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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

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

**Second reading:** Romans 8:14-17

**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:** Matthew 28:16-20



**Dear Parishioners**

Today's Gospel shows that we have no choice but to talk about the Trinity. It is not an optional extra to be added on to our faith in Christ, but the very heart of our religion: there is no God for us to believe in but the Triune God, no Christ to follow but the incarnate Word, no life for us to live but the divine life breathed into us by the Holy Spirit; and there is no message for us to preach but baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

This is the *command* that Christ gives us at the end of Matthew's Gospel; his last testament to us amounts to nothing less than a share in his own mission. Baptism makes people Christians and gives them grace to live a better life. They receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide and empower them. In the case of young children, parents and godparents can only plant seeds. As teenagers, our young people receive confirmation and the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Then when they go off to university our young people are pretty much free to make their own decisions. Many of them rebel and no longer attend church, but somewhere along the line someone waters the seeds that their parents planted and often they return to the church when it is time to have their own children baptised. That generational link in the chain connecting us to Christ keeps on going. All this from the first fruits of baptism in the name of the Triune God.

Jesus Christ, then, has raised humanity to the level of the divine. And because of who Christ is and what he has done—because of the incarnation and the resurrection—the old age is over, and it is time for all the nations to be gathered into the people of God.

In the life and work of the Church, the Holy Spirit brings Christ's presence among us; when we allow the Spirit to dwell in our hearts, we are raised up with Jesus Christ to dwell with the Father. Christ tells us today that our mission as the Church is a Trinitarian one; and so our lives become Trinitarian too, as we share in the life of the Triune God.

God Bless,  
Fr. Benedict OSB

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**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**Holy Trinity (B)**

**Week commencing Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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### Masses

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|---------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> May  | 5pm | <b>Holy Trinity</b>                 | Fr. John Fallon RIP  |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> May  |     | <b>Holy Trinity</b>                 | People of the Parish |
| Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> May  |     |                                     |                      |
| Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> June |     |                                     | Private Intention    |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> June  |     |                                     |                      |
| Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> June |     | St. Charles Lwanga<br>and Comp. (M) |                      |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> June  |     |                                     |                      |
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> June  | 5pm | <b>Corpus Christi</b>               | Judy Husband RIP     |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> June  |     | <b>Corpus Christi</b>               | People of the Parish |

**Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.**

**Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:** Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse.

**Those who have recently died:**

Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband.

**Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Vacant**

### **Information**

May I please remind people that when they phone on Mondays to book a place at Mass **not to leave messages on the answer machine.** These can only be dealt with after the phone calls and you could very well be disappointed as the Mass may be fully booked. Thank you.

### **PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

*Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*

### **How to support your Parish As We Move Forward**

The overall qualification for unity is love. This is the function of an apostle: not only to know *about* Jesus, but to actually *know* Jesus. That means not only the Jesus of books, but as we experience him in our lives. The overall qualification for unity is love. We must act in oneness with God and with one another. As we begin to move out of the current pandemic and hopefully towards some kind of normality, we as a parish, can only move forward in love. If we wish to rebuild and indeed improve on what our parish was before the pandemic it will take time, sacrifice and yes, love. At some point, sooner rather than later I hope, we will need to reinstate our ministers of communion, readers, cleaners and parents to help with children's liturgy. Hopefully also our servers, although I am well aware that a number of them will have moved on to university. Please could I ask you to email me at [stmarysstudley@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysstudley@gmail.com) or phone me on 01527 852524 and let me know if you are willing and able to support us once more. Please could you pass on this message to anyone you know who does not receive the bulletin. Please remember that you are the parish and without you this parish would cease to exist.

**A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers**