



## St Saviour's, Abbots Langley & Our Lady Mother of the Saviour, Chipperfield

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### Love is the Nature of the Trinity

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity draws our attention to the mystery of God's inner nature and character which is His love for human beings. This is an affirmation of the companionship of God throughout Old Testament history, even though the people of Israel had broken His covenant. God acted with merciful love, forgiveness and tenderness to the unfaithful nation, and this encouraged Moses to approach Him with ardent intercession and pleas for his people. In response God revealed to Moses that He is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

St Paul pleaded that the love which binds the three Persons of the Trinity in a single purpose - the salvation of believers - would become a model of unity and harmony for the troublesome Corinthians. This Trinitarian love is what is most needed in a world marked by strife and division in order to heal the wounds of hatred and indifference.

A personal relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit can be a source of great inspiration in our concrete reality. If we are eager to call God our Father, as St Augustine said, then any human person, in spite of his/her cultural, ethnic, religious, racial, political, or social identity, is our brother or our sister. This is because love for humanity rests within the core of God's very nature. Furthermore, identifying ourselves with Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer, means that we accept that, like him, we should act charitably in helping the poor, the marginalized, the sick, the lonely, and the hopeless. As we profess that the Spirit is the Lord and giver of Life, we are compelled to counterbalance and fight life-destroying attitudes and the culture of death, in accordance also with the teaching of St John Paul II.

The consequence of our having faith in the Trinity is that we are to adopt a way of being and living which reflects this unique faith by sharing love, mercy and forgiveness. By doing so, Christians are in fact heralds of the abundant love which the three Divine Persons share among themselves and which they show to the whole of humanity.

This Trinitarian love will heal the fear and insecurity of many broken hopes and hearts in this very time of pandemic. In spite of our self-isolation, we are not alone. We are spiritually connected in love with our brothers and sisters in their pain and loneliness. The divine relational love is an inspiration and a cure for a lonely heart.

## BACK TO NORMAL?

The Bishops have been making representations to Government regarding the needs of the Catholic faithful, with respect both to the opening of churches and to accessing the Sacraments. As soon as there is news of any change in arrangements, we will communicate this via the website and in the Newsletter. Until then, please understand that we are not able to reopen the Cathedral or to hear Confessions. Your patience is greatly appreciated; thank you.

## SUPPORT AT THIS TIME

Please do let the Clergy know if you, or someone you know, is in need of support at this difficult time. They are willing to speak to those who are lonely and isolated or troubled. There may also be ways in which they can help those who are in material need, or who need help with shopping and collecting prescriptions. Please call Clergy House Reception between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30pm on weekdays in these cases.

Prayer for spiritual communion My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Food Collection:** In response to the growing needs in the community during this lockdown period, we are asking all the parishioners to donate if they can.

All donations can be dropped to the Fathers house. If you ring the bell and leave your donation at the door it will be collected.

Food parcels/boxes will then be made and distributed; part will be sent to Watford Foodbank.

If you are aware of any family or individuals that you know may be struggling and would benefit from this please make the priests aware.

Thank you very much for your support and we pray for all to stay safe.

God bless!

Gift aid boxes available – please see Fr Richard or Fr Dejudonné.

### CORPUS CHRISTI MASS BROADCAST

On Sunday 14 June, the Sunday Worship Programme, which airs at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4, will broadcast Mass celebrated by the Cardinal in the Cathedral. Please share this welcome news with parishioners and family and friends who do not have access to the internet and are thus unable to watch the live-streamed Masses.

We pray for the intentions offered at our Masses this Sunday: ... We also pray for the sick at home and in hospitals, especially those affected by the Corona Virus, that God may heal them and strengthen their hope of eternal glory.