



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

**Response to the Psalm:** To you glory and praise for evermore.

**Second reading:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**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:** John 3:16-18



**Dear Parishioners**

The Trinity is a mystery – probably the most profound mystery of Christianity. There are, however, two key elements in this mystery that the human mind can grasp.

The first is the fact that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are distinct, different from one another. They are unique individuals. God has told us that it is proper to attribute to Him, the Father, the work of creation; to God the Son, the work of Redemption, of reconciling. And to the Holy Spirit, the work of guidance in truth, of teaching. The second feature about the Trinity that is understandable, is that while each person is different from the other, those three persons live in community. God is a family.

Sacred Scripture says that you and I are made in the image and likeness of God. So, it is not surprising that you and I have the same two qualities of God that I have just described. First, we have a craving to be unique, to be ourselves, to be different, to make our own special imprint on history. We don't want to be clones. We want to be seen and accepted as special individuals. Second, like God we have the tendency to want to be in community. We are social beings; we want to live with others.

And so, fundamentally, in the core of our being we are like God, for the simple reason that the same qualities which exist in God are found in us. We have a drive to be unique, and we have another drive to be in community.

**What great gifts we have been given, if only we would always use them wisely!**

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**Holy Trinity Sunday**

**Week commencing Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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## Masses

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	5.00pm	HOLY TRINITY	Private Intention (AF)
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	HOLY TRINITY	People of the Parish
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June			
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June			
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> June			Private Intention
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> June			
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June		St Columba (m)	
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> June	5.00pm	CORPUS CHRISTI	Laurence Udall RIP
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	CORPUS CHRISTI	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

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, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

### Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Rachel Severn.

### Those who have recently died: .

Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse, Barbara Woodhouse, Kathleen McLoughlin, Peter McGoldrick, Anthony Roache, Lionel Quigley. Keith John Francis Cotterell.

## Information

### Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass on the last Sunday of each month. There will often be a small tabletop sale of priced items. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for coffee, cake and biscuits.

### Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy      £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep    £36,000.00
- Insurance            £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

### Unwanted Christmas Gifts

We will be collecting any new, unopened Christmas gifts and gift sets after Christmas for future fundraising sales. Please keep anything that you think might be saleable and check the bulletin for details of when we will be collecting these items. No alcohol. Thank you!

### Graveyard

There is a green bin by the church for floral waste. Please could you take any other rubbish away with you as we do not have grounds people to do so. A full black sack of floral and other rubbish was collected by a volunteer from under the hedges very recently. Thank you for your cooperation.

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