

St Joseph's and St Patrick's

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PENTECOST SUNDAY 10th WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME 7th June 2020

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided to cease having public liturgies in our churches and chapels. Since the Church finds herself in this difficult situation because of the Coronavirus, the obligation for the faithful to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation is removed until further notice.

Celebration of Mass.

Priests continue to celebrate Mass in the church without the presence of the people, on a daily basis. The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the people can join in Spiritual Communion with the priests of the Church.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

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

Since I cannot today receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

(St Alphonsus Liguori)

Act of Perfect Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

Fr. Firth is saying Mass each day for all the intentions requested, as follows:

Sunday 7 th June	Holy Trinity Sunday	Graham Thompson (LD)
Monday 8 th	St William of York	Peter Clegg (Sick)
Tuesday 9 th	St Columba	Colleen McSweeney (Sick)
Wednesday 10 th	Weekday	Michael Peters (LD)
Thursday 11 th	St Barnabas	Kathleen Martin's Birthday
Friday 12 th	Weekday	Dead List
Saturday 13 th	St Anthony of Padua	Fr. Michael Sullivan (LD)
Sunday 14 th	Corpus Christi	Jean Wild and Family

Mass intentions received: Graham Thompson (LD); Colleen McSweeney (Sick); Peter Clegg (Sick); Intentions of Jim & Josie Kelly; Michael Peters (LD); Refugees; SVP & Friends; Fr. Michael Sullivan.

Live-streamed Daily Mass from Leeds Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. and on **Sunday** at 11.00 a.m.

www.leedscathedral.org.uk

In our Diocese:

St Edwards, Wetherby - www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-edward-king-confessor-church-clifford-wetherby

St Mary's Halifax – <https://www.stmaryshalifax.com>

There is Mass every day at 12.00 noon from the Church of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk – live or later – link: <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

Daily Mass and other devotions can be accessed through EWTN television channel. These can be seen on line <https://www.ewtn.com/>

On the website entitled 'Universalis' you can read the Mass readings and the Daily prayer of the Church, which all priests pray every day.
Please think about using your rosary and Stations of the Cross.

For people who have been unable to live-stream Mass or find it on digital TV channels, it is now possible to dial in to listen to Mass. The following telephone number is available to listen to Mass from home:
[01642 130 120](tel:01642130120)

Financial Support for the Church. (An updated note from the Diocese)

Whilst we understand that this is a time of great anxiety for all parishioners and that some people may not be in a position to continue supporting the parish financially, some of you have been asking how you can continue with your weekly contributions while the church is closed.

There are now three ways you may consider:

- **Standing Order.** You can set up a regular Standing Order with your bank. This can be cancelled whenever you want, or you may wish to continue donating this way once things get back to normal. If you would like to set this up please contact Anne Wood either via email aeswood@aol.com or by phoning 07882831159
- **Text Giving.** The diocese has set up a way of donating by text. To contribute £5 to the parish offertory please text CHURCHBARLICK to 70500. You can text as often or as little as you like. The amount will be added to your Mobile Phone bill.
- **Online Donations.** You can visit the Leeds Diocese Website www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk and click on Online Parish Offertory and then search for St Joseph's Barnoldswick.

Of course, you may just wish to bring in your weekly envelopes when the church opens again. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support. Canon Kevin Firth.

Buildings and Repairs: The builders have returned to complete the building of the wall along Bolland Street.

The side doors of St Joseph's Church on Gisburn Street are being stripped, repaired and painted.

A thought for when you are washing your hands – instead of singing Happy Birthday twice, why not say a Hail Mary instead. (You could probably say a decade of the Rosary throughout the day!!)

If you would like to take a 'Virtual Tour of the Vatican Museum' the following link will take you there:
www.museivaticani.va Enjoy!

Special Prayers

Lillian Price – Jennie Hendley – Jim Kelly – Marie & Bob Fletcher – Mary Posiko – Margaret DeVito – Phyllis KIRRAGE – Val Kaynell – Mark Hoare – Dale McLaughlin – Marie Keating – Max Hudson – Peter Catley – Stan Nelson – Paul Wood – Tony Atherton - Jennifer Purcell – Pat Maloney – Clifford Ball - Mandy McLaughlan.

Please pray for these and for the comfort of anyone suffering in any way. Please also remember the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

1. One of the difficult experiences I and probably for many of you is, not being able to go into other people's homes. Since arriving in the parish almost five years ago one of the joys has been going into people's homes. A good old Catholic tradition is to invite the priest to bless your home especially if you have just moved into the area. It is lovely to stand in prayer with a family and call upon Almighty God to protect them and that their home will be a place of tranquillity, peace and happiness. A home enriched with the joy of Christian hospitality.

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Then follows the best part; after blessing the water I get a chance to get into every room in the house, blessing each in turn. It can be a gratifying experience if you are of an enquiring mind (nosey!). The whole house is open to me and so it is a privilege.

2. Now today we are celebrating the very inner reality of our Creator. Maybe we sometimes look upon the Holy Trinity as an impossible mathematical equation; how can we fit three into one and how can one be three all at the same time? But this rather misses the point. What is the point of this divine revelation? It is as if the Almighty has invited us into His own home.

If a stranger comes to your house and you decide to let them in, which room do you take them to? You do not want them to see the mess in the kitchen and so you might invite them into the sitting room which you have tidied up and cleaned. It will put you and your home in the best light to the person who has never visited you before!

3. Almighty God has invited us into His home, not just to the formal sitting room kept for best but into His inner life. We are being called to share the intimate life of God into the Almighty's loving community of three.

The Apostles were baffled and one of them said to Jesus "just show us the Father, then we will be satisfied". Maybe the Lord felt exasperated when He answered, "to see me is to have seen the Father, because we are one".

With a never-ending list of questions that they badly needed answers for, Jesus told them "when the Paraclete comes, whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who issues from the Father will be my witness". In other words, the Holy Spirit will help you sort out all the experiences you have gone through with me and fit them together so you can spread the Gospel.

4. The revelation of this truth about the love of the Father for the son enwrapped in the Holy Spirit is also an invitation for us too. This is the Blessed Trinity of God warmly welcoming us to share in God's loving relationship. When we pray the 'Our Father' we are praying in the Trinity addressing the Father as the words give to us by the Son and inspired by the Holy Spirit. God has opened the door of His house and said 'you are welcome to come in, not just to a special room for guests but into my inner most life, in every room. An invitation to share in the love in heaven of Father for Son, of Son for the Father and all enveloped in the mystical love of the Holy Spirit.

The Sacrament of Baptism is the welcome at the doorstep. Originally the font was near the entrance to the church for this reason, near the front step of the church. From this first welcome we are invited to become children of the Father; we are invited to become brothers and sisters of the Son and into a loving union with the Holy Spirit.

Every time we recall God's presence we are gathered around the hearth of God's home. More than that, the three persons reside in us through our Baptism.

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This is not just me saying this, Christ Himself said "Anyone who loves me will keep my word and we will come to him and make a home in him".

May we be ever more conscious of God's inner life working deep within us, especially when we bless ourselves in the name of the Blessed Trinity. Heaven begins here in our earthly relationship but will only reach full revelation beyond death as we try to remain faithful to the divine presence.

Canon Kevin Firth

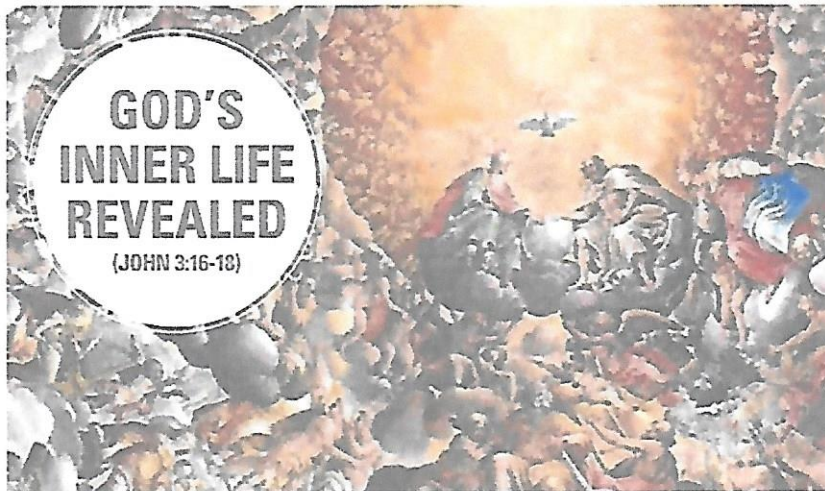
A reminder that the SVP and other volunteers are willing to get shopping, prescriptions etc. for the housebound, vulnerable and elderly. We are also available to ring people for a chat. If you have a need, or would like us to contact someone, (please check first with them that they would like us to do this - especially if they are unknown to us), please ring either Father Firth (01282 812204) or Kath Altham (01282 813806) and we can discuss if it is possible to provide help in some way.

Airedale Hospital Chaplain: If you require Fr Michael McLaughlin please phone 01535 653153

Sunday Message

THE WORD

Year A • Psalter Week 2



Fresco of the Holy Trinity and saints in glory, in the cupola of Chiesa di Santa Maria del Quartiere, by PA. Bernabei, his brother Alessandro and G.M. Conti della Camera

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The great truth about God in the Old Testament was that God communicated with human beings.

God was active in their history through the Spirit that spoke the divine word through the Law and the Prophets. The great truth about God in the New Testament is that God took on human form in Jesus. You could say that the Old Testament period is the era of God the Father, when the Father made himself known; the period when Jesus walked on earth was the great revelation of God the Son; and the period after the ascension of the risen Lord, the time we live in now, is the era of God the Holy Spirit.

The Church's doctrine of the Trinity tells us that God is, first of all, a community of three persons who love one another, who communicate so intimately with one another that three become one.

A genuine community is one that is open to others. It is not locked in on itself. The place we most experience the truth of the Trinity is at the table of the Eucharist when bread and wine, the gift of the Father in creation, are transformed into the life-giving body and blood of the Son through the action of the Holy Spirit.

Just as it took the Church many years to find a way of speaking about the Triune God, it takes us a lifetime to find a way to speak about God from our own experience of love, joy, fragility and brokenness. ■

LEARN

"The Most Holy Trinity is not the product of human reasoning; it is the face with which God himself revealed himself, not from the height of a cathedra, but walking with humanity. It is precisely Jesus who revealed the Father and promised us the Holy Spirit. God walked with his people in the history of the people of Israel and Jesus has always walked with us and has promised us the Holy Spirit, who is fire, who teaches us all the things that we do not know, who guides us from within, he gives us good ideas and good inspirations."

Pope Francis

DO

Each time you make the Sign of the Cross, think about what you are doing and the words that you say.

SAY

"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen."

REFLECT

In his farewell speech to the disciples in John's Gospel Jesus makes a promise. He tells his disciples that even though he is going to leave them soon, they won't be left abandoned. God will send the Holy Spirit to be with them, to guide them, "to lead you to the complete truth".

The satnav is a wonderful invention. We have become so dependent on it to guide our journeys to unfamiliar destinations that we often wonder how we coped in the era before it was invented. The Holy Spirit is like our personal satnav. In trying to negotiate our way through life's journeys, God has given us a spiritual navigator. That guide is the Holy Spirit. When we don't know what to do or which way to turn, the Holy Spirit is there to point us in the right direction.

But, as with a sat nav, we must first tune into the Holy Spirit. That means being aware of the Spirit's presence with us all the time. We are never alone or lost. We have an inbuilt Holy Spirit navigation system – a most precious tool. We just have to turn it on.

Second, we must ask the Holy Spirit to help us find our way. Whenever we don't know which way to turn, or the right direction to take, we pray to the Holy Spirit, asking the Holy Spirit to be our guide. The Holy Spirit always points us to Jesus who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life".

That's the Spirit's job – to be our guide through life, to lead us eventually to that place where we will enjoy eternal life with the Holy Trinity for ever. ■

PRAY

The Trinity is about relationship. Pray for a deepening of your relationship with those you love.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the
world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of
sanctification
made known to the human race your
wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true
faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal
glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:4-6:8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands,
Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the
early morning as the Lord had commanded
him. And the Lord descended in the form of a
cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The
Lord passed before him and proclaimed,
"Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and
compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness
and faithfulness." And Moses bowed down
to the ground at once and worshipped. "If I
have indeed won your favour, Lord," he said
"let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they
are a headstrong people, but forgive us our
faults and our sins, and adopt us as your
heritage."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Daniel 3:52-56

Response:

To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)

You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your
kingdom. (R.)

You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow
perfect; help one another. Be united; live in
peace, and the God of love and peace will be
with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the
saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love
of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

"God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may
not be lost
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be
saved.

No one who believes in him will be
condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned
already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name,
we pray, O Lord our God,
this oblation of our service,
and by it make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of
his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our
God,
bring us health of body and soul,
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and
undivided Unity.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

"To regard the Mass as an obligation, a
chore, and a boring one at that, to be done on
a Sunday, is a hideous travesty of the truth.
Mass may indeed be boring, and the dear
priest's sermon an affliction to be patiently
endured (or, of course, an intellectual treat
to be discussed throughout the week), but
we do not go to Mass for entertainment... To
be taken to the self-offering of Jesus to the
Father is what being a Catholic is about, it is
what the Mass is about."

Sister Wendy Beckett

