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22nd May 2016

Most Holy Trinity (C)

When we make the sign of the cross we invoke the Holy Trinity, and today is Trinity Sunday, so it is good for us to remind ourselves of what we are doing and whom we are calling upon when we make this gesture.

We can use the powers of human reason, looking at creation and the order in the universe to arrive at the conclusion that God exists. But human reason alone could not know the essence of God, as a Trinity. This is something that requires God to reveal Himself to us; and it is Jesus Christ who reveals to us that God is not one solitary person, but a communion of three. In the Gospel today Jesus says 'Everything the Father has is mine', thus making Himself equal to the Father; and from Father and Son will come the Holy Spirit, to lead us 'to the complete truth'.

God's revelation of his identity was a gradual one, which unfolded over time. Looking back at the Old Testament in the light of Jesus' teaching, we can see veiled glimpses of Christ there. The first reading from the Book of Proverbs speaks of one who existed with God from the beginning, before creation, and who is eternal. Much later on, the Gospel of John would spell this out more clearly, saying of Jesus that, 'in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.'

From all eternity, the Father and the Son exist in a relationship of love, and the love between them is the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. It was from the abundance of this love existing within the Trinity, that God created the world. Human beings are the pinnacle of God's creation, and He created us in order to share His life with us. That is what happens at baptism, when the life of the Trinity is poured into us. This is what St Paul alludes to in the second reading, when he speaks of the 'love of God' that 'has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.'

Just as love exists and is shared between the persons of the Trinity, we too are an image of God as the Trinity, because we have the capacity to give and to receive love, and that love has the capacity to be life giving. This is most especially seen in the context of the family, when the love of husband and wife is truly life giving in the gift of children.

Even in the midst of sufferings and heartache, and I know that all families have their struggles; it is still possible to perceive the love of God, as an undercurrent. We will know that the grace of the Trinity is dwelling in us if we are able to show forgiveness, compassion and mercy to one another. The more we are able to do that, by the grace of God, the better an image of the Trinity each one of us is.

This afternoon we will gather to honour Mary, in this month of May dedicated to her. Mary was perfectly obedient to the will of the Father, conceiving the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Every family needs Mary more than ever, to intercede for us and to be by our side, helping us to be faithful to God and to reflect his love in the world. As we walk down Shernhall Street for our procession this afternoon, may the love of the Trinity be in our hearts.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place tomorrow, Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Church. Godparents are also very much encouraged to attend.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.



THIS WEEKEND: PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY:

The fifth annual Parish May Procession in honour of Our Lady will take place this **Sunday 22nd May**. Everyone is invited to gather **just before 2pm** at the Upper Site of Our Lady & St George School (E17 3EA). After a blessing and crowing of a statue of Our Lady, we will process along Shernhall Street to the Church, where the rosary will be prayed in a number of languages. The walk is about half a mile, and both the school and the Church are wheelchair-accessible. The afternoon will conclude at about 4pm, with refreshments in the parish hall. Please do come along with your families, and invite others to come too.

The First Communion children will attend and walk in their Communion attire; and the Confirmation Candidates will also participate, and lead a mystery of the Rosary.

Processions are an outward expression of our faith, and we come together to honour Our Lady and ask for her maternal intercession for our families, schools and parish.

CONFIRMATION: The Confirmation group will join this weekend's procession in honour of Our Lady. They will meet at 1.30pm this Sunday 22nd May in the parish hall and walk down together to the school in time for the start of the event. The following session will be next Sunday 29th May. Please continue to keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC): The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) group meets on Thursday evenings at 8pm in the Church meeting room. This group is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of entering the Church – or for adults who may have been baptised but never received First Communion or Confirmation. The group meets every Thursday at 8pm in the Church meeting room.

OLSG SCHOOL: NURSERY VACANCIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016: OLSG Nursery is now open to children who will be three between 01.09.2013 – 31.03.2014. We can offer:

- part time places (15 hours per week free).
- full time places (cost involved - for example £90.00 per calendar month for one extra session per week)

For further information or to get an application pack either download the form from our website www.olsgweb.org or call into the school office. Alternatively you can telephone the school office on 020 8520 8500 option lower site for further information

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note that weekday Masses (7am and 9.15am) are booked up until 20th June. All weekend Masses (Saturday 6pm; Sunday 8.30, 10am, 12 noon) are booked until September. If a requested date is not available, then the nearest available equivalent day will be allocated. Thanks for your understanding.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO DOOR OF MERCY, BRENTWOOD: Our Parish will be going to visit the Holy Door at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 28th May, and a coach is now booked to depart the parish at 11am. Upon arrival we will go through the Holy Door, then

have lunch. After lunch, confessions will be available, Mass will be celebrated at 3pm and we will return to Walthamstow by 5pm. **The list at the back of the Church is now full, but keep an eye on it for cancellations.** We request £8 per seat, collected on the day, which includes a small donation to the Cathedral for use of its facilities. All attending will need to bring a packed lunch. The coach has 53 seats.

UPCOMING PARISH MISSION: There will be a Parish/School Mission from the 11th – 15th July 2016. The mission will be a week of talks and prayer aimed to renew us in faith and to reflect particularly on the gift of God’s mercy, during the current year of mercy. Fr Soji Olikkal and a team of helpers will facilitate the week. Please keep an eye out for further announcements.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new sets of offertory envelopes are now available. **Please collect yours if you are registered for the scheme.** Registering to donate to the parish via the envelopes allows the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 given, at no extra cost to the giver. This makes your generous donations go further, and supports the upkeep of the Church and its buildings, and our schools. If you would like to register for the Gift Aid scheme, or have any questions about it, please contact Joan on 07950 249 988.

GLOBAL CATHOLIC TV NETWORK - EWTN: Are you getting EWTN Catholic television and radio? It’s free and easy to access! EWTN is a global Catholic television and radio network packed with Catholic teaching, events, discussion, news, family entertainment, conversion stores, saints’ lives and more. View live Catholic events from around the world, including the Holy Father’s weekly audience and Sunday Angelus from Rome. EWTN is available through numerous means, including Sky TV (channel 589), and online. For more information, and a live stream, visit www.ewtn.co.uk.

SICK CALLS TO HOSPITAL: In light of strict data protection rules it is important that on entering hospital you tell the nurses that your details or those of your relatives be passed to the Catholic chaplain, if you wish to be visited. We visit the wards during the week and also provide a 24-hour on-call service in case of emergency.

RIP:
Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Florendo Viado, whose Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 23rd May at 12.15pm.

Elizabeth Carroll who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 25th May at 12 noon, followed by burial at Chingford Mount Cemetery.

ROTAS – MAY

Counting	1/5 B	8/5 D	15/5 E	22/5 B	29/5 C
Christian Kitchen	7/5 Nor	14/5 G	21/5 A	28/5 B	
Hospital			15/5 B	22/5 D	29/5 A

The offertory collection for last week was £1429.35. Many thanks for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Philip Troy and Bernadette D’Cruz who were married at our Church last weekend. We wish them all of God’s blessings for their future happiness and wellbeing.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George this week

6.00pm	Maureen Bee (RIP)
Sun 22 May	The Most Holy Trinity (C)
8.30am	Parish
10.00am	Richard Balfe (RIP)
12.00pm	Georgina Dillon (RIP)
Mon 23 May	Feria
7.00am	Ann Maria Puzon (Ints)
9.15am	Caoimhe Stonebank (Ints)
Tue 24 May	Feria
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Anne Hutton (Ints)
Wed 25 May	St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor of the Church
7.00am	Maria Sanches (Ints)
9.15am	Special Ints
Thu 26 May	St Philip Neri, Priest
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Jerry & Anthony Seary (RIP)
Fri 27 May	St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (National Feast)
7.00am	Special Ints
9.15am	Tessie & Krishna Kalpee (Thanksgiving)
Sat 28 May	Feria
10.00am	Phyllis Boguzas (RIP)
6.00pm	Jason & Kristina Coeur-de-Lion (Ints)
Sun 29 May	The Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
8.30am	Members of St George's Blessed Sacrament Confraternity
10.00am	Hannah McCarthy (Ints)
12.00pm	Parish

We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr & Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Angelina Hoareau, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Natalie Rosario, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Luis & Lukas, Anne Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Pdraig Hester, Regina Jose, Tony Keane

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Mon – Fri: 7.30am-8.30am and at the following times:

Mon: 10.00am – 7.00pm Weds: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Fri: 9.45am – 10.45am, Sat: 10.30am-11.30am

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request; please call at the house.