GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Who Is God?



As children we might have wondered what God was like. We might have pictured an old man with a fluffy white beard and a kind face. As we get older, we stop wondering what God is like and think about who God is. We might think that the trinity is some theological mystery, but perhaps it isn't as much a mystery as we think.

We already know a lot. We know that God is the Father who created a world for us to cherish, and who created each of us for an individual purpose. God is the Son who came and lived among us, teaching us how to become a part of God's Kingdom and saving the world from sin. God is the Holy Spirit left with us always to guide us towards truth. God is three persons but one God. God is certainly a mystery, but as Jesus himself points out, we are not expected to understand everything all of the time. All that is expected is that we keep searching for better understanding.

In Jesus' farewell to his disciples he says, "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." It is clear that Jesus is teaching his disciples in stages. Like every good teacher, Jesus knows that we can only digest so much new information at a time. The original disciples had to learn to walk before they could run, and that goes for us too. We are all at different stages in our journey of faith, but that journey should never become static. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now." Jesus implies that we will be ready to learn more at some future date and he is leaving us the Spirit of truth to guide us towards revelation.

It is tempting in the face of great mysteries like the Trinity to give up and leave theology to the great academics; but we are reminded that God has revealed truth to all sorts of people from small children to acclaimed philosophers, and from simple fishermen to learned theologians. God is a sensitive teacher, but we have to play our part and be willing students. In an age of improved communications, discussion groups, television, competitive publishing and the internet, there's not much excuse for us to cease searching for insight and truth.



PARISH PRAYER – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.



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Sunday 12th June 2022 – Trinity Sunday – Year C

[11th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 3]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturday 11 ^m June			
18.00	First MASS of Sunday	For the People of the Parish	
Sunday 12 th June		The Most Holy Trinity. Solemnity.	
09.00	MASS		
11.00	MASS Live streamed		
Monday 13 th June		St Anthony of Padua	
10.00	MASS	Josie Goodwin+	
Tuesday 14 th June		Feria	
10.00	MASS		
Wednesday 15 th June		Feria	
10.00	MASS		
Thursday 16 th June		Feria	
-	No Mass today		
Friday 17 th June		Feria	
-	No Mass today		
Saturday 18 th June			
18.00	First MASS of Sunday		
Sunday 19 th June		Corpus Christi. Solemnity.	
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish	
11.00	MASS Live streamed	Peter Saville-King+ and Family	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 17.30

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The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday each week.

Anniversaries this week: Francis McCarthy, Arthur & Marguerite Dunkley, Vincent Stewart, Maria Gay, Ellen Whitehead, Cardinal Basil Hume, Claudinette Barbas, Thomas Day, Tony Harmer, Madeline Lambert, Francis Hunt. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Shirley Liebenhals, Frances Saville King, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Betty Reavey, Marion Ring-Davies, Fr. Brendan.

Money Matters: Offering for last Sunday: Plate £296.93. Proceeds from Raffle Tickets: £100. Thank you. **Next Sunday** (19th June) is **the Day for Life** and there will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend for the work of Life Charities.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Catholic Church of Dereham**. The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115**. If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid**. Let Rex Baker know if you would like to sign up to Gift Aid.

Change to Mass Times – Please note there is no Mass on Thursday this week (16th June) due to a Safeguarding Seminar at Ditchingham.

Mass Intentions – There are very few Mass Intentions being submitted at the moment. If you would like to have a Mass said for anyone, there are envelopes available in the church lobby for this. Please indicate if it is for the repose of a soul by placing a cross (+) beside the name.

Pentecost International Mass: Many thanks for the support and cooperation of our International Mass on the Pentecost Sunday. It was, indeed, a success. Good to see so many of our parishioners who took part in the event with their national dress and brought food to share. Special thanks to the Sisters for letting us use their place. See the lovely photos in our website.

Church Refurbishment - Please be advised of our ongoing toilet refurbishment in the Church. The toilet in the presbytery is available, instead. For minors, they should be accompanied with their parents or guardians when using the toilet. We have also had some works done on our trees for health and safety purposes.

Tuesday Chess - For children of any age and for young adults alike in the Emmaus Room every Tuesday, 1900-1930. A limited number of 7 slots only. Hopefully to start on the **12th July** 2022. Parents may email Fr Jay for

confirmation. Parents of minors must be around while the lessons are taking place. Chess sets are provided.

Diary Dates for this week			
Mon. 13 th June	2.00-4.00 pm	Afternoon Tea in the Emmaus Room. Join us for our monthly afternoon tea. Bring your knitting or just come for a friendly chat over a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit. All welcome.	
Tues. 14 th June	After 10.00 Mass	UCM meeting – Emmaus Room	
Weds. 15 th June	7.30 pm	Scripture Study Group - Presbytery	
Fri.17 th June	7.15-8.15 pm	Altar Servers meeting – Emmaus Room	
Sat. 18 th June	10.30-11.30 am	First Holy Communion Class – Emmaus Room	
Sun. 19 th June	After 1100 Mass	Youth Club table tennis – Emmaus Room	

Volunteers Needed - The Fabric Committee would welcome anyone in the parish with an interest in the church maintenance. Please contact Tony Whitehouse if you are interested for any further details. Email: tonywhitehouse17@gmail.com or Tel: 01362 668839.

Patronal Feast Celebration: Sacred Heart, 24th June: To celebrate our Feast, we shall have an Adoration at 1600 followed by Mass at 1730. Bring and share dinner in the garden straight after the Mass (if weather allows; if not, then we try to use the Emmaus Room).

SVP Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 3rd July - 1.30pm Mass, Anointing of the Sick, 4.00pm Benediction

Refresher Lecture for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors (Readers): This will take place on **30**th **July 2022**. New volunteers are welcome to join.

Annual Celebration of Marriage and Family Life - This will take place at St John's Cathedral, Norwich, on June 18th at 11.30am. Those who celebrate a significant marriage anniversary from the first and thereafter every five years to come are encouraged to join the celebratory Mass. They will need to let Bonnie Lander Johnson know beforehand so that they can receive a special certificate to mark the occasion.

The Word Code - The Scriptures Study which kickstarted last 8th June at 1930, had a good number of participants, 11 of us, with a very lively discussion. The procedure was: 15 mins showing of the CAFÉ sessions called 'The Big Picture' followed by break and 5 mins discussion. The second part explores, by way of reporting, the book entitled '*Jesus and the Mystery of the Tamid Sacrifice*' by Michael E Hunt et al. This book is available in soft bound and soft copy in kindle, both are in Amazon. You are welcome to join us.