

SUNDAY PLUS

Live for ever!

A Year of the Word

Live in God's likeness



as individuals and as a Christian community, we are made in God's image and likeness.

Our God is a Trinity of Persons and of relationships. Just as God is a community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, so we are called to be a community, giving life to one another, to the Church and to the world in which we live. When we live as a community, attending to the needs of all but with a special concern for those experiencing the greatest hardship, we are most like God, who is Trinity and for whom nobody is unimportant, unseen or unloved. We act most like God when we love, "for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son". Love, by its very nature, can do nothing else but give.

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by Anne M Walsh

Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, which we sometimes call "the birthday of the Church." On that day, with the

outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit upon the early Christian community, we became a Church: bold, courageous, and empowered to proclaim the Good News to all. We, as individuals and as a Church, were given the gifts of wisdom and understanding, knowledge

and right judgment, courage, reverence and wonder and awe in God's presence.

Trinity Sunday reveals to us who we are and whose we are. Today, on Trinity Sunday, God reveals to us how we are to live and function as Church. We are reminded that,

Give life

by Jimmy Mulgrew

A friend said to me soon after my son Frank became a priest, "I suppose now you'll be calling your son 'Father'?"

I can pinpoint the exact spot where our Frankie told his mother and me that he would like to dedicate his life to God: it was backstage at the Babbacombe Theatre overlooking the beautiful Torbay coastline.

Looking back I suppose we gave the normal parental reactions, "Are you sure? Do you want to have another think about it?"

However, right through from seminary to ordination to parish priest we've seen him change

people's lives for the better and our hearts have swelled with pride. After all, the God we love and to whom we pray gave up his only Son to die for our sins.

Oh, and there are a few perks. We get to go to Mass in our living room!

Jimmy Mulgrew, a comedian and entertainer, is best known by his stage name, Jimmy Cricket.

"The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity leads us to contemplate the mystery of God who unceasingly creates, redeems and sanctifies, always with love and through love, and enables every creature that welcomes him to reflect a ray of his beauty, goodness and truth."

Pope Francis

Give love

by Kasia Greenwood

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." These are words that we hear so often, many of us from childhood, that perhaps they lose their significance in our daily lives. How great must God's love for us be to give up his Son, not just to a period of ministry but to his death?

What I find so comforting about this passage is the sentence, "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved." God must see so much sin in this world, so much wrongdoing,

as human beings go to war with one another, damage the planet, and ignore God's word. And yet he still loves us and believes us worth saving.

Through God's love and sacrifice we are granted eternal life. How can we better live our lives to honour that gift?

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My Lord and my God, I love you and I adore you. Amen.

Today: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18	Monday: 1 Kings 17:1-6 Matthew 5:1-12	Tuesday: 1 Kings 17:7-16 Matthew 5:13-16	Tuesday (S): St Columba (Colum Cille) (Feast) Colossians 1:24-29 Mark 10:17-30	Wednesday: 1 Kings 18:20-39 Matthew 5:17-19	Thursday: Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3 Matthew 10:7-13	Friday: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-16 Matthew 5:27-32	Saturday: 1 Kings 19:19-21 Matthew 5:33-37	Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58
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