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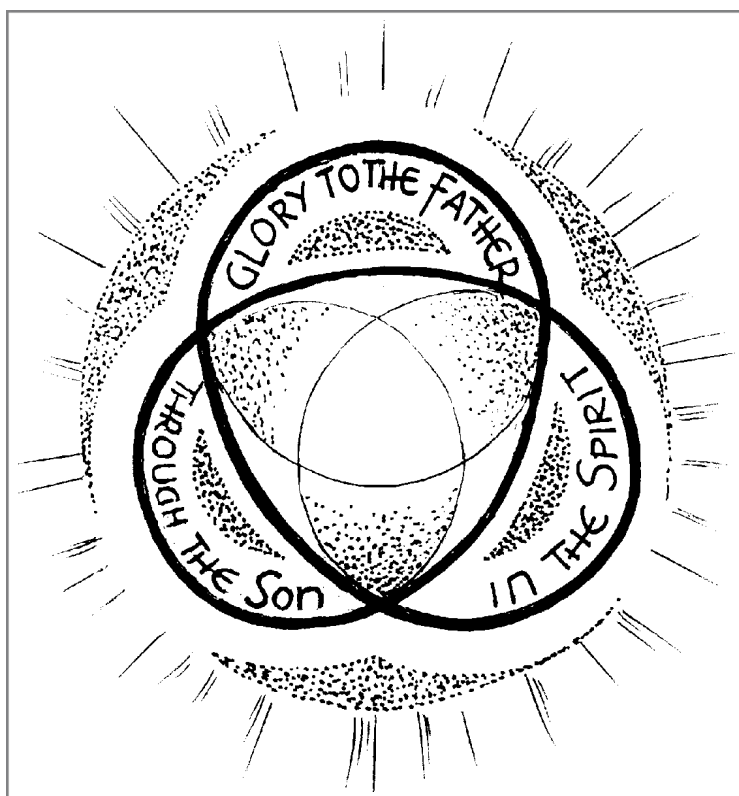
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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY



THE GOD BEYOND ALL NAMES!

The One God Who is Three? Sounds absurd! A God Who is Lover, Beloved and the Love between? A God Who is Creator, Redeemer and Life Giver? A God Who is Life Giver, Pain Bearer, Love Maker? Never a God who is alone, lonely, isolated, but always a God who is community, relationship, Love!

How could God be love (and not just 'do' love?) without being a network of loving relationships, love's eternal energy flowing between Father whose existence is loving the Son, whose existence is being loved by the Father, and that shared love, that mutual eternal and infinitely creative gaze being the Holy Spirit - the breath of their Loving from before all time.

And we are created in their image and likeness - to be whole and human only in relationship, in loving. We are incomplete without reaching out in love to the other, and to the Divine Other

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS OF TRINITY with Baptisms at 10.00am (*Live-streamed*)

MONDAY: Feast of St Justin Martyr, first Christian philosopher (100-165) No Liturgy

TUESDAY: No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

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THURSDAY: Feast of St Charles Lwanga & 22 Ugandan Martyrs (died 1885-7)

Adoration 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: Feast of St Boniface of Crediton, Missionary Monk & Bishop (672-754)

Adoration 11.30am Mass at 12noon

SATURDAY: Adoration 11.30am Mass at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass & 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY [1] Having celebrated the great actions of God to bring Divine Saving Love to the World, we now celebrate the **Feast of the Holy and Undivided Trinity - the Feast of Who God is - God is Love**. God is not some lonely isolate Almighty Power, but God is rather a network of self-giving love Whose Being is a vortex of Loving energy always given to the Other. Only a Community of love (the call and true identity of the Church as the Body of Christ) can really witness to the Divine Community of Love that is God. Will we build this Church as a Community of Love? Will we build this Sacrament of the Divine Trinity, the Creating Love?

[2] Very appropriately, we celebrate **The Sacrament of Baptism** with two of our children, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] We celebrate the great Feast of the Eucharist, **Corpus Christi or The Body and Blood of Christ**. Jesus gives himself totally to the Father and to us in his sacrificial offering of His whole self on the Cross. In the Eucharist we enter into the fulness of that sacrifice so that nourished by His Body and Blood, we become Him, His Body, His loving of the world. **NEVER STAY AWAY FROM THIS BANQUET, NEVER STARVE YOURSELF OF SUCH AN INFINITE AND INTIMATE LOVE.**

[2] We have the joy of celebrating four of our children **welcoming Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time**. Please pray for them and their families. And thank you to their catechists, Mary Hopper and Liz Colville

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Ministry of Liturgical Music**, our choir and instrumentalists. St Augustine of Hippo said 'Singing is praying twice over' and also 'Sing a New Song to the Lord - our New Lives is the song we are to sing'. Singing in different languages is an essential part of our worship of God in our diverse parish and so we are seeking to rebuild our choir. We invite as many as possible to come and join the choir (it meets for practice each Sunday after the 10am Mass - but if more join us a different time could be arranged). We also need instrumentalists to accompany the singing: guitars, drums, and especially key-board. Please contact Eneyi or Richard.

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parishes in communion for mission of St George, with St Theresa, Taunton and St John Fisher, Wellington with St Richard of Chichester, Wiveliscombe, served by Fr David Savoury, Fr Noriel Salvador Deacon Trevor Jones Parish Administrator Liz Horne, and all their communities.

COLLECTIONS **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH'S MISSION**

GA: £13.50 + Loose £208.59 + Card Reader £68.83 + S.O. £206.35 = £497.27

Zimbabwean Mass £30.00 - thank you!

DATES FOR THE DIARY 31

31st May **Feast of the Holy Trinity - Baptismal Sunday (10am Mass)**

4th June Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (on Zoom)

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7th June	FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY & FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - 10am Mass
28th June	Youth Mass for Ss Peter Paul at 10am
2nd July	School Mass for SS Peter & Paul 9.30am - all welcome
4th July	Diocesan Celebration Day at Downside Abbey 10.00am - 4.30pm
5th July	Parish Pastoral Council meeting 12.00-1.30pm
8th July	Ashley Churches Together Serving meeting at In Hope 12.30pm
9th July	Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (on Zoom)
16th July	School Leavers & End of Year Mass at 9.30am - all welcome
4th Oct	Parish Synod Meeting 12.30-2.00pm - for everyone please book it

URGENT NEEDS OF OUR FOODBANK

THIS IS AN UGENT APPEAL Food and Toiletries needed - It has become much more difficult to source suitable food and other items and often we have little to offer those with great need. Please bring anything you can and ask your friends and neighbours to help and share with those who have so little. We need fresh meat (which can be frozen), bread, eggs, fruit and vegetables; pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, milk, sugar, tea/coffee, pasta sauces, and tinned fruit, vegetables, meat and fish, baked beans etc. Some vegan food-stuffs also needed as well as some pet food. And of course also washing powder, cleaning materials and toiletries. Please bring what you can at the Offertory on Sundays -larger deliveries by arrangement with Lahiru our foodbank manager, (mob: 07438976736). THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA - Patron of pregnant women & families

St Gerard, a Redemptorist Brother of extraordinary holiness and humility, has long been asked for his intercession for childless families yearning for a child; and also for all pregnant women and for troubled families. There is a special special celebration and opportunity to seek St Gerard's intercession at St Gerard Majella Church, Talbot Road, Knowle, BS4 2NP on Saturday 6th June at 12noon Mass led by Bishop Bosco. The church will be open from 11.00am for personal prayer before the relics and individual and family blessings with the relics after 12 noon Mass.

AREA HOUSE MASSES

To gather parish members dispersed around Bristol, to bring the Eucharist to the community and to build small local communities, we are holding regular Area Masses, After such Masses we have simple refreshments - tea/coffee, biscuits (may be cake), but no more. Please contact Richard if you will host a Mass. Any Volunteers for the next few Area Masses ? Please contact Richard

GOD'S CALL TO SERVE THE LIFE AND MISSION OF YOUR PARISH

Our parish, together with nearly all churches and voluntary organisations around the country, has not yet recovered fully from the effects of the Covid Pandemic. A significant number of our community are not coming to Mass here for a variety of reasons. It is a joy to welcome new families and individuals who have found their way to St Nicks. However we need to draw more members into being part of the many ministries and tasks of the parish. **Whether it is the Welcoming Ministry, Church Cleaning, the Foodbank, Catechists, Parish Office Ministry too few are doing too much in support of the parish's life and mission.** We are all called by our baptism to serve, to sacrifice time and energy to build our parish community and support the Mission of Christ entrusted to us. However difficult, I do ask everyone to reflect whether you can give some time can be given to sustain the parish's life and mission.\

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JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

June is dedicated to pondering the immensity of divine humanity - God with a human heart Who loves us beyond the breaking of His Heart. God is at least as vulnerable and tender, open to experiencing our pain (such is the depth of His love) as He is all-powerful. He is both creator and pain-bearer. The Sacred Heart of Jesus calls us to enter into His opened, pierced Heart and find there our home, the source of our poor loving, and the woundedness that will heal every wound of our hearts and lives. Not only does His love pour out like water of life on the dry ground of our desert love-less Earth, but He invites us to come and enter in to His own pain-bearing, ever forgiving and peace-making Heart and become a flame of His love cast upon the Earth, a co-worker with Him in the endless task of re-shaping the world and our sisters and brothers in the gentle power of the Divine Love in us and through us! ALLELUIA!!

PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM

Parents seeking the baptism of their children are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Fr Richard as soon as possible. Next Baptism celebration:

BAPTISMAL SUNDAY 30th August at 10am Mass

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP

Each week on **Thursdays at 6.00pm** come & share reflections, questions, insights on the Scripture Readings used at Mass on the following Sunday: ideal for all of us, but especially for Lay Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, and Catechists. Contact John Flannery (email: j.flannery@btinternet.com) or Richard (email above) for the Zoom link.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL: Can I remind everyone that when a Catholic goes into hospital, the patient or their family **MUST** request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain - data protection and confidentiality rules in hospitals prohibit the passing on of information to chaplaincies otherwise.

IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY MASS: FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES, SUNDAY WAS THE DAY THAT THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO WORSHIP GOD AND CELEBRATE JESUS CALL TO COMMUNITY. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF WORK PREVENTS YOU FROM COMING TO OUR 10am MASS THERE ARE 3.00pm MASSES AVAILABLE TO YOU TWICE A MONTH - 1st and 3rd Sundays. IT IS SO IMPORTANT NOT TO MISS SUNDAY MASS UNLESS SERIOUS ISSUES PREVENT (LIKE SICKNESS, CARING RESPONSIBILITIES, UNAVOIDABLE WORK). WE MUST RECLAIM SUNDAY AS THE LORD'S DAY!

CALLING SISTERS AND BROTHERS WHO FEEL ALIENATED FROM THE CHURCH

There are so many who have been hurt by their experiences in the Catholic Church and many reasons for that hurt. A particularly destructive hurt has been abuse especially by priests and religious. Yet Christ calls us to be a welcoming, safe and healing community.

Here at St Nick's we seek to offer an unconditional welcome and a safe and respectful place to be and to speak your voice. We seek to echo the words of Jesus: 'Come to me all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you peace'. So we want to welcome you, be a community where you can if you wish speak your pain, voice your hurt and anger, or just come and be. We understand that for many it is impossible to trust the Church again, and we do not expect or deserve that trust. But we do want to earn it and so offer to share your journey and make together the safe space that is your right. 'Our community currently includes those who have expressed some of their own experience of this particular hurt. They, particularly, would like you to know: "If you come to see us you won't be alone - it isn't easy but we do seek to journey together gently." We understand it may be difficult for some to enter the Church. If you wish to make contact please tell us what might help to make things easier for you.

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