

NEWSLETTER

The Blessed Trinity and Us

Saint John writes: *And eternal life is this; to know you the only true God (Jn 17: 3), and My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is (1Jn 3:2).* We are called to see the infinite fruitfulness of this divine nature that subsists in three Persons; to contemplate face to face the eternal generation of the Word, splendour of the Father, and image of his substance (He 1:3); to see the ineffable inspiration of the Holy Spirit, this torrent of spiritual flame, the mutual love of Father, Son, which from all eternity, unites them in almost absolute reciprocal self-giving.

Such knowledge and love cannot be realised in us unless God first defies us in a certain manner in the depths of our soul, unless we first receive something of the very nature of God, unless our soul is deified in some way, that is to say, transformed in God. The blessed in heaven can participate in the divine operations, in the very life of God, precisely because they have received this nature from him, just as a son receives his nature from his father.

From all eternity God necessarily generates a Son similar to himself, the Word. He communicates to him his nature without dividing or multiplying it; he makes him God of God, Light of Light, the splendour of his substance. Purely gratuitously, he has wished to have other sons in time, adopted sons. He has loved us, and this creative love has made us participate in the very principle of his intimate life. *They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers, says Saint Paul.* In this is found precisely the essence of the glory that God reserves for those he loves. *The things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.*

The elect will become part of the very family of God as they enter into the circle of the Holy Trinity. In them the Father will generate his Word; the Father and the Son will issue forth Love. Charity will assimilate them to the Holy Spirit and meanwhile, the vision will assimilate them to the Word, who in turn will make them similar to the Father whose expression he is. At that time we will be able to say truly that we know and love the Trinity that dwells in us as in a temple of glory, and we shall be in the Trinity, at the summit of Being, Thought, and Love. This is the glory, the goal to which our spiritual progress tends-configuration to the Word of God. *Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange*

"We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us"

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Proverbs 8: 22-31

Psalm 8; 4-9 response v 2

2nd Reading - Romans 5:1– 5

Gospel – John 16; 12-15

1st Reading— Genesis 14; 18-20

Psalm 109; 1-4 response v 4

2nd Reading - Corinthians 11:23–26

Gospel – Luke 9; 11-17

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MASS INTENTIONS

June 11th, 2022

6pm - Pro Populo

June 12th 2022

9am— Margaret Pudney (B'day)

11am— Ints of Fr Christopher

No morning Mass on Friday, 17th June, instead there will be morning Mass on Thursday, 16th June.

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confession on Saturday between 5.15-5.45 pm

or by appointment.

ADORATION

On Saturday

(from 5pm until 5.45)

Annual Mission

Appeal

11th & 12th of June

We welcome Fr James Fasakin of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) who will be celebrating and preaching at all Masses during this weekend. Fr. James is from Nigeria and no doubt you will make him most welcome.

There will be a Second Collection and it will be Cash only. Thank you for your generosity.

Fr Christopher

'I still have many things to say to you'

As Jesus nears his own death, he pours out the depth of his love for his followers. These words were spoken at the Last Supper, as he gathered with his disciples. His words and actions comforted and strengthened them in ways only the Holy Spirit could help them to understand. If we had the experience of being with someone we have loved as they reach death, then we know how significant what they have to say to us will be. We might remember their words, how they said them, and some of the emotions that we had in that precious moment. The love that God the Father has for Jesus is the love Jesus has for each and every one of us!

As our journey through life continues, the Holy Spirit unfolds God's message so it speaks to us at appropriate times in our lives. Our capacity to take in what God has to reveal to us is expandable-when we become more open to the 'Spirit of truth' and it will reveal more, and guide us to the complete truth.

When thinking of the Trinity what comes to mind is 'sharing'. The three persons live in the love of sharing their truth and sharing all they are. Prayer introduces us to the mystery of God, the mystery of truth, and the mystery of gift. God is gift, prayer is our time of allowing the gift of Father, Son, and Spirit to reach deep into our lives.,

In the words of that well-known prayer to the Trinity, we pray: 'O Everlasting and triune God, I consecrate myself wholly to you today. Let all my days offer you ceaseless praise, my hands move to the rhythm of your impulses, my feet to be swift in your service, my voice sing constantly of you, my lips proclaim your message, my eyes perceive you everywhere, and my ears be attuned to your inspirations. May my intellect be filled with wisdom, my will be moved by your beauty, my heart be enraptured with your love, and my soul be flooded with your grace. Grant that every action of mine be done for your greater glory and the advancement of my salvation.' Amen

Fr. Christopher

Dear Friends,

Please pray for the Church in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In Nigeria, on Pentecost Sunday while the faithful were gathered to celebrate Pentecost. Armed men broke into the church, with firearms and explosives, causing more than fifty victims. Such attacks are also happening in other parts of the world, and it's the missionaries, priests, and nuns who are on the frontline. I invite you to pray for the church and its missionaries. Thank you and God bless you all.

Pray the Rosary

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has urged all Catholic's to pray the Rosary, and to pray intensely before the Tabernacle. He urges all of us to go to the nearest parish or Church. He pleads with us saying, 'Wars, famines, are latent; the evil one is among us. To stop his plans, we must all pray to God the Father to pour out his Mercy on the world and that the Holy Spirit enlighten the rulers to be aware of god and evil and fight together for peace and love' He goes on to urge us to unite ourselves with him in prayer. He continues, 'Wherever you are in the world at your preferred time, drop everything and pray 3 x The Our Father, and Hail Mary. Plead with God the Father to send the Holy Spirit on the earth. Thank you for responding to Holy Father's appeal.

Financial Resilience and Cost of Living / Information from Caritas Westminster

Martin Lewis, the Money Saving Expert, provides information about the recently announced cost of living support package. His website is regularly updated with this and other topical issues, and you can sign up for free weekly email round-ups

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2022/05/rishi-sunak-martin-lewis-living-costs/>

Cost of Living Hub

Provided by the London Assembly, but relevant to those outside the capital as well, this portal helps people access information, support and advice about claiming benefits, dealing with debt, financial management and mental health support. To explore the hub, please visit <https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub>

St Edmund's Church BBQ
combined with Fr Christopher's 25th Anniversary of His Ordination

Sunday 12th June 2022

12:15 to 2:30 pm

Selection of food and drinks included

Please come along to meet everyone and celebrate



Tickets are still available to buy after any Mass or just before BBQ.

On Tuesday, 24th May, at Westminster Cathedral, there was a Mass for all Jubilarians of our Diocese.

Fr Christopher was there to celebrate 25 Anniversary of his Ordination.

Today we celebrate His anniversary in our Parish.

Please, keep Fr Christopher in your prayers and join in our BBQ to share joy and cake with Him

Congratulation Fr Christopher!

Dear Friends. On 14th June, Fr Chris will celebrate 25th Anniversary of his ordination. We will celebrate with him during our BBQ on Sunday, 12th June. We want to encourage you to make a contribution toward a gift and a cake that we will share during our BBQ. If you want to contribute, please, find a prepared envelope on the table in the porch and put the money inside. Leave the envelope with our Sacristans: John or Paul, or put it into our collection basket. You can also leave it in the office during a week. Looking forward to celebrate together, Parish Council.



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Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Please pray for the people and the land of Ukraine 'Almighty God, Through Jesus' Divine name and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we humbly ask for your mercy, to obtain peace in the land of Ukraine. May all the people of that Country remain safe from danger. Please do not let Chaos and war reign in the land of Ukraine but only peace that come from you'. Amen

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be

NEW DONATION BOXES OF ENVELOPES, For those registered in previous years, the envelopes are now ready for collection in our Sacristy. If you would like to sign up, and to increase your donation by £0.25p from every pound you donate, please, find a Gif Aid form on a table in church's lobby and leave it in the Sacristy or deliver to the office. Once you sign the declaration, I can prepare a box of envelopes for you. You can also donate by a standing order.

Do not hesitate to contact the office on Millwall@rcdow.org.uk you should have any question. Katherine

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £217.44 envelopes: £171.00 contactless collection last weekend: £518.00 total: **£906.44**

Standing orders in April **£2697.45**

If you are experiencing problems while donating by card, if only you can, please, take a photo and email it to the office. During week-days the machine is working perfectly and we cannot make a proper complain to the provider as we do not see errors.

We do apologies for any inconvenience caused.

As a charity we rely on your donations only. As you have not been allowed to come to the church, we only were receiving donations set up as standing orders. We will be grateful for your financial support when you are back.

Your new sets of gift aided envelopes are available for collection before/after any mass or from the office.

Alternatively you could sent your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

Thank you for your Generosity

WRCDT Charity No: 233699

BAPTISMS can happen now on a Saturday morning or afternoon.

Parents are asked to come to see Fr Christopher first. Next, they must attend a Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – The **next baptismal courses will be on 28 June 2022 at 7pm on Zoom**. Please, drop an email to the office millwall@rcdow.org.uk if you are interested, also book your appointment with Fr Chris. Later, we will need your email address to invite you to join the session on Zoom. Before you do the course you need to come to the office to buy a baptism pack (£10).