

NEWSLETTER

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Our Majestic and Adorable Triune God

In our reading from Deuteronomy, Moses asks: *Was there ever a word so majestic?* What word is he talking about? No statement as such, but a word in the sense we hear it spoken of in Luke's account of Christ's birth, when the shepherds say, *Let us go to Bethlehem and see this word which the Lord has made known to us.* The word is an event a revelation...The word Moses has in mind is a crucial one Paraphrasing, we hear him say to the Israelites: 'We know that the God we confess is Lord of all. We know he created heaven and earth. We can sort of understand that. We can deal with the idea of an ultimate principle, a power beyond all power. If you see this, you see truth. But not the whole truth. There is more to it. This great, exalted all-powerful God has stretched out his hand to save us. He has touched our lives. He has claimed us for himself. He has given tangible proof that he cares for us; He has touched our lives. He has claimed us for himself. He has given tangible proof that he cares for us, he has plans for us: entrusts us with a mission: wishes us to flourish. Was there ever a word so majestic?

It is the first lesson by which we come to know our Trinitarian God. He is a God not enclosed in himself. He reaches out. He is present, merciful.

Saint Paul takes this insight further. Not only, he tells us, does God reach out and touch our lives. He is not just a kindly puppeteer. With the gift of Christ and his coming of the Spirit, God has drawn infinitely closer. He has drawn us into the mystery of himself of his inner life of love in relation. By grace, that life, the life of God, pulsates in our created being. It is made manifest in deep longing. We recognise that longing by an impulse in our hearts that cries, *Abba! Father!*...We rediscover ourselves as children, longing for our Father's love. Our God is a God who delights in sharing himself. He pours himself out, given himself freely, and receive with open arms the love we show him return.

Jesus' parting words to his disciples are a commission to spread the communion of divine life as widely as possible...Our triune God shares himself infinitely while remaining undiminished. This is the mystery of the Trinity. The desire of God, Father, Son, and Spirit, is to attract all mankind into his current of divine love, which is the source of all life...We give thanks to God for this gift of his life, bestowed on us in the Church....

We wish to put our lives at the disposal of his kingdom...We wish to keep true to his word. And so we make a fresh resolve to adore our adorable God in spirit and in truth, standing silently before him in wonder, awe, and praise.

Bishop Eric Varden

MASS INTENTIONS

May 25th, 2024

6pm - Pro Populo

May 26th, 2024

9am— Bishop M.Peiris RIP

11 am - Fr F Wahle RIP

Friday - 31st May

9.15 am - Ints of M Charles

Confession on Saturday between 5.15-5.45 pm

or by appointment.

At present there is only one

weekly mass

on Friday morning.

Your Help is needed
I am looking for
a volunteer, who would
be willing to wash and
iron the purificators,
lavabo cloths.
Interested please see me.
Thank you,
Fr Christopher

A Prayer after Communion

Grant O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things. We may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Deuteronomy
4:32-34, 39-40

Psalm 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

Response v12

2nd Reading - Romans 8: 14-17

Gospel – Mathew 28;16-20

1st Reading— Deuteronomy 5;12-15,
Psalm 80; 3-8, 10-11, Response cf v 2

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 4;6-11

Mark 2; 23-3;6

Congratulations to our First Communion children who made their first communion. We thank our catechists Hajni & Jenneal who helped them to get ready for their day.



Our Church

Dear Friends, After a few years of pause in spending money on our premises, the Finance Committee with myself, feel that it is time to address some issues. First, we have started with lights exchange in Sanctuary as they have started to fall off due to their age. We have also replaced majority of bulbs in the church and the hall. Secondly, after 24 years of use, we want to refresh our kitchen and toilets. The kitchen has its new image already and you can see it while having your tea or coffee.

As usual, I would like to ask you for a specific donations towards our works as if we got money into this category, all your donations will stay with the parish, while when the money goes into general donations - we have to pay 30% of the total to the Diocese. If you are a Gift Aider, you can gift aid the donation and it will add an extra value.

Donation envelopes are available on the table in the lobby. You can also chose to donate on our digital plate or by bank transfer but doing it - do not forget to add; donation for electrical works or for decoration.

It all will come with a cost of eleven thousand pounds. We have collected so far **£3472** towards our works so far. Thank you for your support and generosity. Fr Christopher

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham takes place this year on Saturday, 21st of September.

Further information will be available in due course.

If you are interested - please, save this date in your diary.

The Blessings of the Rosary

Sinners are forgiven, Souls that thirst are refreshed

Those who are fettered have their bonds broken

Those who weep find happiness

Those who are tempted find peace

Those poor find help, Religious are reformed

Those who are arrogant are instructed

The living learn to overcome pride

The Holy Souls in Purgatory have their pains eased by sufferings

St Edmund's Church BBQ

Sunday 9th June 2024

12:15 to 2:30 pm

£10 - Adults

£5 - Seniors

£5 - Children from 5-16

Children under 5 go free

Selection of food and drinks included

Please come along to meet everyone.



Tickets are now available to buy after any Mass or from the Office. You can also use the digital plate to pay for your ticket, but do not forget to collect your ticket.

Get them in Advance, so we can cater.

Please, see underneath how we did it in the past



The Church was given two almost new bicycles. During the BBQ the bicycles will be auctioned. The auctioneer will be Chris Winship. If you want to participate, please, get yourselves ready!

All proceeds from the sale of the bicycles will go towards the purchasing of the New Lectionary.

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Closed on Bank Holidays

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £227.62 envelopes: £243.00 contactless collection last weekend: £304.00 total: **£774.62**

Standing orders in **in January- £3286, in February - £2589, in March - £2715,
in April - 3769**

Mission Appeal- 480.00

CHURCH PROJECT (electrical works and refurbishment of the kitchen and toilets) - £3472

As a Charity, we rely on your weekly donations. We will be grateful for your financial support. Your New offertory envelopes will be available at the end of March for collection after Mass or from the parish office. If you wish to have an offertory envelope, then give your details to the parish office, where a new box of envelopes will be made available to you. Alternatively, you could make your donation via bank transfer. The parish account is on our website.

WRCDT CHARITY NO: 233699

Thank you for your Generosity

Evangelisation and Faith

CAFOD Pilgrimage

CAFOD is organising a pilgrimage for young adults aged between 18- 40 from **Friday 12th – Sunday 14th July**, in a special way in this year of prayer and lead up to the year of Jubilee. Reconnecting with their faith through worship, prayer and journeying as a pilgrim together. The pilgrimage will include a two-night residential stay at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough, NN9 5UH. On the Saturday we will then be walking from Our Lady Help of Christians & St Lawrence, Olney to The Church of the Holy Child in Bedford, a distance of approximately 13.5 miles.

For more information: [Young Adults Residential Pilgrimage \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk)

Sign-up link: [Young Adults Pilgrimage July 24 - Formstack](https://www.cafod.org.uk)

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come , O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the help of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
faithfully serve you, and worthily praise your Holy Name. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen