



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 4th June 2023



MOST HOLY TRINITY

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity. It is also our patronal feast; we are named after the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury whose feast day was on the 27th May. The mystery of the Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, and the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the hierarchy of the truths of faith. The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is revealed to humankind, and reconciles and unites with those who turn to Him.

The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God. To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

But we can have some knowledge of the Trinity in what is called the *economy of salvation*; the way God saves us in becoming man and taking on Himself the sins of the whole world. Jesus expressed his love for his Father by always doing his will, even that which was so difficult, by giving up his life for us on the cross.

On a practical level we can see that the Trinity is the model for all our human relationships. There exists within the Trinity a complete loving community of three persons who live in harmony with each other. God is one, but also three persons; who exist in communion with each other. This loving existence of the Trinity is a model of the Church and how we ought to live out our Christian lives within the community of God. We already model the divine life of the Trinity, who is given to us at our baptism and lives within us, at the deepest level of our being. God is really very close to us. We know this through faith and we experience it when we actually mirror the love of the Trinity by loving each other. Let us ask God this Trinity Sunday for the grace to be drawn deeper into the life of that loving community of the Trinity, *Father, Son and Holy Spirit.* Fr. Denis

Prayer for Most Holy Trinity

Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.
Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood
delivered me from hell, and opened for me the
gates of heaven. Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who
has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me by the graces I
receive daily from His bounty. Glory be to the
Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now
and forever. Amen.

ANNUAL OPEN-AIR MASS & PARISH BARBEQUE



This year will be held at 10.30am on Sunday 2nd 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 £10. A vegetarian option will be available. Tickets for children aged 5 to 12 years will be priced at £5, 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. It

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BAPTISM

PREPARATION: For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

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) 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.

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 & Colette Murphy Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

would be a good time to invite family and friends and please pray for good weather.

First Holy Communion 2024 Programme (Open to any child in Year 3 or above) Saturday 16th September

between 10.00am - 11.30am: for parents to drop in to the Parish Rooms during this time where you will meet with Fr. Denis and complete your child's application form for First Holy Communion. If your child was not Baptised in Baldock please bring their Baptism Certificate with you. The sessions will commence in November 2023 and the children will make their First Holy Communion in May 2024. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Denis.

CHURCH CALENDAR MEN'S GROUP

Men of the Parish are welcome to come and join our regular Men's Breakfast sessions. These take place once a month on a Saturday morning with tea/coffee and a Danish served at 8.30am. We finish at 10.30am. Come along and meet friends old and new. The next date is the 10th June. See Richard M or John B for more details.

THE HOLY TRINITY

Pope Francis speaks about the Trinity has spoken about the love that is at the heart of the divine life of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is, he said, "a life of profound communion and perfect love, the origin and end of the whole universe

and of every creature." But the Holy Trinity is also the model of the Church "in which we are called to love one another as Jesus has loved us." God, the Pope said, "is close to us, He is always by our side, He walks with us to share our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our struggles." He loves human beings so much that He sent His only Son, the Second Person of the Trinity, into the world, that the world might be saved through Jesus.

It is the Holy Spirit, the gift of the Risen Jesus," that "communicates the divine life to us and so makes us enter into the dynamism of the Trinity, a dynamism of love, of communion, of reciprocal service, of sharing." A person, a family, a parish that loves others for the sake of love is a "reflection of the Trinity." But although true love is without limits, true love also knows when to limit itself in order "to meet the other, to respect the liberty of the other. *Pope Francis*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick in the parish especially, Fr. Philip Law, Mairead Kirke, Patrick Sarsfield, Peter Gray and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, Edith Howe; Helena McCracken; Brian Johnson; John Kilcullen; Kathleen Scully; Catherine McKee; Mary Child; James Quinn; Battista Valsecchi; Adelide Shelbourn; Sr Colette O'Dwyer and Olga D'Addario.

Sat 3 rd	6.30pm	Sonad Jauman RIP
Sun 4 th	8.30am 10.30am	Anthony Targett RIP Pasqualina & Raffaele Ciampa RIP
Mon 5 th	No mass	St Boniface Bishop & Martyr
Tue 6 th	No mass	
Wed 7 th	10.00am	June Richardson RIP
Thu 8 th	No mass	
Fri 9 th	No mass	

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: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

Fr. Denis is still celebrating the Vigil Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night & Sunday Mass at 10.30am. All 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. **THE WEDNESDAY WORD IS AVAILABLE VIA** <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>