

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Corpus Christi • Our Lady of Lourdes • St Joseph's

THIS WEEK
Ordinary Time Week 9

SUNDAY 30th May 2021

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

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 processing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.

1st Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

Psalm Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

2nd Reading Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Verse Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, and who is to come.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20



TRINITARIAN FORMULA

Canon Tom Gunning

We have the only Gospel Trinitarian Formula in today's readings. There are many references to the Trinity in St Paul's letters and of course there are references to the persons of the Blessed Trinity in the Gospels. Bible scholars tell us that the trinitarian baptismal formula must have been in use in St Matthew's church. In the Acts of the Apostles people are usually baptised "in the name of Jesus".

What does "in the name of" mean? Some suggest the translation should be "into the name of". It means that the one who is baptised belongs to the Trinity of persons whose names are invoked in baptism. In other words we belong to God once we are baptised. We are washed clean and consecrated to God. These divine persons subsist in one nature. This is a mystery.

Our first reading today speaks about Revelation. God revealed his presence by speaking to the people of Israel. God has revealed himself in his Word, Jesus the Son of God. Jesus took on our human nature and revealed to us that God is three persons and yet God is one God. All three persons are equal and subsist in one another.

Today's Gospel commissions us to go out and make disciples, learners about Christ. We are witnesses of Jesus' Resurrection and we admit others into the mystery of God's life through Baptism.



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NOTICE BOARD

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Pauline Duffy and Tony Denny who are both in hospital.

REQUIEM MASS - Joyce Wood's Requiem Mass will be this Tuesday the 1st June at 11am at Corpus Christi.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes. This week we pray for the wellbeing of the Rigby and Carrick families.

PRAYER - ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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 at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

1ST JUNE - ST. JUSTIN - c.100-165. Justin was born at Nablus in Samaria to pagan parents of Greek origin. Well educated in rhetoric, poetry and history, he turned to philosophy which he studied at Ephesus and Alexandria. He became a Christian at the age of 30 and is commonly regarded as the first Christian Philosopher. He gives us the earliest description of the Rite of Baptism and of a Sunday Mass. He was martyred with six others under Marcus Aurelius.

2ND JUNE - ST. MARCELLINUS AND PETER - d.304. Both were Roman martyrs under Diocletian. Marcellinus was a priest and Peter an exorcist. Their unreliable Acts say that they made converts of the jailer and his family while they were in prison. Their cult was so important that after Constantine restored peace to the Church, a basilica was built in their honour in Rome.

3RD JUNE - ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND HIS COMPANIONS - Charles and his companions were martyrs of Uganda who died between 1885 and 1887. This group of 22 Africans, who had converted from paganism, reproached the ruler Mwanga, for debauchery and for murdering a Protestant missionary bishop. Mwanga, being bitterly opposed to Christianity, gathered all his pages together and Christians were ordered to separate themselves from the others. Fifteen did so (all under 25 years old), and they were later joined by two others already under arrest and by two soldiers. They were wrapped in reed mats and burnt alive near Kampala.

5TH JUNE - ST. BONIFACE - Boniface (c.672-754), known as the apostle of the Germans, was born in Devon (possibly Crediton) and became an English Benedictine monk. He gave up being elected abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out - his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the Pope of Rome. He was sent to Bavaria and Hesse. The Pope consecrated him bishop. He travelled throughout Germany evangelising, eventually being consecrated archbishop of Mainz. In addition he worked for reform of the church in France. He went to Frisia to end his days but a band of pagans attacked and killed him and his companions.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - Will be celebrated next weekend of 5th/6th June. There will be recommissioning of Ministers of Holy Communion during the weekend Masses.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) - Please continue to keep Nathan, our Candidate for Reception into the Church in your prayers. We were unable to celebrate his Reception at Pentecost as hoped as he has to support his parents through a health crisis. Anyone interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith please contact Canon Tom or Jean Davies.

YOUNG PEOPLE FUNDRAISING - Our young boys and girls at OLOL are participating in reading and singing during Mass, as well as other activities as appropriate during the month of May. For Laudato Si week all our young people have been invited to draw a poster for display and make a bookmark with the theme **WE CARE FOR OUR PLANET**. Please hand these into the stewards, we are really looking forward to learning about our young people's ideas. The bookmarks, along with Marigold seedlings and Garden pots will be used to help raise funds for India and their alarming Covid-19 situation. There will be collection buckets if you wish to donate. The funds raised will be given to the chosen UK charity, via the Church. Please come and support them. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE AT CC - Will be closed Thursday and Friday 3rd/4th June and Tuesday and Wednesday 8th/9th June.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP AT OLOL - "Will recommence on Tuesday the 8th June. Sessions are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Room at Our Lady of Lourdes, commencing at 7.00 pm and lasting one to one and a half hours. All are welcome. If you have any questions, Peter Hardy is the man and his contact details can be obtained from the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office."

ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS IN THE STABLE AT BETHLEHEM - A large altarpiece of 8 ft high by 6 ft wide called *Adoration of the Shepherds in the Stable at Bethlehem* used to hang in St Joseph's for many years. We would like to know more about it. Who put it there and when. We think it was moved to the Presbytery at Corpus Christi about 1963/4, after Vatican II. It was eventually moved to the choir loft at CC, (when and for how long?) and then hidden behind the organ in CC at some unknown date. It was eventually moved out of Weston about 1989/90 when the Parish Priest was Fr John O'Connor, who retired in 1992. If anyone knows more than this, please contact Tony Collyer on 412769

RETRouvaille - A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES - The Covid 19 pandemic has been a very challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen, to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time brings different challenges. You wonder would we be better apart? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on **1st -4th July 2021**. Call or text 0788 729 6983 or 0797 338 0443, Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

BANNERS AT OLOL - A Big Thank You to all those who have kindly donated towards the purchase of the banners for Advent, Lent, Easter, St Joseph and Our Lady. These will be retained by Our Lady of Lourdes church, and used annually. Thank you all again for your generosity.

LAUDATO SI WEEK - 16TH-25TH MAY

Representatives of the 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide witnessed the responses made so far to Our Holy Father's letter to us all to Care for Our Common Home by Listening to the Cries of the Poor and the Cries of the Earth. We heard from people at the grass roots such as an Amazonian indigenous leader, a young African youth worker, Missionaries in the Philippines, people on the ground who witness first hand how our Planet is being harmed and the effects this has on, not only the plant and animal Biodiversity but also the people. It is the Poor of the World who are least responsible for habitat loss, pollution and climate change who are affected the most. Contributions were made by Vatican clergy, Cardinals, Bishops, priests, religious and lay people bringing us up to date on situations and solutions so far. The Conference of Bishops united in sending out a joint letter to us at Pentecost. Now it is up to us as individuals, as Parishes in the community of Weston and as part of the Clifton Diocese to make our responses. The Diocese can make the bigger decisions like Divestment from Fossil Fuels. Parishes may want to undertake a green audit and explore possible changes and as individuals we can look at the 3 areas of our lives that have the biggest impact on our everyday Carbon Footprint, i.e. Energy, Transport and Food. Refreshed by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost we are never alone. There are a multitude of resources, templates and ideas available from Cafod, the Global Catholic Climate Movement, and Justice and Peace.

CORPUS CHRISTI MISSIO BOXES - 1) In 2020, Corpus Christi Parish raised £845.77 through Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank You! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks, and tell us that they pray for us all. Find out more at missio.org.uk. **2)** Please would all Red Box holders pick up their latest Mission magazine from the church porch. **3)** Please would Red Box holders empty their boxes and put the money in a bag or envelope, label it Missio & put your name on it and hand it at the Presbytery by the end of June – so we can get your donations to where they are so needed. **4)** If you would like to support the Missionaries in their valuable work by having a Red Box in your home, just call Bill McEntee on 626271.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

SUNDAY <i>Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity</i>	6.00pm Sat CC Vigil Mass Paul McCarthy R.I.P	9.00am CC Mass in Polish
	9.15am OLOL Mass Mary Judd R.I.P (Anniv of Death)	6.00pm CC Mass Donor's Intention
	11.00am CC Mass People of the Parish	
MONDAY <i>Feast of the visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am CC Mass Alice and Thomas Kehoe R.I.P	
TUESDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr</i>	9.30am OLOL Mass Maria Klosek R.I.P	
	11.00am CC Requiem Mass Joyce Wood R.I.P	
WEDNESDAY <i>Memorial of Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs</i>	10.00am CC Mass Gwen Ogden R.I.P	6.30pm St. J's Mass in Polish
THURSDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and companions, Martyrs.</i>	7.00pm OLOL Mass Eleanor Hussey R.I.P	8.45am CC Mother's Prayers on Zoom
		9.30am St. J's Mass in Polish
FRIDAY <i>Weekday of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am CC Mass Peter Briffitt R.I.P	6.30pm St. J's Mass in Polish
SATURDAY <i>Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr</i>	12.00 noon OLOL Mass Anne Matthews & Marie May R.I.P	9.30am St. J's Morning Prayer with Exposition
		10.00am St. J's Liturgy of the Word followed by Holy Communion (except the 1 st Saturday of the month when there will be a Mass
NEXT SUNDAY <i>Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>	6.00pm Sat CC Vigil Mass Deirdre McLoughlin R.I.P	9.00am CC Mass in Polish
	9.15am OLOL Mass Private Intentions of Magbanua Family	3.00pm CC Syro-Malabar Mass
	11.00am OLOL Mass People of the Parish	6.00pm CC Mass Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS

Canon Tom is always happy to hear confessions on request or by appointment but regular slots in the week are:

Saturday 12.30pm OLOL and 5pm CC. Sunday 5.40pm CC

Thursday 7.30pm OLOL

Please note that the obligation to attend Mass is still suspended.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – 16th May 2021

CC - £532.51 - World Comms Day £197.13

OLOL £220.12