

The Parish of St. Edward the Confessor

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Newsletter for the week of 12th June 2022

Sunday Readings Cycle C

Weekday Readings Cycle II

Readings for Holy Trinity Sunday: Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Saturday 11th June 5.30pm 1st MASS of HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday 12th June 10.30am MASS: HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Monday 13th June 9.30am Mass memorial: St. Anthony of Padua, priest, religious, doctor of the Church

Tuesday 14th June

Wednesday 15th June 11.30am Mass

Thursday 16th June (optional memorial: St. Richard of Chichester, bishop)

Friday 17th June 11.30am Mass

Saturday 18th June 5.30pm 1st Mass of the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

Sunday 19th June 10.30am Mass: the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

Readings for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi: Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 109; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

A face mask/ covering is **optional** in the church & community Room. Hand sanitizing continues to be **desirable**.
Care for **safe physical distancing** for oneself & fellow worshippers is more than ever needed.!

ARRANGEMENTS AT MASS

- church benches & statues restored ; - individual invitation & response at Holy Communion is restored;
- the offertory collection restored; - the offertory procession returns;
- Sunday 10.30am Mass the entrance procession returns; - the non-tactile sign of peace continues.

RETURN to MASS in PERSON

This is the Sunday when the Bishops of England & Wales have called us once again to in- person celebration of Sunday Mass. "Virtual viewing" of Mass on line for the ordinary healthy Catholic now is no longer an option to join in the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. As it has always been, when we are prevented by ill- health or frailty of age for example, this does not apply.

WEEKDAY MASS

Mass on Wednesday & Friday is at 11.30am this week.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING

Last Sunday's Offertory £155.86

Donation : £120.00

S/O May £909.00

MEETING on OUR MISSION TOGETHER (OMT)

This Mon 13th June 7.30pm in the Community Room. The Parish Pastoral Council are organising a special meeting to discuss how to use the money available for St. Edward's parish project(s). Invitation is especially extended to those have given continuously over nearly five years. Those contributions by 31st March '22 had come a total of £55,191 of which **£18, 634** is available - much of which is yet to be allocated to St. Edward's parish project(s).

BAPTISM

Next Sun 19th June 12 noon of *Alliyah Reign Cosare* , the daughter Allan & Girlie Cosare

FUNERAL

Tues 21st June 12noon at St. Alban's Church: Funeral Mass of *Margaret Lillis* followed by committal at Macclesfield Crematorium 2.00pm & reception at the Pack Horse Bowling & Social Club, Abbey Rd. from 1.30pm. Family flowers only; donations in lieu of flowers to CAFOD and East Cheshire Hospice. May she rest in peace!

GET IN TOUCH QUICKLY –IF YOU ARE SICK If you or your relative enters Macclesfield Hospital let Fr. Peter know as soon as possible tel: 01625 423576 or by e-mail st.edmacc@gmail.com

DIARY of EVENTS

Sun 19th June Corpus Christi: Day of Prayer for Life - collection for Life

Wed 29th June Ss Peter & Paul Apostles Mass 11.30am - collection for Peter's Pence

Sat 2nd July Wedding: *Julie Payment & Jonathan Riley*

Sat 9th July Wedding: *Emmanuel Emechebe & Kamsiyochi Aghamelu*

Sun 10th July Sea Sunday: Day of Prayer for Life- collection for Apostleship of the Sea

Mon 11th July 7.30pm Meeting of PPC in the Community Room

The Prayer of Thanksgiving of St. Catherine of Siena to the Holy Trinity.

We can never thank God enough during our short life on earth. God has given us so much that we should strive to spend our days in thanksgiving to his wonderful gifts. One way to express that gratitude is to pray this beautiful prayer of thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity from St. Catherine of Siena, found in her *Dialogue on Divine Providence*.



O Eternal God! O Eternal Trinity! Through the union of Thy divine nature Thou hast made so precious the Blood of Thine only-begotten Son! O eternal Trinity, Thou art as deep a mystery as the sea, in whom the more I seek, the more I find; and the more I find, the more I seek. For even immersed in the depths of Thee, my soul is never satisfied, always famished and hungering for Thee, eternal Trinity, wishing and desiring to see Thee, the True Light.

O eternal Trinity, with the light of understanding I have tasted and seen the depths of Thy mystery and the beauty of Thy creation. In seeing myself in Thee, I have seen that I will become like Thee. O eternal Father, from Thy power and Thy wisdom clearly Thou hast given to me a share of that wisdom which belongs to Thine Only-begotten Son. And truly hast the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from Thee, Father and Son, given to me the desire to love Thee.

O eternal Trinity, Thou art my maker and I am Thy creation. Illuminated by Thee, I have learned that Thou hast made me a new creation through the Blood of Thine Only-begotten Son because Thou art captivated by love at the beauty of Thy creation.

O eternal Trinity, O Divinity, O unfathomable abyss, O deepest sea, what greater gift could Thou givest me than Thy very Self? Thou art a fire that burns eternally yet never consumed, a fire that consumes with Thy heat my self-love. Again and again Thou art the fire who taketh away all cold heartedness and illuminates the mind by Thy light, the light with which Thou hast made me to know Thy truth.

By this mirrored light I know Thou are the highest good, a good above all good, a fortunate good, an incomprehensible good, an unmeasurable good, a beauty above all beauty, a wisdom above all wisdom, for Thou art wisdom itself, the food of angels, the fire of love that Thou givest to man.

Thou art the garment covering our nakedness. Thou feedest our family with Thy sweetness, a sweetness Thou art from which there is no trace of bitterness. O Eternal Trinity! Amen.

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord, Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou has borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

St. Richard was born Richard de Wych in 1197 A.D. at Droitwich in Worcestershire and died 1253 at Dover. As a boy he worked on his father's farm, but then went to study at the great Universities of Oxford, Paris & Bologna. It was only when he was 45 years old that he was ordained priest. 2 years later he was appointed to be Bishop of Chichester but because of the opposition of the king was unable to take up his responsibility until 1247. In the meantime he lived in a priest's house, visiting the parishes of his diocese on foot & looking after an orchard. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor, the mercy he showed to sinners and reform of the liturgical life of his diocese



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 12th June 2022 - Feast of the Holy Trinity

1 Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.



2 Read

Taken from the Gospel for 12th June 2022 (John 16:12-15): Father, Son and Spirit

Jesus said to his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: 'All he tells you will be taken from what is mine'."

3 Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

We can learn a little about the Trinity from this passage. Think of a perfect relationship between a father and a son: complete understanding between them - loving care from the father, loving obedience from the son; complete support from both sides. As soon as one has an idea, the other expresses it, to the perfect satisfaction of the first. As soon as one starts an action, the other has completed it, to the delight of the first. Then the son sends his own spirit, which is not himself, but represents himself fully, makes him present when he is not there and does his work exactly as he would do it. Two other images, perhaps rather cheeky: three men on a bench outside a pub or three women with supermarket trolleys, all three chatting in perfect harmony and understanding, with complete exchange of ideas and plenty of humour, laughter and warmth. Their friendship is so attractive that you would love to join them but don't dare. They are so welcoming that they seem to invite you to join them. They are so loving that you feel you have found happiness as never before. These are rather wretched images, straining to express the unity in diversity of the Trinity, but one must at least try to understand. Read the gospel again!

Can you think of an image for the Trinity, three Persons in one Nature?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

4 Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.



*The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph*

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS



Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 12th June 2022

First Reading: *The Wisdom of God*

Proverbs 8:22-31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud: "The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born; there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries - and the waters will not invade the shore - when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men."

How did we Christians come to see God as a Trinity of Persons? With a noble sense of reverence the Israelites saw God as so infinitely other than the world that it became difficult to understand how God could mix with the world, even how God could 'dirty his fingers' by creating the world. The solution was that God must have created the universe by his Wisdom, the 'master craftsman' by his side in the work of creation. God's Wisdom is in a way the same as God, but yet not exactly the same. But is God's Wisdom itself created? It is not clear whether God 'created' or 'possessed' Wisdom, for the Hebrew word, is given both senses by different ancient translators. So there is in God something which both is God and is not the same as the Creator. The Wisdom of God is also similar to the Word of God by which God created ('He spoke and it came into being,' it says in the Creation Story in Genesis 1). In the New Testament Jesus is known both as the Wisdom of God and as the Word of God. The first thing we know about God is that we cannot fully know God. Nevertheless, texts (like this one from Proverbs) indicate a groping towards the idea that there is diversity within God. Here we find something of the origins of our understanding of the Trinity.

'God is love.' But if God is totally other, what can this mean?

Second Reading: *The Three Persons at Work*

Romans 5:1-5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

When Paul wrote his letter to the Romans the theology of the Trinity was still waiting to be worked out. The interrelationship between the three Persons did not begin to be elaborated by theologians for a couple of centuries yet, nor what is meant by calling them 'persons'. Paul does call the Risen Christ 'LORD', using the sacred name which may be used only of God. Moreover, he shows an awareness that three different modes are involved in human salvation, the divine action which brings human beings back to God. He often has a triple formula like the one in this reading, using different language of God, Christ and the Spirit. Through our LORD Jesus Christ we are brought into peace with God, and the love of God is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Human language is so totally inadequate to express truths about God that it will take a long time before any satisfying formula is found.

Can we distinguish the function of the three Persons of the Trinity in the work of our salvation?

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