



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



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The Most Holy Trinity 15th June 2025



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. 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*

Property Update from Fr Denis

Well after several weeks the work on the parish house roof has been completed. I can now have breakfast in peace and quiet, without banging on the roof. Some of you may have noticed roofers at the Presbytery in London Road. The 100+ year old roof tiles were at the end of their useful life and the bedroom dormers were in need of urgent attention. I am pleased to say to you that following the Diocese Property Condition Survey Report of the church buildings, we have been able to complete the first of three major priority property improvements.

This work has only been made possible because of your continued generosity, fundraising and financial support of the parish.

The parish hall roof is next on our agenda as it too is in need of repair. I am hopeful that we can get this done later this year.

The final project of this phase will be the repair and redecoration of the gutters, soffits and fascias of the church roof, plus addressing the repair of the black concrete plinth around the top of the windows. It is likely that we will have to leave this until next year when hopefully our cash reserves allow.

We undertake small repairs ourselves where we can, but these are much larger projects where we need to engage the 'professionals'.

I want to once again thank you, the parish for all your support.

Sunday Readings: Parish Mass Book Page 81

The Friends of the Holy Land Appeal raised £1034. Thank you so much for your contributions.

Mary's Meals Foreign Currency Collection



With only 1 week to go before the foreign currency collection please have another look in your cupboards, under the bed etc. Remember we'll gladly take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender anymore.

Annual Open-Air Mass & Parish BBQ



Will take place on Sunday 6th July at 10.30am. We hope that the whole parish will come together as one.

Tickets for the BBQ are now on sale:

- £10 - Adult ticket
- £5 - Child ticket (5-12 years)
- Under 5's are free but need a ticket to help us cater for the numbers on the day.

A vegetarian option will be available.

Please bring your own drinks and chairs for the day. We do need some volunteers, if you are able to help please speak to Fr. Denis.

Do invite family and friends to come along and please pray for good weather.

Pilgrimage to St Edmund's College, Ware

is on Saturday 12th July, 11am to 4pm. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be leading the Jubilee Year pilgrimage. The day will include a Solemn Mass for the Jubilee Year celebrated by H.E. Cardinal Nichols in the school grounds. Picnic lunch (bring your own); tours of the college, Adoration and Confession. Finishing with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Please email the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

2025 Parish Dates for your Diary

Sunday 6th July - Open Air Mass: 10.30am in the church grounds.

Sunday 17th August - Blessing of the Graves: 12.30pm at Baldock Cemetery.

Saturday 20th September - Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham: more details to follow.

Please speak to Fr. Denis if you have any questions regarding these events.



Your Prayers Are Asked For:



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish, especially Tara Ferrissey, Ray Carter, Peter Comiskey, Sally-Ann Riegel and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries

occur about this time:

Stephen Kerr, Sheila McLaughlin, Helen Francis, Raffaella Picillo, Patrick Tierney, Margaret Casserly, Nellie Parker, Giuseppe Sarno, Michelle Stapleton, George van Spall, Lino Sicheri, Bernard Lyons.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 14 th	6.30pm	
Sun 15 th	8.30am 10.30am	The People of Parish
Mon 16 th	No Mass	
Tue 17 th	No Mass	
Wed 18 th	10.00am	
Thu 19 th	No Mass	
Fri 20 th	No Mass	Saint Alban, Martyr

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.

Children's Liturgy: Takes place during the 10.30am Mass except on the First Sunday of the Month (Family Mass) and during school holidays.

The Vigil Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday Mass (10.30am) can be watched online via the Parish Facebook Page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.**

Contacts

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Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals for further details please speak to Fr. Denis, look at the website or contact the parish office.

Church Hall Bookings the church hall is available to be booked for groups or celebrations. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group for boys & girls aged 6-14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

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