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The Most Holy Trinity Year B

30th May 2021



When the Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, it is an attempt to summarise the whole mystery of our God into one day. This is not just a "theological feast" but a feast which should speak to us of this simple fact of faith: the Father loves us, has revealed that love in his Son, and has called into a relationship sustained by the Spirit. It is our joy that, as baptised members of the Church, we can somehow share in that divine life and love which is the Trinity~ becoming children of God. God has chosen us, and we are his own people, just as he chose the people of Israel long ago. The mystery of the Trinity is not meant to make this more difficult - on the contrary it is to clarify and summarise all that our faith is about: that we are children, with the Son, in the power of the Spirit - of the one Father.

W/C 30/05/2021 This Weeks Intentions

Sanctuary	Birthday
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Dear Fr. Mark, Fr. Colin, Fr. Joe and the Parishioners of St. Mary's and Our Lady and St. Gerard's,

As we come to the end of May, It is difficult to believe that Sr. Mary went home to God five weeks ago. In that time , there has been such an outpouring of grief and shock as we all tried to come to terms with the news of her sudden death. Before her final illness, Sr. Mary, was a vibrant and incredibly involved parish sister, known by everyone and loved by all. Each of us have our own special memories of Mary and we recognise only too well the gift and the blessing that she was to each of us. "The song may be ended but the melody lingers on in our hearts." [Irving Berlin]

This is specially so in my case for Mary and I lived together and shared so much over the space of thirteen years. She was my friend and my confidant. We prayed together and went through the good and the difficult times as RNDM sisters. I couldn't have wished for a better or more supportive companion. She is and will be greatly missed.

However, I am also part of two larger parish communities and in the weeks since Mary's passing I have experienced such kindness, love and concern, from you good people around me for which I will be eternally grateful. I just could not have managed without that support. So I say a very sincere 'THANK YOU'. Masses will be celebrated for your intentions as a token of my thanks and appreciation.

Wishing you God's richest blessings,

Sr. Louise

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
David Galloway, Margaret Porter,
Dominic McCrudden, Rita Rossall,
Sister Mary Higney, Jean Brennard,
David Walne, Josephine Mann.

THIS WEEK - Please note that Mass on Monday 31st May is at 9:15 am and not in the evening.

ALTAR SERVERS - We welcomed back our Altar Servers last week albeit with fewer tasks at the present time, this we hope is one of our first steps back to normality.

CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT REMINDER - The diocesan safeguarding office have asked that parents be reminded of the need for them to supervise their children and young people at parish activities and events. It is important that children are not simply dropped off for activities unaccompanied, as there are robust guidelines re: the supervision ratios for all church activities and events. Furthermore there are legal requirements regarding activities for children and young people that we cannot meet unless a parent, or carer is present with the child or young person.

TRACK & TRACE - Following another easing of Lockdown we have been asked to encourage Smartphone Users to use the Track & Trace **QR Code** displayed in the Narthex on your arrival.

FOOD BANK - As we come slowly out of Covid, we are hoping to start collecting food again for the Brownedge Christians Together food bank. Particularly needed are tins of meat, tuna, and tinned vegetables. As such, we will leave a box for donations in the back of church. This will be emptied on Tuesday mornings and taken down to Brownedge. Thank you so much in anticipation.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - 29th/30th May -

We pray for the parishioners of the parish of St. Mary, Oswaldtwistle, and for Fr. Sean O'Brien, their parish priest. We pray for Mount Carmel High School and for their three parish primary schools. Let us pray that they will respond to the Lord's call to 'go and make disciples.'

Eco Thought of the Week - 30th May 2021 - In

our Psalm we hear 'by his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and it came to be. He commanded; it sprang into being.' Our God is a Creator God. God has created all that is by his Word and by his Breath (the same word as Spirit). The Lord is God on earth as in heaven, as Moses proclaims in the First Reading. How can we care for God's creation which he has entrusted to us?

International Refugee Week - 14th - 18th June. -

Caritas is proud to have supporters, staff and volunteers who are walking in solidarity and in the 'virtual' footsteps of so many people who have fled war and conflict and seek a new life on these shores and in Greater Manchester and Lancashire in particular. **Miles that Matter** is running from 1st May until International Refugee Week 14th - 18th June. If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to participate call Rachel Taylor 0161 817 2285 or visit the website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/miles-that-matter/>

The God who Speaks through Mark -

As we return to Ordinary Time after Pentecost, the Department for Formation is pleased to offer online evenings on the Gospel according to Mark. **Wednesday 2 June 2021- The Humanity of Jesus in Mark** (with Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp) **Wednesday 9 June 2021 - The Disciples in Mark** (with Fr Michael Deas) **Wednesday 16 June 2021 - The Little People in Mark** (with Fr Michael Winstanley SDB) Each presentation will be from 7.00 to 8.30 pm and will include time for discussion and questions. They are offered free of charge. To reserve a place on one or all the evenings and to receive the Zoom link in advance, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	29th May Vigil	6:00 pm	The Parish
Sun	30th May	10:00	The Most Holy Trinity Joan Molyneaux
Mon	31st May	9:15 am	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F) Abigail Bowman
Tues	1st June	10:30 am	St Justin (M) Funeral Service for David Galloway R.I.P.
Wed	2nd June	9:15 am	Sick, Infirm & Decease Clergy
Thurs	3rd June	9:15 am	St Charles Lwanga & Comp (M)
Fri	4th June		NO MASS
Sat	5th June Vigil	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	6th June	10:00	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ The Parish

St Mary's, Brownedge		
<u>Live Streaming Times</u>		
https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Open for Private Prayer	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm

Christian Heritage Centre Event - Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration

A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, besides anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith. **Runs 5th - 8th August.** For more info and registration, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

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Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.