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Newsletter for Sunday 16th June 2019

TRINITY SUNDAY

Psalter Week 3

The Mystery of the Blessed Trinity

Today is Trinity Sunday, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us, *“The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the ‘hierarchy of the truths of faith’ ”* (#234).

The basic doctrine is this: the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, but they are not three gods, but one God. The Trinity is a mystery which doesn't contradict reason, but is above it, and this in itself is a proof of the Divine origin of the Catholic Faith. If Catholicism were a man-made religion it wouldn't contain mysteries which humble our reason and intellect. Nobody would make up such a profound and intricate mystery which at the same time is non-contradictory. We do not say that there are three gods in one God, but rather that there are three **Persons** in the one Divine **Nature**. We can explain it only by analogy. For example, a triangle which is one shape has three angles which are all equal and which define the other angles. If there is no Father there is no Son. There is no Son if there is no Father, and the Holy Spirit is the love between the two. But we will never be able to fully understand it – at least not in this life. So, we bow before it and adore it because God has said it and His word is true.

This mystery reminds us that God is eternal and that He was always infinitely happy, and would have remained so even without creation. He didn't create us because He was lonely. He created us simply out of His goodness. So God doesn't exist for us. We exist for the glory of God, and the mystery of the Trinity tells us *Who* God is which is why it's important. Many Christians throughout history have died for this truth because it concerns **His** glory. JESUS told Pilate, *“For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth”* (John 18:37). This truth is reflected in the Sacred Liturgy. The Liturgy must always be oriented towards God. It's not about us. It's about giving glory to Him, not celebrating ourselves. And so at the climax of the Mass which is the Consecration, we kneel and we adore in silence at the Triune God present before us. It's why we genuflect when we come into church and why the red lamp is always alight near the tabernacle. He is there. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Fr Paul Gillham, IC

MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S

Sat	15 th	6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	16 th	<u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		11.00am	Parish Mass
		12.45pm	Polish Mass (First Holy Communion Mass)
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
Mon	17 th	9.15am	Feria
Tues	18 th	9.15am	Feria
Weds	19 th	9.15am	St Romauld, Abbot
		7.00pm	Latin Mass (Old rite)
Thurs	20 th	9.15am	St Alban, Proto-martyr of England
		6.00pm	<i>Confirmation</i>
Fri	21 st	9.15am	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Sat	22 nd	9.15am	St John Fisher and St Thomas More, Martyrs (Feast)
		3.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass
		5.30-5.55pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		6.00pm	Vigil Mass
Sun	23 rd	<u>Corpus Christi</u>	
		9.00am	Parish Mass
		10.30-10.55am	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation + on request</i>
		11.00am	Parish Mass

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Mon	17 th	1.30pm	History Group – Hall
Tues	18 th	6.45-7.15pm	The Rosary – Church
Weds	19 th	6.00pm	Rehearsal for First Holy Communion – Church

CORPUS CHRISTI: Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and there will be a short procession of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction at the end of the 11am Mass.

NB: Due to the new government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR), we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions in the printed edition of the newsletter.

THANK YOU to all who helped make our celebration of Pentecost last weekend such a success. I received many appreciative comments after Mass. I felt it was the best so far, so well done all for the excellent organisation. *Fr Paul*

THE UCM SUMMER FAIR will be held at St Mary's on **Saturday 29th June** from 10am to 1pm. Marie's famous preserves will be on sale along with cakes, plants and refreshments including cream teas. We would appreciate any donations especially of unwanted gifts which can be left at the office or given to any UCM member. Bacon and sausage rolls will be on sale after Sunday Masses on **30th**. PLEASE SUPPORT this fundraising event. *Dorothy Hutchings*

THE DEANERY FORTY HOURS DEVOTION scheduled for this coming week has sadly had to be cancelled due to a lack of enough venues. *Fr Paul*

A MESSAGE FROM FR PHILIP SCANLAN: Sincere thanks to so many for the cards, gifts and greetings I received at last week's jubilee celebrations. I cannot reply to so many so I hope that I can say thank you to everyone for such kindness and for the fond memories of my time in Loughborough which they recalled. The occasion was rather overwhelming, but I am so grateful and for each and every card or gift received from you. THANK YOU and God bless you all. *Fr Philip*

THE KWEDIBOMA HEALTH CENTRE: The new Maternity Ward at the Kwediboma Health Centre has now reached roof level. To help with the installation of the roof, last week, £2,900 sent to Kwediboma. Many thanks to everyone who made donations to the fund. Photos showing building progress on the Maternity Ward can be seen on the Catholic Social Action board at the rear of the church. *Terry Spicer*

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU: The parish **Safeguarding Representative** is a voluntary role which will need to be filled as soon as possible but at least from September 2019. You will be supported from the diocesan safeguarding office and will have training available to you. You will support Fr Paul to provide the safe recruitment of volunteers in the parish, and by verifying DBS applications to submit to the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory service. If you would like to know more or see a role description, please contact Sue Clarke: 01509 267248.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED, preferably in a family, for a young Italian lady staying in England from **26th July – 26th August** to improve her English. Costs would be paid. Please contact Fr Paul if you can help.

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died: May they rest in peace.

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Thurman, Maria Di-Niro, Maureen Modlen, Rev Fr Michael O'Hare, Barbara Nolan, Ann O'Rourke, Herbert Dominy, Vittorio (Vic) Giorgio, John Scott, Irene Calus and Dennis Main

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

- LEADER:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.
- ALL:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.
- LEADER:** Bless our families. Bless our children.
- ALL:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.
- LEADER:** Mary, Queen of the Clergy!
- ALL:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

FROM THE SAINTS: “The Blessed Trinity is the mystery of mysteries, before which even the seraphim veil their countenances singing with astonished wonder their thrice-repeated ‘Holy.’”
(*Matthias Joseph Scheeben, 1835-1888*).

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL: Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: The next Holy Hour will be on **Thursday 4th July**, 7pm.

ROSMINI CENTRE: Healing Mass rearranged to **Friday 28th June** at 7 pm. **Saturday 29th June** - retreat day guided by Fr Ted Mullen, 10am to 4pm. Tel 01509 813078. Email: rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com.

THE NEXT ASCRIBED MEETING will be on Thursday 20th June, 7pm, at the Convent.

LACY YOUTH MASS at St Mary's, South Wigston, LE18 4PG - **Sunday 23rd June:** Come and share some time together preparing for the Mass led by our youth. All young people welcome to join us - ***Be Inspired! Be Motivated! Be in Awe of time with Our Blessed Lord!*** This is for YOU! Share in the different ministries of the Mass - come along at 4.30 pm to prepare. ***Readers! Musicians! Singers!*** We look forward to seeing you all. More information from Pauline: 07885 187374 and Brendan Johnson: brendanjohnson2011@gmail.com.

THE DAY FOR LIFE this year is focusing on those who suffer domestic abuse. One in four women and about one in six men suffer from domestic abuse in their lifetime. Two women are killed every week in England by a partner or ex-partner. Violence of this kind should never be tolerated or justified. It is an offence against the dignity of the human person. The development of local resources is important to help victims. The Second Collection today is to help fund these projects.

LAST WEEK'S FINANCE	
First Collection: £ 801	
Standing Orders: £ 665 @ 30/04	<i>Thank you</i>