

St Thomas More – Parish Newsletter

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SUNDAY 4th June TRINITY SUNDAY (Year A)

Forthcoming Parish Activities and News

First Holy Communions

The children who have been preparing this year will make their First Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 11 June at the 11am Mass.

They will sit at the front with their parents and receive Communion first.

Seminars on Catholic Anthropology: Understanding yourself in today's world

On **17 and 18 June** we shall be hosting afternoon seminars from 3pm to 5.45pm to explore the notion of 'personhood' and its implications for a number of contemporary issues: who (rather than what) are we? Are we capable of knowing and relating to God? What can science tell us about the world and about God? The seminars will be led by Dr James Navarro, a research Professor at the University of the Basque Country. James has also taught at Imperial College and at Cambridge University. The seminars require no previous knowledge of the subjects covered.

Parents who would like to improve the way they talk to their children about the human body, love and parenthood; students who want to engage more confidently with their fellow students on topics such as gender dysphoria; and people who want to be able to explain Christian anthropology to their

colleagues, will all find the seminars helpful.

Further details about the seminars and about Dr James Navarro can be found in the flyers at the entrance to the church. Booking via Eventbrite shorturl/ehllV. He has plenty of experience explaining philosophical ideas to the general public.

Confessionals

Confessions are once again being heard in the confessionals in the church. They are located towards the back on the right hand side. This means the office near the Narthex can once again function as an office.

Help needed in the Parish

Are you able to volunteer in any of the following ways:

Maintenance: while the parish will always have to hire professional help for major work, it would be a great help if there were some parishioners the parish priest could turn to for small repair jobs around the property.

There are certain times when it would be a great help if a parishioner could be present in the parish office while the church and hall are in use, for example on a Saturday morning. If you are able to be in the parish for a few hours a week or have some maintenance experience or would like to volunteer to help in some other way please

contact Fr Nicholas.

Collections during May

Sunday offertory collection: £1,411.16
(Envelopes: £476; Loose: £935.16)
Contactless card machine 5th May to 31st May: £ 483.78.

Grand total: £1,894.94

Many thanks for your generous contributions to the upkeep of the Parish.

Club Lodwar May 2023 Prize Winners

1st	£163.20	38	Margot Clarke
2nd	£122.40	79	Angelo Fernando
3rd	£40.80	96	Bernadette Drudy
4th	£40.80	66	James Sharman
5th	£40.80	32	Maggie Ainsworth

Seniors Coffee Morning

This will take place on Wednesday 7 June in the parish hall after the 10am Mass. If you plan to attend please add your name to the list in the Narthex to help the organisers prepare the event.

Young Adults Group

Keep updated on future events by contacting:
young.adults.group.stm@gmail.com or Fr Alvaro (alvaro.tintore@netherhall.org.uk)

June 'Mini Retreat' for Women

A time set aside to look at our lives in God's presence. Tuesday 13th June: starts with 10am Mass, finishes at 12.40pm. Stay for coffee afterwards! You are welcome for all or part of it.

Magnificat — June

Copies of the June *Magnificat* (£5) are available to buy. Please ask Maggie, or one of the priests for copies. It is possible to pay using the card reader at the entrance or placing cash in the newspaper and leaflet collection slot

Mass intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a particular intention please contact Maggie

in the parish office (Tuesday & Friday mornings) or email her at swisscottage@rcdow.org.uk

Alternatively, please use the brown Mass Intention envelopes in the Narthex.

Other Events

Eucharistic Octave

The Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane in Covent Garden will be hosting a Eucharistic Octave from 3rd to 11th June. This includes the Annual Corpus Christi Procession from Warwick Street to Spanish Place via the Ukrainian Cathedral. The Octave has been organised by several London parishes to celebrate the Eucharistic Heart of the Catholic Church. Full details can be found at: www.catholiclondon.org or see the poster in the Narthex.

Post Confirmation Course

So, I've been confirmed - now what?

If you'd like to continue learning about your faith in a relaxed and fun environment, sign up for the ASCENT.

theASCENT is a discipleship process for Catholic young people in years 10-13 who want to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ and learn how to share it with others. Bookings are now open for the group based in Brentwood starting in October and full details can be found at www.theascentuk.co.uk

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The Blessed Trinity

Some teaching about the Holy Trinity from the Catechism of the Catholic Church

233 Christians are baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their names, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity.

234 The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other

mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith" The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin".

237 The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the "mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God". To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

238 Many religions invoke God as "Father". The deity is often considered the "father of gods and of men". In Israel, God is called "Father" inasmuch as he is Creator of the world. Even more, God is Father because of the covenant and the gift of the law to Israel, "his first-born son". God is also called the Father of the king of Israel. Most especially he is "the Father of the poor", of the orphaned and the widowed, who are under his loving protection.

240 Jesus revealed that God is Father in an unheard-of sense: he is Father not only in being Creator; he is eternally Father in relation to his only Son, who is eternally Son only in relation to his Father: "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

243 Before his Passover, Jesus announced the sending of "another Paraclete" (Advocate), the Holy Spirit. At work since creation, having previously "spoken through the prophets", the Spirit will now be with and in the disciples, to teach them and guide them "into all the truth". The Holy Spirit is

thus revealed as another divine person with Jesus and the Father.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

ANGELUS

After Pentecost we return to saying the Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy Word.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord,
thy grace into our hearts;
that we, to whom the Incarnation of
Christ,
your Son, was made known by the
message of an angel,
may by His passion and cross
be brought to the glory of His
Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord.
Amen

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Trinity Sunday

4th June – 10th June 2023

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	MASS	OTHER ACTIVITIES
SUN 4th June TRINITY SUNDAY (Readings. Year A)	9.30am Club Lodwar/People of Lodwar 11am Mass Mario Miranda Cruz (RIP anniversary) 6pm Mass People of the Parish	The Church opens at 9.15am 10.30am Confessions After 11am Mass Coffee in Hall 5.30pm Confessions
MON 5th June St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	7am Mass For vocations to the priesthood and religious life 10am Mass Dianna Hawkins (intentions)	The Church opens at 6.50am Monday to Friday for 7am Mass (entry via Church car park). Main doors open at 9.30am
TUE 6th June St Norbert, Bishop	7am Mass Helen Birch (RIP) 10am Mass Karen Vincent (intentions)	
WED 7th June feria	7am Mass For peace in Ukraine 10am Mass Lizzy Cavalla and family (intentions)	10.45am Seniors' Coffee morning
THU 8th June feria	7am Mass Geoff Ashdown (RIP) 10am Mass Joan Ross (intentions)	
FRI 9th June St Columba, Abbot Friday abstinence	7am Mass For all those sick in the Parish 10am Mass Josh Solomon (intentions)	10am to Noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
SAT 10th June Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	10am Mass Patrick and Joyce Cheal (RIP)	The Church opens at 9.30am

Prayer Intentions:

Recently deceased: Rita McNally; Mick Morris Tabet; Edouardo Arboleda; Duarte Costa Pereira

Anniversary: Camillo de Castiglioni; Peter Monaghan; Arthur Gibson; Laura Deschamps; Mario Miranda Cruz;

Confessions:

Monday to Friday (before and after 10am Mass)

Saturday: before and after 10am Mass

Sunday: 10.30am and 5.30pm (before Mass)

Forthcoming Events:

11th JUNE: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

16th JUNE: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS *no Friday abstinence*