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The Most Holy Trinity: 30th May, 2021

Readings: Sunday: Year B.

Weekdays: Ninth Week of the Year

Services This Week

Sunday 30 th – The Most Holy Trinity	8:00 am 10:00 am (Streamed) 6:00 pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass – Mary and Stanley Poll RIP Holy Mass – The People of the Parish
Monday 31 st	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 11:00	Nuptial Mass: Joel and Jubil
Tuesday 1 st June	St Justin 10:00	Holy Mass – Mary George
Wednesday 2 nd	Feria 10:00	Holy Mass – Holy Souls
Thursday 3 rd	St Charles Lwanga and Companions 10:00	Holy Mass
Friday 4 th	Feria 10:00	Holy Mass
Saturday 5 th	St Boniface 10:00	Holy Mass – Mary George
Sunday 6 th – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	8:00 am 10:00 am (Streamed) 6:00 pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass – The People of the Parish

The 10:00 Mass on Sunday is streamed live. The link to watch this on the Mass Times page of the parish web site.

Under the current restrictions there will be no Children's Liturgy group, no coffee after church and no hymns sung at 10:00 Mass. The bidding prayers will not be said, the homily will be kept short, the collection and offertory procession will be omitted, the sign of peace will not be exchanged and special arrangements for Holy Communion will apply. **We are committed to following the Government guidelines on social distancing.** Please ensure you maintain a 2 metre distance separation from each other whilst entering, leaving and inside church and remember that government regulations require that you wear a face covering whilst in church.

Today's Gospel

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptise and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptise and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptise in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptised Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Each year on the first Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, also known as Trinity Sunday. Although it wasn't until 1334 that Pope John XXII officially established the feast for universal observance in the Western Church, the mystery of the Holy Trinity has been the pulse of the Church's life since the very beginning. The Trinity is "the central mystery of Christian faith and life and is the source of all the other mysteries of faith" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 234). The whole of the Church's life flows from the central belief that the one true God exists as three divine Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Since the very beginning of time, God has gradually revealed and communicated the truth of who he is as Trinitarian through what he has done in salvation history. Although God gradually revealed himself throughout different stages of the Old Testament period of salvation history, mankind had no way of knowing the full truth of God's inner life of the Trinity before the time of Christ, since this mystery of our faith is "inaccessible to human reason alone...before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 237). Trinity Sunday is an invitation to remember that "being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction"

"I will not leave you orphans!" If Jesus has promised to never leave us orphans, then that means we have a permanent home - we eternally belong to the Father as children of his heavenly household! This is the mystery into which the Church invites us more deeply on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Yet this truth is also the very gift that that we are invited to share with all whom God entrusts to us in our daily lives: "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). Every human heart longs for its eternal home. Today, we invite the Trinity to be more at home in our hearts in order to make them a more welcoming home for others - that through our smile, our gentleness, our availability of heart, everyone whom the Father entrusts to us may experience the love that is their eternal home.

First Holy Communion

Next Sunday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), we celebrate the first Holy Communion of Gracjan and Gabriel during the Mass at 10.00 am. The celebration will not affect the regular Mass attendance as the families will be seated where the servers usually sit.

New Parish Room

The new parish room building is now nearing completion. The work to remodel the front of the church, the access ramp and the entrance to the new room has been delayed slightly due to a delay in obtaining confirmation from the local council on the safety railings to be installed at the top of the steps. Hopefully this will be resolved quickly allowing the final elements of the project to be completed.

Parish 150 Club

The Club accounts for year ending 31st March 2021, have been audited, signed off and reported to the Local Council as required by the Gambling Act. The results are:

Total income: £2,773
Prizes awarded: £1095 (39%)
Expenses: £20
Parish Contribution: £1,658.

The proceeds to the parish were increased by a further £72 representing prizes donated by the winners to parish funds.

Last year's figures bring the total income generated by the 150 Club since it started to £88,475, the total prizes distributed to £37,041 and the total contribution to the parish to £50,747. Thank you to everybody who supported the 150 Club last year, especially as, with Covid restrictions adversely affecting so much of our lives, subscriptions were maintained. However, we always have room for more, so if you are not yet a member of the 150 Club, please do join and help support your parish through this venture.

The May prize draw of the 150 Club will be made today after the 10:00 Mass in the Guild Room.

First Holy Communion 2022

Parents who would like to celebrate the First Holy communion of their children in 2022 are welcomed to book their places. We hope to begin the sessions in November 2021. The forms are available at the church and on our website.

Retrouvaille Course

The Catholic charity Retrouvaille is offering an online course from July 1st to July 4th to help couples who are struggling in their marriage. Marriage difficulty and breakdown is not something that's often discussed openly – yet it is, sadly, a common experience. This pandemic year in particular has strained many marriages to breaking point. Retrouvaille is for couples with marriages that are struggling, or who are not communicating well, and for those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. It is also for those who have separated or divorced, who want to try again to reconcile. For more information visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk, or text or call 0788 729 6983.

Marriage and Family Life Mass

This year's Marriage and Family Life Mass will be both live and live streamed at the Cathedral on Saturday June 12th at 11am. Certificates will be available for those celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2020 and 2021 (anniversaries of one year, five years and every multiple of five years thereafter). You will need to register to attend the event and can do so on-line at <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-mass-registration/>

There will be a collection at the Mass for those who wish to help the Marriage and Family Life

The Sick of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: John Anderson-Hurst, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Josephine Kalagira, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly, Pippa Williamson, Carol Sims and Annick Smith.

Parish Anniversaries

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Michael Obolensky (1995), Mary Rolfe (2004), Alfred Morgan (1979), Cecil Armes (1999), Patrick Shanahan (2010), Fernando Bersanetti (1991), Edward Boyle (1999), John "Jack" Smith (2002) and Mary Halls (1994) whose anniversaries occur this week. A complete list of anniversaries of all the dear departed of the parish can be found on the web site.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Mass Readings: The Most Holy Trinity: 30th May, 2021.

Entrance Antiphon:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Collect:

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Deut. 4:32-34,39-40 *The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you forever.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 32:4-6,9,18-20

Response to the psalm is: *Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke, and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
As we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: Rom. 8:14-17 *You received the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, "Abba, Father!"*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matt. 28:16-20 *Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Prayer Over the Offerings:

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ Our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Prayer after Communion:

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ Our Lord.