit.

A parishioner

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O Queen of Heaven rejoice, alleluia.
for the Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia
has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray to God for us, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia,
because the Lord is truly risen, alleluia,

Let us pray:
O God, who by the resurrection of your Son
our Lord Jesus Christ granted joy to the whole world.
Grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of
the Virgin Mary, his mother,
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.