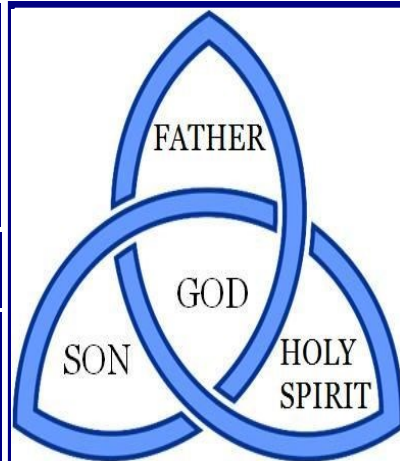


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The Most Holy Trinity (Year A) 4 June 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday 3rd June | Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity | 6.00pm | Thanksgiving Furtado & Gomindes family |
| Sunday 4th June | The Most Holy Trinity | 8.30am | People of the Parish |
| | | 10.30am | Marcelina Varela RIP |
| Tuesday 6th June | Feria | 7.00pm | John Buckley RIP |
| Wednesday 7th June | Feria | 9.15am | Marty Spires RIP |
| Thursday 8th June | Feria | 9.15am | Phil Carey |
| Friday 9th June | Feria | 9.15am | The Birch family followed by Holy Hour |
| Saturday 10th June | Vigil: Corpus Christi | 6.00pm | The Moore family |

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 4th June 2023

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.

Responsorial Psalm: To you glory and praise for evermore. (*after every line*)

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!

Next week's Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 Psalm 147 I Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58

In our first reading this week God meets Moses on Mount Sinai and makes a covenant with the people of Israel, revealing the nature of his character and his personal love for them: God is all-loving, faithful, merciful, and forgiving by nature.

Scripture tells us that God knew each one of us even before we were knit in our mother's womb. We were created for a purpose: to be united with God and to share in his love and glory now and forever. St Augustine of Hippo wrote: "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." God's love is complete and perfect because it is wholly directed towards our greatest good - to make us whole and to unite us in a perfect bond of love and peace.

On this Trinity Sunday we give thanks for the great mystery of our faith: the triune nature of God and the inseparable union of the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus revealed the glory of God to us: a Trinity of persons united in a community of love. The ultimate end, the purpose for which God created us, is the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity and love of the blessed Trinity.

It is the Holy Spirit who reveals the Father and the Son to us and who gives us the gift of faith to know and understand the truth of God's word. Through baptism we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Lord renews the gift of the Spirit in each one of us as we open our hearts with expectant faith and yield to his work in our lives. The Spirit strengthens us with the seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence, and holy fear in God's presence.

"Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with His sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed His pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts" (St Ambrose).



Holy Communion Please keep all the children in our parish who have recently made their First Communion in your prayers. Also, the candidates who are preparing for their **Confirmation** later this month. Bishop Paul McAleenan will be here to celebrate the Confirmation Mass at **7pm** on **Friday 16th June**

So, I've been confirmed - now what?

If you'd like to continue learning about your faith in a relaxed and fun environment, sign up for theASCENT.

theASCENT is a discipleship process for Catholic young people in years 10-13 who want to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ and learn how to share it with others.

Bookings are now open for the Brentwood location **starting in October** and full details can be found at www.theascentuk.co.uk



Catholic Worker Farm Open Day

The open day is on **Saturday 10th June from 3pm onwards**. The farm accommodates 19 refugee women and children. There will be an international buffet, live performances and a house tour. It's totally free! Bring your friends and family. For more information, check out www.thecatholicworkerfarm.org or call 01923 777201. Address: Lynsters Farm, Old Uxbridge Road, Rickmansworth, WD39XJ.

“Sinners Called to Holiness” Prayer for a Pilgrim Church

2025 will be a Jubilee Year. As part of the preparation for the Jubilee Pope Francis has invited the Church to reflect on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023 and for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. David McLoughlin will guide us in reflection on the Universal Call to Holiness and the place of prayer in Vatican II.

15 June 2023 at 11am-3pm @ London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH

Free event (donations welcome). Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sinners-called-to-holiness-prayer-for-a-pilgrimchurch-tickets-629250403897>. See poster at the back of Church

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on **6-9 July 2023** or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **13-15 October 2023**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



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Planned giving envelopes

There are several boxes still to be collected from the back bench in church. It's still not too late to swap the way you give to the parish! **The most helpful way of supporting the parish is donating by standing order**, which also reduces our volunteers' work in counting.

If you would like to switch from envelopes or cash, to standing order please contact the Parish office.



Offertory for Sunday 28th May 2023

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| Envelopes | £ 228.52 |
| Loose | £ 731.30 (includes First Communion Mass) |
| Total | £ 959.82 |

Many thanks for your generosity

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard and Christine Kempster.