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Today's Mass Readings

Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40;

Psalm 32;

Romans 8: 14-17;

Matthew 28: 16-20

**Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

This Week 30th May - 6th June Psalter Week 1	Mass Intentions	Other Events
Sunday 30th May SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Year B	8.30 am Patricia Watkins RIP (KG) 10.30 am James Goodhusband RIP (BB) 6.00 pm Frida Ebika Arrey RIP (D)	12 Noon: Baptism
Monday 31st May Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00 am Holy Communion Service Private Mass - Rose Pearce RIP (PW)	
Tuesday 1st June Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr	9.15 am Holy Communion Service Private Mass - Zita McConnell RIP (BB)	
Wednesday 2nd June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Zita McConnell RIP (Fr. G)	6.00 pm: Adoration & Benediction (Live Streamed only)
Thursday 3rd June Memorial of Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	9.15 am Barbara & George Conway - 60th Wedding Anniversary	
Friday 4th June Feria in Ordinary Time	9.15 am Rosaleen Cecilia Pearce RIP (SM)	6.30 pm: Novena to the Sacred Heart (Live Streamed only)
Saturday 5th June Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr	11.00 am Beatrice Bourne RIP (CP)	10.15 am - 10.45 am: Confessions
Sunday 6th June SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST Year B	8.30 am Isabella Read RIP (M.M) 10.30 am Rose Pearce RIP (CI) 6.00 pm Dennis O'Hara RIP (I & MM)	

“Approaching, speaking, listening, looking at, coming to know and understand one another, and to find common ground: all these things are summed up in the one word “dialogue”. If we want to encounter and help one another, we have to dialogue...Unlike disagreement and conflict, persistent and courageous dialogue does not make headlines, but quietly helps the world to live much better than we imagine.”

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti (paragraph 198)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

8.30 am & 10.30 am: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

6.00 pm: The word of God is more desired than gold; the word of God is sweeter than honey. Light to our eyes, the Lord's command is clear; greater than gold: the message of eternal life.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Please pray for all our parishioners, and/or their friends and relatives, who are unwell:

Mary Arulandhu, Barbara Conway, Eileen Dalton, Delores Delaney, Frank Fawcett, Sheila Ferriter, Alan Francis, Joan Graham, Beryl Hill, Alan Hurst, John Jennings, Sheila Manion, Sally McCool, Andrew McDermott, Stella McDermott, Jackie McLean, Michael Sheridan, Jacky Smith, Paul Smith, Margaret Steward, Angela Wardle, Breda Wightman, Mark Wightman, Richard Wightman & Monsignor Graham Wilkinson.

Due to the new data regulations (GDPR), the Archdiocese have requested that we do not list names unless we have the consent of the individual. If you would like your name to be included in this list please contact Fr. George SCJ or Kate Dalglish. Please note that the newsletter is also placed on the parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are asked for **Dennis O'Hara** who died recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. The Requiem Mass will be at 11.00 am on Tuesday 15th June followed by a cremation at Worcester Crematorium at 12.15 pm Please keep his family and friends in your kind thoughts and prayers.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

There will be Holy Communion Services on Monday 31st May and Tuesday 1st June as Fr. George is away from the parish.

LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming from the Sacred Heart Church has been installed. Please make use of this to participate in Mass and other events if you are unable to attend church. The front pew may be visible, if you do not want your image to be part of the live stream then please sit further back in the church. Thank you very much for your generous donations towards the cost of the live streaming camera. So far we have received £1,017.81. The total cost of the installation was £5,076. Any additional donations would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made by cash or by cheque; for bank transfers please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT AID DONATIONS TAX YEAR 2020-2021

We have just submitted the tax rebate claim for the above tax year. A big thank you to all parishioners for your amazing generosity. Our gift aided donations in the year were £45,874. This was an increase over the previous year of £200. Your thoughtfulness, care and support for the parish is much appreciated. Even though many of you were not able to attend the church due to the Covid restrictions, you continued your financial support. It's a great result and so appreciated. Thank you also to Gerry for coordinating the gift aid donations.

COVID-19

Mass continues to be open to the public. We would like to remind all parishioners to ensure that you fully observe the rules that are in place at the Sacred Heart Church. It is especially important that you keep your distance from those not in your household or bubble and leave promptly after Mass. We appreciate your co-operation in helping us keep those who attend Mass safe from Covid-19.

FATHER HUDSON'S VOLUNTEERS

Father Hudson's are looking to recruit an ambassador in each parish. The volunteer will be provided with training to speak to groups as well as regular updates from Father Hudson's to enable them to share news and stories comfortably and confidently. If anyone is interested please contact libbymusgrave@fatherhudsons.org.uk.

WE NEVER WALK ALONE BY MSG. ALEX REBELLO

Mgr. Alex Rebello has beautifully produced the above book. We Never Walk Alone has its literary locus in the present pandemic and is meant to offer comfort and courage to meet the challenges that have arisen there from. That is the reason why it has been dedicated to the victims who fell to and the warriors who continue to battle against the virus. The opusculum is priced at £3 each. The book is on sale at the back of the church. All royalties from the sale of the book will be set aside for the education of children in Mumbai.

CAFOD



As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

There will be First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th June at 11.00 am for children at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Please note that due to the children and their families attending these Masses and the current restrictions on numbers, attendance at Mass may not be possible for parishioners. Thank you for your understanding.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself completely to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

G7 SUMMIT

CAFOD has asked us all to pray for the success of G7 summit taking place in Cornwall, UK from Thursday 10th until Saturday 12th June, and to contact our MP's for support in this. The three aims of the summit are: how best to deal with the coronavirus pandemic, dropping the debt of developing world countries, and cutting the greenhouse gas emissions round the world. Big subjects, big prayers. Thank you. Justice and Peace Group.

ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

Thank you to all those who donated. £100 was raised for pro-life charities.

Bridget Bullock

THANK YOU

We wish to thank Father George and the many parishioners for the gifts, cards and good wishes for our Golden Wedding Anniversary. God Bless you all.

Steve & Sue Rawlings

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Main Collection
(Sunday 16th May):
£225.60

Gift Aid (Sunday 23rd
May): £111.00

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday (church
capacity with social
distancing 1m + = 80)

8.30 am: 50

10.30 am: 66

6.00 pm: 43

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.

Retiring Collection
for Catholic
Communications
(Sunday 16th May):
£3.00

Thank you for your
generosity.

FOODBANK

There is a new wish list
that has been
distributed via email
and is on the website.
Fortnightly collections
from the Sacred Heart
Church resumed on
Tuesday 20th April.
Thank you for your
generosity.



Next Sunday's Mass

Readings

Exodus 24: 3-8;

Psalms 115;

Hebrews 9: 11-15;

Mark 14: 12-16,
22-26

Welcome to everyone at Mass today, especially if you are new to our church or haven't been to Mass for some time. If you are of another Christian denomination or non-Christian you are warmly invited to approach the priest or minister and ask or signify your wish for a blessing.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul greets his Corinthian community in these words: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all! Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The term "Trinity" itself is not mentioned anywhere in the Bible. However, Christ, in his final instructions to the disciples at Galilee told them: "Go into the whole world and baptize them, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). Trinity is a profound mystery, perhaps the most sublime in all of Christianity. Hence, the Church teaches in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself".



Our Lord did not say 'in the names of'. God has got only one nature, the nature of God. Trinity means there are three persons in God but only one nature. The nature answers the question what. The person answers the question who. The person in the Trinity is not the same as the persons we see in this world, someone with hands and feet and beards and so on. The person in the Trinity means a relation or a relationship. Remember your chemistry class; what is the chemical formula of water? H₂O. That is its nature. But is it possible to have various relationship with that one nature? Most certainly. H₂O can be liquid, it can be ice, it can be steam. One way or the other all the three forms are the same H₂O. So the Holy Trinity is a relationship. Just as we have thoughts and feelings and our will. Can we separate our thoughts, feeling and our will apart from us? No, because our thoughts, feeling and our will are part of our nature even though all three has different functions. These thoughts, feeling and our will generate from us. They are part and parcel of us and they are inside of us, therefore they cannot exist by itself. We have imminent actions of our thoughts, feeling and our will. God is a Spirit therefore God has perfect imminent activity. So, if we look into ourselves, we can see some vague resemblance of God. Because we are created in the image and likeness of God.

Therefore, in the Holy Trinity there is one nature and three persons. Father is the creator God; Son is begotten of the Father but not made and who is the Word of God through Him all things were made and that Word become flesh who is called the Son, Jesus Christ. The relationship between the Father and the Son is not something like our earthly relationship. The love between the Father and the Son. This love is not something in the Father alone or in the Son alone. It is not the biological love but something beyond the biological. It is the mysterious bond between the Father and the Son and this love cannot be expressed by embraces or by words, but it can only express to the fullness and exaction of all giving, namely the Holy Spirit. From that relationship between Father and the Son proceeds the Holy Spirit, who is the breath of life. May the Holy Trinity bless us all.

Fr. George Mathew SCJ