



## The Most Holy Trinity 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022



The feast of the Trinity reminds us that God is a family of love. We are dealing here not just with some terribly abstract theological doctrine, still less with a mathematical contradiction that  $3=1$ ! We are not saying that one God is three gods but that in one God there are three Persons. What Scripture reveals to us is a unity of three real persons. Of course, to try to understand fully how one God can be three Persons is not really possible for us. There are two extremes to be avoided: Breaking our head trying to work out fully how one God can be three Persons; or saying, "Oh, it's a mystery" and not bother to have any understanding at all.

On the one hand, as human beings we want to understand, to find meaning in things and we should always try to go as far as we can in making sense of our faith. On the other hand, there are many things in life which are and probably always will be far beyond our understanding. Recently, the famous scientist, Stephen Hawking, said he had given up his dream of finding a single mathematical equation that would explain the ultimate existence of everything. That does not mean we deny their truth or their existence. Even human life itself, even our own lives, our very identity as persons is something we never fully grasp.

Instead of trying to indulge in theological acrobatics let us try to enter into a relationship with these three Persons, through whom God is

revealed to us. "The love of God," says Paul today in the Second Reading: "has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." Entering into this community of love enables us to live the life of God here and now. That is that love which exists in the heart of the Trinity is present in us through our baptism. The community of the Church makes visible this vision of love. We are called to mirror this love to the world in our families and to all we come into contact with.

Fr. Denis

### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

In today's Liturgy we are swept through time in glorious procession—from before earth and sky were set in place to the coming of the Spirit upon the new creation, the Church.

We begin in the heart of the Trinity, as we listen to the testimony of Wisdom in today's First Reading. Eternally begotten, the first-born of God, He is poured forth from of old in the loving delight of the Father.

Through Him, the heavens were established, the foundations of the earth fixed. From before the beginning, He was with the Father as His "Craftsman," the artisan by which all things were made. And He took special delight, He tells us, in the crowning glory of God's handiwork—the human race, the "sons of men."

### RCIA

Are you an adult non-Catholic interested in exploring what Christianity and the Catholic faith are about? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? If your answer is yes, then the Holy Trinity RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be for you. It consists of regular weekly meetings, **in the Holy Family room**; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis or phone the parish office on 01462 893127

**THE HOLY TRINITY-** The catechism teaches that "by sending his only Son and the Spirit of love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and he has destined us to share in that exchange. The complete Trinity dwells in us and by worshipping the Trinity we realise the full truth of ourselves. In the communion of grace with the Trinity, man's living area is broadened and raised up to the supernatural level of divine life. Man lives in God and by God". St. Pope John Paul.

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**FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES CONTACT:** Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

**CHURCH HALL HIRE:** Please contact parish office 01462 893127  
**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** For further information please contact Richard and Marie Miller Tel: 01462 490630.

**RCIA COURSE:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.

**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL** is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

**NEWSLETTER** Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address ([baldock@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:baldock@rcdow.org.uk)) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

**VATICAN NEWS** Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network [www.news.va/en](http://www.news.va/en).

Your **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES** have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colete Murphy [Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) [Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish especially Joe Sarno, Karen O'Shaughnessy and Joyce Piper and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Pietro Micele, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Wilfred Byrne; Marcel Wolsey; Michael Gryboniez; Joan Penny; Mary Ann Leech; Stephen Kerr; Sheila McLaughlin; Helen Francis; Raffaella Picillo; Patrick Tierney; Margaret Casserly; Nellie Parker; Michelle Stapleton.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

St. John's, our Catholic Primary School is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year! Were you a pupil or member of staff at St. John's between 1972 and 2008? Come and join us on Saturday July 9th, 2022, between 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. for a walk down memory lane. There will be an adult bar and BBQ available. We hope to see you there. Please share with friends and family who attended St. John's.

**"St John's Catholic Primary School** is holding a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.00 a.m. Everyone is welcome and we would be delighted for previous members of staff, past pupils and their families to join us. We will be using the Mass as an opportunity to finally say a proper goodbye to Ms Alex Hanou who was Headteacher at St John's for 15 years and retired during Covid. For anyone wishing to contribute to a collection for Ms Hanou,

donations can be made via the school office."

## ANNUAL OPEN-AIR MASS & PARISH BARBEQUE



This year will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Please remember that, as there will be **ONLY ONE MASS DURING THE WEEKEND**, we hope that the whole parish will come together and celebrate. Tickets will soon be on sale, with adult tickets priced at £8. A vegetarian option will be available. Tickets for children aged 5 to 12 years will be priced at £4, under 5's are free but must have a ticket to help us to cater for the numbers on the day. Please bring your own drinks and your own chairs for the day. We would appreciate the help of volunteers on the day, and we will put up lists at the back of the Church asking for support, please sign up if you are able to help. It would be a good time to invite family and friends, and please pray for good weather.

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	David Southby RIP
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor Carmel & Vincent Lewicki RIP
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Lesley O'Neill RIP
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Richard of Chichester, Bishop
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm  
Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

Family Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 10.30 am

THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

Fr. Denis is still celebrating Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night for the Vigil Mass, & Sunday morning Mass 10.30am, also morning Masses Monday to Thursday at 10am.

Both are accessible through the Parish Facebook page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury**

For more information, please go to the Parish website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock>

### MISSIO RED BOX SCHEME

Please could Red Box holders bring in their boxes to Church and leave them on the table to the left at the back of the Church for counting. Your continuing to take part in the scheme is much appreciated by the Mission's office. With many thanks - Pam Winters T:01462 892265