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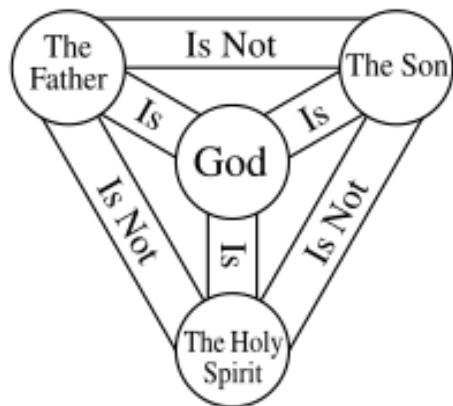
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

YEAR B

Blessed John Henry Newman wrote some beautiful Hymns and Prayers, one of which begins, “*Firmly I believe, and truly, God is Three and God is One....*”, very appropriate to herald today’s Celebration of the *Three Persons in One God*: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Turn to number 962 in our hymn book.) Read more of Newman’s writings at: <http://www.catholicity.com/prayer/prayers-and-hymns-by-john-henry-cardinal-newman.html>.



This is, indeed, a *mystery of Faith!* The Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which we considered last week, will help us to accept this fundamental Teaching of the Church. The Doctrine of the Blessed Trinity is, to our limited human minds, not the easiest Truth to comprehend. This, of course, is where the Gifts of Faith, Hope and Charity come into play; we *believe* and *trust* that God, Infinitely Perfect, in His Love for us, can never tell us anything which is untrue, and will not ask the impossible of us in terms of belief. We can be *certain* that He *will* bring us, if we do our best to *love* and *obey* Him, to Heaven.

If you are looking to better understand this Truth, for your own knowledge or to explain it to others, then one of the clearest explanations of the Three-in-Oneness of God is to be found in Frank Sheed’s book, *Theology for Beginners*, chapter 5, *The Three Persons*. This can be further simplified in order to explain it to our children; they also have a right to the Truth, and we have a duty to do our best to teach them.

It is vital to remember, though, that to *simplify* does not mean to water down or to omit truth.

For those who would postpone such teaching until children are ‘old enough’ (and who of us will ever be ‘old enough’ to fully understand this particular Doctrine?!), they would do well to heed the words of a renowned educational psychologist, Jerome Bruner, who said that “...*anything can be taught to any one, at any age, as long as it is properly thought out first...*” Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (whose Mother died when Thérèse was four years old) once asked her mother (Saint Zélie Martin) about our capacity for God and was shown two very different sized containers, each filled to the brim with water; as Zélie explained to her daughter, just as each vessel was completely filled, God fills us with His Grace according to our created capacity and our openness to it. Any preparation required to teach our precious young people will be very beneficial to teachers as well as their pupils.

Take heart in that if you find yourself pondering and puzzling over this Doctrine, so did the great Theologians! Only God can fully understand Himself! For a more detailed exposition of the subject we have, of course, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Section 2, the Profession of the Christian Faith) intended by the Teaching Authority (or Magisterium) of the Church as the ‘yardstick’ against which all publications claiming to be Catholic, including your children’s R.E. materials, must be assessed.

In this day and age, this Doctrine may be a stumbling block to be overcome in a journey of Faith. It takes Prayer and perseverance to break down barriers; we cannot allow our human limitations to be transferred to God. We have to make a ‘leap of faith’ over the barrier! Our loving Belief in and Witness to this fundamental and deep Truth will effectively help to overcome any doubts and objections which can be raised. Our lives must be permeated by this belief which we express, among other ways, in making the *Sign of the Cross* and in reciting the *Creed* every Sunday and Solemnity.

Thank you for your generosity

The collection for Sunday 20th May 2018 came to **£2246.00** (£1546.00 (baskets) & £700.00 (Standing Orders)).

GIFT AID SCHEME

You should by now have received your new Gift Aid envelopes. If not, please contact the Parish Office.
Envelopes for your weekly offerings are a pale green colour; Those for second collections are yellow.

The colour of envelopes is changed each tax year, so if you have old ones, please destroy them.

If you have left the Gift Aid Scheme, kindly stop using your numbered envelopes with immediate effect.
HMRC rules which govern the scheme are very strict, and state that numbered envelopes may only be used by the taxpayer who has signed the declaration form. Therefore, you should **never share envelopes** with other people.

To join this scheme, please contact John Byrne via the Parish Office. Through the Gift Aid scheme, the parish can reclaim tax you have already paid, **at no extra cost to yourself, if you are a taxpayer and you qualify for the scheme.**

If you would like to receive an End of Year letter for tax purposes, kindly request it from the Parish Office.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese,

Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaela Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski,

David Lacey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahatantila,

Gerard Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern, Janina Miller, Maria Parnis,

Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy,

Maggie Sunich, Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass,

and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing,

please contact the parish office with their details, and we shall contact them. Please note that dedicated chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients in hospitals, provided they are informed by hospital staff or relatives.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Of your charity, please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Christel Rutter, sister of Ruth Kamalaghanan.

Christel died in Germany last Saturday 19th May 2018, after a long and brave battle with cancer.

CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK - GROUP 5

Elizabeth Ayoola, Kelly Bello, Sandra Hodgson, Christine Ijezie, Emma Morrone, Josephine Ofili, Blessing Otite, Amanda Squires, Maria Verrilli. *Please contact the Parish Office, if you wish to join our cleaning rota.*

COFFEE MORNING TODAY WITH LIFE

In the hall after 10am & 11.30am Masses. Delicious homemade cakes, teas and coffees will be available.

There will also be a sale of knitted goods. Proceeds to LIFE. Please see: www.lifecharity.org.uk

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

For the first time in many years, we shall be holding a Corpus Christi Procession on the day of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, next Sunday 3rd June 2018. This will be a public procession, away from the church itself. We shall meet at the entrance to Norbury Park, beside the old police station, so please be ready to set off at 2pm. We intend to walk up the pathway towards Harefield Road, where we shall hold Benediction of the

Blessed Sacrament. Please do try to come along and take part in this wonderful, public demonstration of and witness to our Catholic Faith. All parish groups are encouraged to attend, and those who have banners are asked to bring them along if at all possible. Free parking is usually available in the nearby carpark off Granville Gardens.

Please note that the usual 4pm Benediction in the church itself will not be taking place that day.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN FOR ALTAR SERVERS

We shall be enrolling new members into the Guild of St Stephen on Saturday 16th June 2018 during the 10am Mass. If you have been serving for at least one year, and think that you should be receiving a medal, please add your name to the list in the Sacristy. Those attending should arrive by 9.30am on the day, to receive instructions and to help prepare the Sanctuary for Mass. A list of medal recipients will be posted up by the end of May 2018.

“INTRODUCING THE MARRIAGE METER” - A BOOK BY OUR VERY OWN FR INNOCENT!

Father Innocent will be launching his new book on Saturday 8th September 2018, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Camberwell London SE5 9QS. This book contains practical guidelines for a successful marriage. Please see the poster in the porch, and take away a flyer. Entry is free, and we expect the venue to fill very quickly, so if you are interested, you are advised to book as soon as possible.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 30th May 2018, reopening on Tuesday 31st May 2018.

CONFIRMATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

First Communions will take place across three Masses. The first is on **Sunday** 10th June; the second is on **Sunday** 17th June; the third is on **Saturday** 23rd June 2018. All Masses are at 12 Noon. Practices will take place in the church on **Wednesday 6th June** (for the first Mass), **Wednesday 13th June** (for the second Mass) and **Wednesday 20th June** (for the third Mass). In each case, the practice will run from 6pm - 7.30pm.

The 11th and final session for our First Holy Communicants, entitled “To Love and Serve” will take place on Saturday 30th June 2018 from 10am - 11.30am in the hall. The next day, Sunday 1st July 2018, is the day of our “Going Forth” Mass of Thanksgiving, which will be at 12 Noon. This will be followed by a special lunch.

THE REPOSITORY

First Holy Communion items are still available, including cards and appropriate gifts to commemorate this Sacrament. Access to the Repository will be available during the First Holy Communion practices as listed above.

CTS

This is the 150th Anniversary year of the CTS, providing those of the Catholic faith, and those not, with concise information on the many aspects of what we believe as Catholics. Please take a look in our well stocked rack, just outside the Repository. Pamphlets are designed to fit easily into your pocket or bag. You can now also purchase

CTS publications for your hand held e-book devices. Please see: <http://www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks>

Payment for pamphlets obtained from the rack should be made in the lower wall box to the left, when facing the main door, which is clearly marked “PAPERS & CTS”.

THE NEW GENERAL DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION - FR DEO WRITES:

“New European Union General Data Protection Legislation came into force on Friday 25th May 2018. This will have a great impact upon us all. We are obliged to know who has access to all personal information held in the parish, what information is held, and in which format/s. Many of you volunteer for the parish, or have done so in the past. Therefore you might keep personal information at home or work, in a file and/or on a PC, phone, laptop or other device. Please let either me or the Parish Office know if this applies, or might apply, to you, so that I can inform you what as to what you may need to do, going forward. Thanks to all who have responded so far.

Members of the clergy and the PPC, the Parish Secretary and our MC, have attended training sessions on GDPR. Things will become clearer over the next few weeks. The Archbishop encourages us all to help implement these changes, and I thank you in advance for your co-operation. Severe penalties may be imposed for non compliance.”

KEEPING YOUR FINANCIAL INFORMATION SECURE

With GDPR in mind, this legislation also covers financial information held by the parish, such as that relating to Gift Aid. Please be aware that we will never send a stranger to your home, or ask them to contact you in any way to obtain your banking or other personal details. Should you ever receive such an approach, you should politely but firmly decline, and inform the Parish Office straight away, and, if necessary, the Police. Sadly, there will always be criminals out there hoping to obtain your data, so do remain vigilant, and always report anything of concern.

FLOWERS - A NEW WALL BOX

The lower wall box to the left of the main door of the porch has now been allocated for your kind contributions.

BUTTERFLY SERVICE AT CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Taking place this afternoon at 3pm. Please see the poster in the main porch. Have you seen our Butterfly window?

THE BRITISH HOME SUMMER FAYRE

This worthwhile local charity holds its summer fundraiser on next Saturday 2nd June 2018. Please see the poster. Our Confirmation Group chose The British Home as one of their charities both this year and last.

TANZANIA SAFARI MEETING

There will be a special meeting next Sunday 3rd June at 7pm. Please will all those involved ensure that they bring with them their current passports, valid for the entire trip. Please be prepared to be without them for a few days, since Fr Deo will need to collect them so as to obtain the necessary visas from the Tanzanian High Commission.

PROTOCOL FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Would those who sit in both the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Our Lady’s Chapel please proceed to the rear of the church and then approach the sanctuary to receive Holy Communion by way of the centre aisle. This is to allow for a smoother process and reduce the confusion which can sometimes occur at this point in the Mass.

NORBURY SUMMER FESTIVAL

This will be held at St Helen’s Road Triangle, Norbury SW16 4LB on Sunday 3rd June 2018 from 12pm - 4pm, with fun for all the family. Free entry. One of our parishioners will be present, raising funds for local charity, The Cassandra Centre. Please see: www.cassandralearningcentre.org.uk



Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses: Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.83

Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am

Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm (*Rosary & Benediction in May & October*)
On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm

Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass

Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

Time	Intention
6.15pm (Saturday 26th May)	Carmen & Sauveur Vella RIP
8.30am	Vincent & Christine Icheke RIP
10am	Norah, Tommy & John Glancy RIP
11.30am (Hymn Choir)	Dominic Cu Van Tran RIP
4pm	
5pm	People of the parish
7.30am	Welfare of Roy Durrant
10am	Abraham Ghandi RIP
7.30am	Welfare of Jasmine Durrant
10am	Welfare of Sursattie Agnes Bethune
7.30am	Welfare of Mother Winsome Durrant SBVM
10am	Welfare of Mary Mason
7.30am	The Holy Souls
10am	Eamon Gillespie RIP
7.30am	Chris Czarnecki RIP (Foundation Mass)
10am	Shirley & Francis D'Souza RIP
10am	Thanksgiving - Jim Hughes
6.15pm (Saturday 2nd June)	Mario & Antonio Telles RIP
8.30am	Norma Papasin RIP
10am	The Church, The Pope, & Society in England & Wales
11.30am (Polyphony Choir)	Bernard Jupp - 90th birthday
2pm	<i>At Norbury Park - including Benediction</i>
5pm	People of the parish