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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter during this difficult time for all of us. It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A

Weekday Readings
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Divine Office
Week 2

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THIS WEEK

Sun 7 June **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
9.30am For the People of the parish
Spence Commarewel RIP

Mon 8 June **feria**
9.30am Knottenbelt Family Ints
Patsy Donohue RIP

Tues 9 June **feria**
Imelda Lewis RIP
Dee Kelly Loader RIP

Weds 10 June **feria**
9.30am Mary & Joseph Outschoorn
Wedding anniv (25 years)

Thurs 11 June **S. Barnabas, apostle**
9.30am Rita Helen D'Silva

Fri 12 June **feria**
9.30am Jack Devine
Maureen O'Halloran RIP

Sat 13 June **S. Anthony of Padua**
9.30am Mr Robinson Bax Ints

Sun 14 June **CORPUS CHRISTI**
9.30am For the People of the parish
Mary Doran RIP

TODAY'S MASS



In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

First Reading: *Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9*
Moses pleads for God's mercy on Mount Sinai.

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56
We praise God who is exalted above all forever.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 13:11-13*
Paul urges the Corinthians to live in peace with one another and with God.

Gospel Reading: *John 3:16-18*
God sent his Son into the world to save the world.

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

O mystic marvel! The universal Father is one, and one the universal Word; and the Holy Spirit is one and the same everywhere, . . .

St Clement of Alexandria

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Paul Turnbull, Tom Fernandes.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Louisa Robison, David Lethers, Bridget Bolger

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:
Dee Kelly Loader (10th anniversary), Patsy Donohue (2nd Anniversary)

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

- ◆ ALL WHO WORK IN THE NHS AT THIS TIME.
- ◆ DOCTORS, NURSES & SUPPORT STAFF.
- ◆ ALL WHO ARE SICK IN ANY WAY.
- ◆ THE ELDERLY & VULNERABLE.
- ◆ FOR OUR POLITICIANS MAKING DIFFICULT DECISIONS.
- ◆ FOR THE RESIDENTS OF OUR CARE HOMES AND ALL WHO WORK THERE.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JUNE

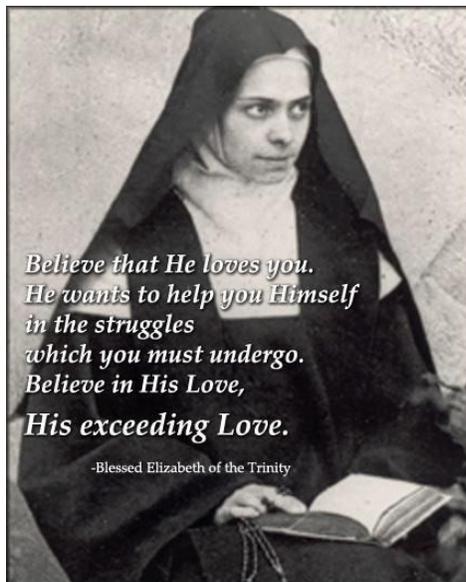
The Way of the Heart: We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Has been sponsored this week in thanksgiving for Mary & Joseph on their 25th Wedding Anniversary

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week in memory of Patsy Donoghue RIP (2nd Anniversary)



*Believe that He loves you.
He wants to help you Himself
in the struggles
which you must undergo.
Believe in His Love,
His exceeding Love.*

-Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity

The mystery of the Trinity is the greatest in our Christian faith! Before such a mystery, we find ourselves helpless, because the one whom we cannot comprehend, is God, who has absolute power over us and on whom we depend, for our well-being. Each time that we try to understand the dynamism of the Trinity, we become perplexed and confused because we are entering into the inner life of God. In trying to understand this mystery, it is good to remember that mysteries are not meant to be understood, but to be lived with admiration and hope, and our attitude should be that of respect and fear.

The Bible does not explain the mystery of the Trinity, but glimpses of its nature come to us through the Christ-event. Jesus says that the one who has seen him has seen the Father and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom he chooses to reveal himself. Jesus has revealed God as one, but he is not alone; God is a community of three persons in harmonious relationship.

The Readings of today reveal God as love: *"a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness"* (Ex 34:6). The Gospel reiterates, *"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life"* (John 3:16). The whole of salvation history and all the works of God manifest His great and abiding love: Creation is a sign of God's love because only love is creative; despite the unfaithfulness of humanity, God offers His unconditional love.

Love of God, first of all, finds expression in forgiveness. Moses prays to God, *"they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins"* (Ex 34:8). Justice would demand that we be punished severely for our iniquities. But God chooses to be 'unjust' with us by freeing us from the humiliation of condemnation! He does not take delight in punishing, but in saving. That which we believe as God's punishment, is only a reminder to bring us to our senses. He brings us to deep waters, not to drown us but to purify us. This forgiving nature of God is the core of Christian hope.

God's love for us does not depend upon our behaviour. God loves us, not because we are good, but because God is good. Our very existence is a sign of God's love. It is unconditional, whether we love Him or not. *"For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous"* (Mt 5:45). The unconditional love of God proclaims that the greatest and best means of transformation is love. In dealing with persons of all categories, God has only one option: unconditional love because, while punishment induces fear, rejection brings forth hatred, indifference begets indifference, love brings forth love and transformation. There is no other means, so powerful as love to bring about changes, may it be in the life of an individual or in the history of a society. Hence in the concluding remarks to the Corinthians, St. Paul exhorts them to live in love in its manifold expressions: *"Agree with one another, live in peace, greet one another with a holy kiss, and the God of love and peace will be with you."* (2 Cor 13:11-12). God's unconditional love for us is *the Good News*.

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NEWS UPDATE



ABOUT THE FUTURE OF COMING BACK TO MASS IN CHURCH? (UPDATE) Sadly we are still no further on with 1. A date for opening our churches for private prayer and 2. Opening for the celebration of Mass. Despite the call from some religious leaders the government seems hesitant. We need remember that they will be opening all religious faith buildings and some may be easier to manage and social distance in than others. Please pray for a date soon! Once again, if you think you can help with daily stewarding and cleaning once it all happens, please contact Fr Jeremy on jeremyfair-head@rcdow.org.uk

HALL HIRE One or two people are asking if the parish Centre will reopen soon. Once again there is no advice at present other than to keep them locked. It would be strange to open them before the church itself! We'll keep you informed as things progress.

YOU CAN FIND POSSIBILITIES FOR JOINING MASS LIVE-STREAMING
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury/pray-at-home/> <https://www.ealing.gov.uk/coronavirus>

WHILST THE CHURCH IS CLOSED please know we try to continue as normal behind the doors. Mass is offered every day for you, your loved ones, all the sick and the departed.

MASS INTENTIONS. If you would like to book a Mass please telephone the presbytery. Please note that at the moment the parish office is closed.

CARDINAL: NOW IS THE TIME FOR PHASED REOPENING OF OUR CHURCHES:

In his homily for Pentecost Sunday, Cardinal Vincent questions why churches are not being allowed to reopen. Comparing the faithful to the disciples who waited in the Upper Room for the coming of the Holy Spirit, he says: 'We, too, are waiting to open these doors, the doors of our churches.'
 The government's decision to allow 'some indoor sales premises' to open on 1st June and most shops to open on 15th June, he says 'questions directly the reasons why our churches remain closed.' Since the start of the lockdown, the role of faith in our society has been made clearer, he says: 'as a motivation for the selfless care of the sick and dying; as providing crucial comfort in bereavement; as a source of immense and effective provision for those in sharp and pressing need; as underpinning a vision of the dignity of every person, a dignity that has to be at the heart of the rebuilding of our society.'

He adds that 'the opening of churches, even for individual prayer, helps to nurture this vital contribution to our common good.'
 Acutely aware of the importance of opening churches safely, the Cardinal stresses that we 'are confident that we can do so. We have developed expert guidance. We are ready to follow the Government's guidelines as soon as they are finalised.'
 He questions the 'risk to a person who sits quietly in a church which is being thoroughly cleaned, properly supervised and in which social distancing is maintained.'
 He notes that the 'benefits of being able to access places of prayer is profound, on individual and family stability and, significantly, on their willingness to help others in their need.'

BISHOPS STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN THE USA AGAINST EVIL OF RACISM

On behalf of the Bishops' Conference, Bishop Declan Lang, Lead Bishop for International Affairs, and Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice, issued the following statement expressing the Bishops' solidarity with sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the

evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd:

'We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd. As the US Bishops made clear: "we cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice."

'Systemic racism is embedded in our own society. The disproportionate harm suffered by BAME people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted profound inequalities, marginalisation and injustice here in the UK. The peaceful Black Lives Matter protests taking place in our towns and cities this week reflect the understandable anger that so many people feel about this.

'As Catholics we recognise that racism is an evil which must be opposed; we all have a responsibility for actively promoting racial justice. Whenever we ignore racism or dismiss BAME people's experience of it, we are complicit in violations of human dignity. We pray for God's help to overcome racism in all its forms and that we might protect everyone who suffers its consequences. We are all made in God's image.'

HOLY TRINITY 1

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SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

Collect

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6.8-9

Theme: Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness. And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. If I have indeed won your favour, Lord, he said, let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial psalm: 1 Daniel 3:52-56

R./ To you glory and praise for evermore.

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **R./**
2. Blest your glorious name. **R./**
3. You are blest in the temple of your glory. **R./**
4. You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **R./**
5. You are blest who gaze into the depths. **R./**
6. You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **R./**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Theme: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to the father, and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Theme: God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one whom believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon (Gal 4: 6)

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Prayer after Communion

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.