

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS

TODAY WE honour and praise God the Most Holy Trinity, Father Son and Holy Spirit, One God. This is the highest and most important truth of our faith from which all Christian truth flows because it is the mystery of God in himself. God is a tripersonal Unity of Love. So, it is fitting that the last words of Jesus on earth are: *Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We are called to teach about God and make disciples by Baptism in the name of the Trinity. God's self revelation reaches a finale in these words of Our Lord finishing the plan of the loving kindness of God that had begun with creation. The whole of the history of salvation is the story of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men and reconciles and makes one with himself all mankind.*

There are hints of God early in this story of love as God is called Father by many religions as the creator of all who cares for his creatures and is the ultimate authority. For Israel as we have heard in the reading, he is the one and only God who choose Israel as his Son. But it is Jesus the Word of the Father made flesh who reveals that God in himself is eternally father by his relationship to the Son who, reciprocally, is Son only and eternally in relation to his Father. And then Jesus reveals especially at the last Supper the Holy Spirit who is their bond of love in Unity, the Advocate: the third person of the Holy trinity. Now he knows that we can never grasp this more than a little bit in our intellect because the mystery of God is infinite. Our theology tries with words which have meditated on this mystery over 2000 years yet knows we will always fall short. Yet he wants us to know God and his love. Not merely to know about God but to know him in his love.

Hence the command to Baptise: for in Baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son and is the fire of God's love. The Holy Spirit makes us Children of God who are able in the Spirit to cry out Abba, father as St Paul says. We know God not from the outside but from within by the Holy Spirit who with the Father and Son dwells within us and shares divine life with us. To Know God, we have to let the Holy Spirit transform us from within in love. He bears witness to this reality. To know God, we must let the Holy Spirit breathe on us and in us as we try to live the truth of love in the image and likeness of God. As revealed in the doctrine of the Trinity, the Love of God Himself is the total gift of self to another person: The father loves the Son from all eternity the Son loves the father from all eternity and their love is the Holy Spirit. We are called and inspired by the Spirit to live that truth and as St Paul says not without suffering. The total gift of self is painful for finite and sinful creatures because we cannot totally give ourselves without dying to sin. Yet as Pauls says we thus share in his glory.

So, what do we say? God's nature is love. Being for and from the other. We are made in the image and likeness of the triune God and so we can only find ourselves in being for and from others in love. As the second Vatican council says we can only find ourselves in the sincere gift of ourselves to the other; it is in love that we are fulfilled; it is in love that we experience and come to know and live profound truth of the wonder of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.



Our Lady of Victories

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30th May 2021
9th of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 1

Times of Services

Sunday: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sat. 6.00pm: Fr Owen O'Neill RIP (Crawford Fam)

9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mass: Lizzie Hamer Birthday

Monday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Private Mass: David Lee RIP (Sisters)

Tuesday: St Justin

10.00am Mass: Patrick Ryan RIP (Patrick & John)

Wednesday: Feria

Private Mass: November Dead List

Thursday: St Charles Lwanga & Companions

10.00am: Beatrice & George Stewart (60th Wedding Anniv)

Friday: Feria

10.00am Mass: Tom Flannery RIP (McGlone)

Saturday: St Boniface of Crediton

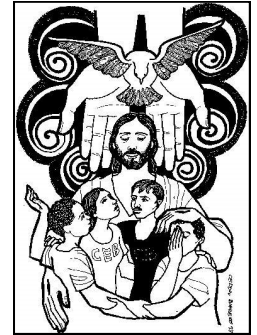
11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 6th June - November Dead List

Sunday: 6th June Solemnity of Corpus Christi—the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Jim McCann RIP Month



*Baptise them in the
name of the Father
and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.*

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:

Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the moment as we are not full

Booking is now online: www.Massbooking.uk You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: www.olvic.com/news.htm

FR CHRIS WRITES: : Many people have asked how are things changing in the Church with the less onerous Church restrictions. The Church has issued new guidelines agreed with the Government for all Places of worship. We are asked to consider local conditions in regards of the Coronavirus infection rate vaccine rollout etc. One of the limiting factors in this area is a recent spike in cases in Market Harborough so we will proceed slowly and carefully. On the positive side we have an above average rollout of vaccinations. Over the next period we will be able to increase our COVID Secure Church capacity as we can lower our Social Distance in Church (presently 2m) as we continue to wear masks. I think we will all need to build confidence again! **However**

**The Church is open for Private prayer each day
Enter through Fairfield Rd
Sanitize your hands on Entry & Exit
Please sign in on the list or use the Covid NHS App Q code displayed**

CONGRATULATIONS to Reverend Canon Tim O'Sullivan who celebrated his Diamond Jubilee 4th June. Ad multos Annos! And also to Archbishop Arthur Roche who has been named the Prefect of the Congregation of Divine Worship. He was formerly the Bishop of Leeds.

THE MONTH OF MAY Please continue with you Rosaries, in this "marathon" of prayer, to ask for the end of the pandemic, which has afflicted the world for more than a year now, and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities with particular intentions for each day for those affected by the Pandemic. *The initiative takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).* Each day will see <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html> broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 PM Rome time(5.00pm UK) from the various Shines taking part in the initiative. Please could we all pray the Rosary each day for this intention. Cf <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>.

Prayer intentions for the Particular days this week: 9th May Our Lady of Lebanon (Lebanon) For all consecrated men and women; 30th May Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii (Italia) For the Church: 31st May Vatican Gardens For the end of the pandemic and the resumption of our social and economic life

PS: The Holy father has asked us to include a Hail Mary for the people of Myanmar.

SPUC MIDLANDS REGIONAL CONFERENCE SATURDAY 3rd  Society for the Protection of Unborn Children
JULY 2021 10.30am-3.30pm THE BECKET SCHOOL,
NOTTINGHAM NG2 7QY Tickets: adult - £5 student/unwaged -
£3 family (2 adults and children) - £10;
Payment for places and refreshments will be taken on the day (no card payments, so please pay by cash or cheque). Refreshments and lunch available (for a donation). To reserve a place/s at the conference, please register online at <https://forms.gle/uBovKqo2YLXX5uoX6> (if you are unable to use the link, email: johnvedwards56@gmail.com or tel 07757815625) Please see poster for further info. Fr Chris can give you a copy.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM – environment workshop: At Pentecost, we heard the Pastoral Letter of the CBCEW, about the urgent need for us all to protect and care for God's gift of Creation. Our new diocesan Caritas network, also launched this weekend, is hosting a workshop '**Renewing the face of the Earth**'. It is online and will help us explore the many ways in which we can respond, as individuals, as parishes and as a diocese: **Tuesday 8 June, 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.** Please Register at: dioceseofnottingham.uk/environment

THE WORD AND THE COMMON GOOD: You are invited to join Catholics from around the Diocese of Nottingham for an interactive online course over six Monday evenings in June and July. As life starts afresh after lockdown, it's a rare opportunity to sow seeds of the Gospel. Discover how Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching can help us seize this moment and build a society that reflects God's Kingdom. Build bridges following a year of social distancing and foster a new 'culture of encounter' Form new friendships, renew old ones, and help to build our parish communities for mission.

The sessions begin on Monday 7 June at 7.00 p.m. for six weeks. To find out more: Visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us Join an [Open Evening on Monday 17 May](#) Or [book your place today](#).

COMPLETE THE SURVEY: HOW HAS COVID-19 AFFECTED YOU AND YOUR FAITH?

Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith> and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so. **The deadline for submissions is July 4th 2021.**



SOME VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESAN CURIA:

Formation, Communication and Website Administrator

This role will support the work of the Communications, Formation for Mission and other outreach departments of the Diocesan Curia. The role entails providing communication assistance, course & event coordination and general office duties. Salary: £20 - £23,000 per annum dependant on qualifications and experience.



DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM

Finance Assistant (OPAS) This role is primarily concerned with supporting parishes with the production of financial information using the Diocesan Online Parish Administration System (OPAS). This is not technical IT support. The objective is to help parishes to record financial data in a timely and compliant manner. Training in OPAS and Diocesan financial procedures will be provided. Frequent travel across the Diocese will be required. Salary: £22 - £25,000 per annum dependant on qualifications and experience For more information and an application pack email: office@dioceseofnottingham.uk Closing date 20th June 2021.