

Please pray for: Louise and Mary Dykes, Marianne Elliott, Ken and Sheila Green, Melanie Kraan, Gigi Reale, Jo Dearlove, Malgorzata Myrkwa, Leila Cummings, Terri Park, George Brum, Chris Keeffe, David Newbert, Teresa Oatway, Stephen Connellan, Stanley Cummings, Avit Castillo, Avelina Pelaez Siddiqi, Marlene Lock, Michael Delaney, Maria Wales, Breda Connellan, Suzanne Acton, Carl Bryan, **for those who died recently:** Leonard Cabral, Keith Murray, Alcinda Ramos, Maria Stella Bastiampillai, Margaret Mulhall, Fr Bryan Jones, Pat Galvin, **and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Ellen Regan, Fr Pat Sammon (former Parish Priest), Samira Awad, James Flynn, Kathleen Lavin, Pat Hynes, Mary Josephine Michael, Dominic John Kennedy, Mary Ellen Byrne, Arturo Caridade, Laurance D'Colyse, Patrick Paisley, George Williams and Mary Skuse.



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BOOKING A MASS INTENTION DURING THIS PERIOD

Masses continue to be said in private for the intentions that have been booked each day. Masses are available from June onwards therefore, if you would like to book a Mass intention you can do so via email at perivale@rcdow.org.uk or by phone (020) 8997 3164. Please leave your contact details so that we can confirm which day has been booked. Payment can be made once we are able to re-open the church.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

You can also book the Sanctuary candlelight which will be lit for your intention from a Saturday to Friday. Suggested donation is £10. Please contact the parish office of you would like to book the candlelight.

MASS INTENTIONS - COLLECTIVE INTENTION MASSES

As public Masses cannot be celebrated at this time, it is generally no longer appropriate for priests to celebrate Mass more than once a day, including on Sundays. This might mean that some Masses which were to be celebrated for a special intention will now not be celebrated. In these situations, and only whilst these very exceptional circumstances continue, it might be necessary for a Mass to be celebrated for more than one intention.

If you have arranged to have a Saturday or Sunday Mass celebrated for a specific intention and do not wish to have that intention included with other intentions in what is known as a Collective Intention Mass, please contact the parish office.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	6	Laurance D'Colyse RIP
Sunday	7	Evelyn Silva RIP (Anniversary)
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Monday	8	Wedding Anniversary Intention
Tuesday	9	David McCormack RIP
Wednesday	10	NO MASS
Thursday	11	Larry O'Sullivan RIP
Friday	12	Alcinda Ramos RIP
Saturday	13	Stasia Armstrong (Birthday)
		CORPUS CHRISTI
Sunday	14	Doreen and Denis Cook RIP
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - A

Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 John 3: 16-18

7th June 2020

Parish Mass Book p.81
(Orange book)

The feast of the Holy Trinity is a marvellous feast but of a different kind, it's not the feast of an event like Easter, Ascension, Pentecost but the feast of a doctrine; a truth of faith. And that doctrine is by no means something abstract but that truth has to do with our lives and with our destiny.

The description of God that we find in the Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit" and the good news for us is that "Our final destiny is to share in that eternal exchange of love"

God is love in himself, that is what we celebrate today; that within God, the three persons of the Trinity live in an eternal exchange of love. God is an eternal communion of persons. God is perfect love, and he made us out of love to share in his own eternal exchange of love. We are called to enter into a relationship with that God who is love, perfect love.

Today we discover that in relating to God we are in fact relating to a Trinity. God is a family and we are his children so this feast is really about getting to know the family we have been adopted into.

God is not an old man with a long white beard seated on his throne. God is not a divine solitude and yet we are not talking about three gods with three different minds and three wills but one Divinity, one mind and one will that is shared in three persons and yet each is God!

The heart of this feast is that God exists in relationship, he is not alone. God is never alone, in fact, loneliness is the thing most opposed to God because He is always in relationship, always in communion. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are always present to each other, never divided, never separated: three persons, one God.

Today God reveals his inner life to us and what we see is love, sharing, receiving, giving; that's the very life of God: union, common union! To say that we are made in the image and likeness of God means that we are in fact called to communion with God and with each other, that's our very nature, our true identity to love and to share our lives; in friendship, in community, in marriage, in family and of course in the family of the Church.

That's why it is so important that we can soon open our Churches, to again share our lives, our faith, our love and care for one another, let's join our bishops in prayer for a soon reopening of our Churches.

Fr Agustin

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Each month, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people around the world in praying for this intention each month. The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (also known as the Apostleship of Prayer). This is an organisation that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer.

You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network here <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/org/popes-global-prayer-network> or <https://www.popesprayer.va/>

A reflection on this month's prayer intention is available on the diocese website, which you are invited to read. We can contemplate on how "Our prayer, with the Pope in both his monthly and his new daily intentions, is always oriented towards changing our own hearts, preparing ourselves for mission in whatever life situation we are in. For almost every person on the planet, that situation changed drastically since before Lent this year. We are only just beginning to learn and to reflect on how much of that change is permanent, on how much life has changed forever. Many indeed are suffering, whether through illness or by watching loved ones fall sick. Part of us longs for a return to normal, leading us to examine what we meant by that normal, and to face our fears that it might never return. Therefore, it is important not to let fear control us; the love of the Heart of Christ will be our great strength".

And so we are invited to pray, now more than ever.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

There is a tradition in the Church of dedicating nine days of prayer to the Heart of Christ, which this year will start on Thursday 11th June and conclude on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on 19th June. There are many variations of the novena available and this year we are invited to pray a novena composed by the Pope's Prayer Network Director in London, which is available online at

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life/novenas/novena-sacred-heart2020>

Each day the Novena is presented in an Ignatian way and includes a Spiritual Exercise.

Here is the Novena Prayer, which you can pray every day, even when you can't pray the rest of the meditation:

Lord Jesus, you have said, 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you'. I come to you in faith and trust, in love and hope. Let me know your closeness to me and your care of me and for all who are dear to me. My intention for this Novena is dear to me and I know that what is important to me is important to you. Hear my prayer (mention your intention); grant what I ask, and may I always trust that in all that happens in life, you will be close to me as my friend, guide and saviour. And so, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

SUNDAY WORSHIP PROGRAMME

Sunday 14th June, 8.10am

This Sunday 14th June, the Sunday Worship Programme, which airs at **8.10am on BBC Radio 4**, will be broadcasting Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols from Westminster Cathedral.

RE-OPENING OUR CHURCHES

Leaders of all faiths across the country are continuing to work with the government to find a safe way in which to open all places of worship. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has been heavily involved in the discussions and has shared his thoughts on the current easing of restrictions. <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinal-now-is-the-time-for-phased-reopening-of-our-churches/>

Archbishop John Wilson (Diocese of Southwark), has also written a letter to the prime Minister, expressing his desire for churches to open as soon as possible.

[Letter to the Prime Minister re the Opening of Churches for Individual Prayer.pdf](#)

We, like other churches, are making plans for when we can re-open and what that might look like. As soon as it is possible, we will share those plans with you.

VOLUNTEERS

Last week was National Volunteer Week. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in the parish, in whatever capacity, big or small, over the years. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

When we re-open the church we will need the support of volunteers again. To begin with, this may be as a steward, to ensure we maintain social distancing and to guide visitors to where they can and cannot sit. We will also need to clean the church more often.

Currently, the majority of our regular parish volunteers are retired, many are considered vulnerable and have been self-isolating for the last 10 weeks. They will need to consider carefully about when will be the right time for them to return to the church.

We're therefore calling upon our 'younger' parishioners to start thinking about how you might be able to help in the coming months and longer-term.

Once we're ready to re-open and have more information, we'll be advertising for volunteers. We'll explain the role and the hours we're looking for, so when the time comes - we'll need you!

HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Information regarding the programme was delivered to all parents last weekend. If you have not seen it, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. A copy of the communication is also available on the parish website. Please click on the Sacramental Preparation page > First Reconciliation/Holy Communion programme.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Candidates/parents should have received two emails in recent weeks with resources to continue the programme at home. Resources have been sent for Session 5 - Holy Spirit and Session 6 - Jesus Christ. Work relating to session 5 should have been submitted by now, the deadline for session 6 is Monday 15th June. Please check spam/junk email folders in case the emails are there. Also, if you have not yet sent us your Saint's name and Sponsor's name, please do this as soon as possible. We are still waiting to hear from half the group.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For our youngest parishioners, we will be producing a weekly Children's Liturgy session, which will be published on our parish website. Please visit the Children's Liturgy page for this week's session on the Holy Trinity.