

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR TRINITY SUNDAY**

### **Shaped, Taught and Driven by God**



Imagine for a minute a god who created us but then left us to our own devices, or a god that gave us a purpose in life but didn't give us the strength or drive to carry out that purpose. When we speak the sign of the Cross we speak of God the Father who made our world and everything in it. A God who made us what we are and then set out everything we need with the precision of a master chef's kitchen.

When we speak of God the Son, we speak of a God who gave our lives purpose and meaning through his teaching, his miracles, but most of all, by his shining example. And when we talk of God the Holy Spirit we talk of the power of God that is with us always, ready to be called upon, enabling us to do great things when our human powers are simply not enough.

It's wonderful to know that we have been created by God, shaped by Jesus and guided by the Spirit. We have to share this realisation with other people. "Go therefore," Jesus tells us in today's gospel, "and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit... and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you..."

We tend to feel a bit uncomfortable about evangelising, and for good reason. Evangelising is something that can be done very badly, but there are little things we can all do that can be very effective. We could for instance begin by helping someone back to church who doesn't bother any more ... perhaps by offering them a lift. We could take one of the Catholic papers round to someone who is too elderly to attend Mass anymore to help them stay involved and in touch. We could invite non-Catholic friends to get involved in the next Catholic Aid Agency event, whether it be a fun run, a hot pot supper or a campaign. Or we could simply lead by example, getting involved in something we are passionate about and making positive changes to one other person or a community of people somewhere in the world. However we choose to evangelise, remember God's promise, "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

***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***

## **PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART AND ST MARGARET MARY**

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### **31 MAY 2015 – SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

#### **Weekend Masses – Page 83 of Parish Mass Book (Year B, Vol.2)**

Saturday	6.00 pm	Fr Harry Wace	<i>(Angelus)</i>
Sunday	9.00 am		
	11.00 am	People of the Parish	<i>(Angelus)</i>

#### **Confession/Reconciliation - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm**

#### **Weekday Services**

*[Morning Prayer – Psalter Week 1]*

Mon.	10.00 am	- St Justin, Martyr
Tues.	No Mass Today	- Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	10.00 am	Fintan Thomas & Margaret Dunne - St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
Thurs.	No Mass Today	- Feria
Fri.	10.00 am	Eilish McGillicuddy - St Boniface
Sat.	10.30 am	- Feria
	6.00 pm	- Solemnity of Corpus Christi

**Anniversaries this week:** Ann Rolph, Robert Woolward, Mr. Goodenough, Frances Hunt, Bill Shaw, Joan Stimson, Ivan Lyons, Irene Ann Knight, James Farmer, Fr. Thomas K. Phillips (*2<sup>nd</sup> priest in Dereham -1947*). *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Money Matters** (*O yes, it does!*) – The collection last weekend was £491.32. Thank you very much.

**Hospital Visits** – If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call St John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615). If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

**This Week** - There isn't a Mass planned for Thursday of this week as I have been asked to celebrate a requiem Mass in King's Lynn for a parishioner there whom I knew long ago. On Tuesday there is the annual gathering of the priests of the diocese at Poringland to which I have to attend.

**Annual Mission Appeal** - On the weekend of June 6/7th we welcome Sister Daphne Norden to make the annual Mission Appeal.

**Bishop Alan's Visit** - Please keep the evening of June 15th free for the Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart which will be celebrated by Bishop Alan. He just wants to celebrate Mass with us. I have sent an email to his PA to say that there is no: Confirmation, Induction, Consecration, Invocation, Blessing or any additional ceremony for this occasion. I have yet to finalize the time.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation** - Across the Diocese, we pray for all our children who will be making their First Holy Communion this year, and also for all Confirmation candidates. We are asked to remember that this is a very special time, and just the first of very many special times. We are asked to remember that we don't just turn to God in times of crisis, but that our faith becomes a daily source of support and growth.

**Fostercare Fortnight - 1<sup>st</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June** - On any one day there are more than 62,000 children living with foster families across the UK. The Fostering Network estimates that a further 8,600 foster carers are needed this year alone to provide the supportive, stable and caring home for these vulnerable children. A fortnight for us to consider whether we have the skills to offer a child a good home.

**Volunteer's Week - 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June** - From Walking the neighbour's dog to travelling half way across the world to rebuild a broken community, Volunteers' Week is an opportunity to think about volunteering to do something small or not so small. This week we think how best we can use our skills, especially if we aren't required to use our skills in our day to day job.

***Bite Size***

*Nothing so conclusively proves a man's ability to lead others as what he does from day to day to lead himself.*

*Thomas J. Watson*

***The Angelus***

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. *Hail Mary ....*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. *Hail Mary.....*

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. *Hail Mary .....*

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 Thy 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.