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**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

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**Dear Parishioners,**

Eastertide finished last Sunday evening, but despite that there follows a series of great feasts that are connected to the date of the Passover/Easter. This last week we had two; Mary, Mother of the Church on Monday and Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest on Thursday. Now follows this Sunday which is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, then Corpus et Sanguinis Christi, normally the following Thursday but transferred in this country to the following Sunday, Then the following Friday (19<sup>th</sup> June) is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The next day is the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. After that we are fully back to normal!

Can I remind you that this coming Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, is the March for Life. This year it is happening on-line [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk). You have probably not been able to attend this day in the past, so this gives a wonderful opportunity to hear about the work of many different Pro-Life organisations working in many different fields, some offering practical help to people in need, some more educational, some more legal, some more political, some more prayerful. March for Life brings them all together.

Now to reflect on this Sunday’s great feast, the Holy Trinity. Notice first that it is the first Sunday after the Easter season ends. It does, as it were, put together all that we have learnt throughout the first half of the year. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. We can come to a certain understanding about God through the use of our natural intellect and reason. That HE IS, that he is indivisible (philosophically simple), that he is one, that he is unchangeable, that he is ineffable, that he is almighty. However there is a whole lot more we can know about God, not through the unaided use of reason, but because God reveals himself to us. The story of the Bible is that of God revealing himself to man starting with the call of Abraham with a series of covenants leading up to his complete disclosure of himself in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ. This revelation enables us to know that God is three Persons in One God. Jesus’ offering of himself as Priest and victim as a sacrifice on the altar of the cross in complete obedience to his father’s will reveals to us the unconditional and absolute love of God. In fact God reveals himself to us as LOVE. Now love is something relational. A lover must have a beloved. We see in the dogma of the Trinity that God is three Persons and in the one God we see the eternal offering of the Son to the Father and the proceeding of the Holy Spirit. That is why we are able to say that God is Love. No other religion says that. It might say that God loves, but not that God is Love. So if God is Love it means that although he is almighty, he always acts in a way that is consistent with his nature. So in even the worst disasters we can find the love of God at work and encounter our Loving Lord who is reconciling the world to himself.

God is necessarily a mystery, because he is God and we are not. Nearly all heresies are attempts to contain God in a philosophical or political system or to make ourselves into God. This last is very common in our present world. We do it when we think that my thoughts, my feelings, my ideas are the ultimate judgment about what is right and what is wrong, or about what is true and what is false. It blocks all repentance, all humility and ferments both arrogance and despair.

God is one God in three Persons. That is a mystery in itself. We can understand a small hint of how it can be by understanding that he is one “what” and three “whos”. We always start and finish

our prayers by making the sign of the Cross and saying "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We enter into that extraordinary relationship with the God who is Love and who pours out the abundance of his love into our hearts, an outpouring which stimulates us to respond in love to him.

Please pray for both our schools which open in a small way this week. Pray for the staff who are having to work particularly hard in these times, for the children who are returning and for those who cannot return yet. Pray for their protection and pray especially for those who should have been confirmed back in March and those who would have been making their First Communion this June.

May God continue to bless you all, strengthening you in your vocation and protecting you from the virus.

I continue to offer the Mass for you all every day.

God bless

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

**The Kingdom Warriors** have started a skype Bible Study Group which meets on line on Mondays at 5.30 p.m. If you would like to join it, please contact Shirleyni on 07562754382. All are welcome.

Please pray for the souls of Fr. David Duggan, Pat Hayes & Mary Greaney recently departed and for their relatives and friends.

**EWTN** is broadcasting what it calls EWTN essentials which is a continuous devotional broadcast with the Mass every 2 hours. Get it on the free EWTN app.

**Please Pray for the sick;** Mary Levell, Peter McKernan, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Andy Walsh, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure.

**CORONAVIRUS** For the Church's guidelines see the Conference of Bishops website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> or go to [gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public](https://gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public)

**USEFUL WEBSITES** <https://www.mcnmedia.tv>

<https://www.wordonfire.org>

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/shows/called-to-communion>

<https://www.catholic.com/>

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC** If you wish to become a Catholic, or know someone who wishes to become a Catholic, or perhaps are a Catholic but have little perception of what that means, please contact Fr. Stephen by phone, email or in person.

**DAILY EXPOSITION** and the English Prayer Time are suspended during the Corona virus pandemic. To check on any further details phone Sr. Meena on 0795 7342742.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** [www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) Holy Trinity (Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18) *Be united and live in peace*

In today's readings, God is revealed as full of compassion, tenderness and love for His people. Through the sacrament of marriage, we are called to reflect these qualities through our relationship with each other. When we are irritated and react angrily, it is important that we look at ourselves together, trying to recognise why, and seek to correct the causes.

**MARCH FOR LIFE** is an on-line experience this year on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Go to [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) and to the livestream page where you can register. It is free.