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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34

**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**

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## Holy Trinity (Year B)

**Week commencing Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Helen Woodhouse. She can be contacted at: [sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmarys.studley@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern

### Masses

Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	Holy Trinity	Donald Newell RIP
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Holy Trinity	People of the Parish
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May			
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> May			Paul Bunn RIP
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> May			
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> May			
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	11.00am	Visitation of Our Lady (Feast)	Funeral Service of Bill McCarthy
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> June	5.00pm	Corpus Christi	Hector, Phylis & Sheila Hall RIP
Sun 2 <sup>nd</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, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield, Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Stan Phipps, Judith Baylis, Jackie Gannon, Mick Sollis, Tim Harrison, Agnes Wilkins.

#### Those who have recently died:

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, Anna Rose McGoldrick, Mary Baker, Georgette Cowell, Anthony Mathew, John Knox, Bill McCarthy and all those we have been asked to pray for.

### INFORMATION

#### Sunday Coffee

Do please come and join us after Mass near the end of each month. **Coffee this week, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, after the 10.30am Mass.**  
Please come and enjoy a coffee, biscuits, cake and a chat.

#### Second Collection

**The second collection this week will be for 'Catholic Communications.'**

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.

#### Christian Aid

If anyone would like to contribute to the Studley collection for Christian Aid, there are envelopes at the back of the church. Many thanks.