THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

11th June 2017

Sharing God's Light

We only have to switch the TV on to know there is plenty of evil in the world, but in today's Gospel John reminds us that if we know and believe in God we can stand up to that evil. But how do we even begin to know God? Do we think of a God who created the world billions of years ago but has been pretty quiet since? Do we think of God who sent his Son to save us, but only know it because the story sits in a bible up on the book shelf? Or do we think of a God who made us, a God who sent his Son to teach us, and a God who sent his Spirit to guide us through each day of our lives and through each generation that walks the earth?

The Trinity might be a bit of a theological mystery to us, but that doesn't mean to say that we are not able to understand anything of God. We understand God in three ways; as Father and creator, as Son and redeemer, and as God's Spirit left to guide and strengthen us.

God the Father is all around us. God's miracles are in front of our eyes when we wake up in the morning and in the night skies before we go to sleep. We live on the only planet able to support life in our universe. God's miracles are there for all to see in our breathtaking landscapes, in our oceans teeming with life and in mankind itself. How often do we stop to praise God's creation or appreciate the miracles that surround us?

God the Son came to teach us with stories and signs. He came to reveal God's plan for us. God the Son came to show us the way to God the Father. Gods' Son came to us in a great manifestation of God's love. "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

The Spirit of God is the part of God left to guide us and lead us. The Holy Spirit is something we can completely forget about ... or something we can call on every day, in every choice and in every decision we make.

Today John tells us that God is the light that helps us stand up to evil wherever it raises its head. Knowing God helps us to share that light.

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MANY THANKS: to all who helped in any way to make last Sunday's celebration of the international diversity of our parish community such a joyful and happy unifying occasion. A great time of sharing was enjoyed by all.

FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: Next Sunday, Corpus Christi, is our parish patronal feast. To honour the Blessed Sacrament on this day, we will have Exposition after the 8:30 Mass until 10:45 at which time we will have Benediction. Please consider coming for a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament between 9:15 and 10:45 on this special day.

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MASSES DURING THIS WEEK: because Fr Larry is away on leave until the end of the month and Fr Séamus has commitments outside the parish, there will be no <u>weekday</u> Masses here this coming week. Apologies for this. Usual service will be resumed the week beginning 19th June.

INTERESTED? Are you interested in helping with preparing children for First Communion or assisting in other programmes for passing on the faith? Please let Sr Miriam know.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Envelopes: £304.57 Loose plate: £174.22

Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Michael Griffin who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Leny Tirado, Mary Payne, Alice Clancy, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Eugene Mariner, Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Margaret Phillips, Peggy Walsh, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne Griffin, baby Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross.

| MASSES THIS WEEK: | | | |
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| DATE | FEAST DAYS | TIME | INTENTION |
| Sunday 11 th June | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | 8.30am 11.00am | Dena Adams RIP All our Parishioners |
| Monday 12 th June | feria | 10.30am | ** NO MASS THIS WEEK ** |
| Tuesday 13 th June | St Anthony of Padua | 10.30am | ** NO MASS THIS WEEK ** |
| Wednesday 14 th June | feria | 10.30am | ** NO MASS THIS WEEK ** |
| Saturday 17 th June | feria | 10.30am | All our Parishioners |
| Sunday 18 th June | CORPUS CHRISTI | 8.30am 11.00am | Eugene Mahoney RIP Teresa Finnigan RIP |
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Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm

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