GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Mysteries of Faith



In Jesus' farewell to his disciples he says, "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." It is clear that Jesus is teaching his disciples in stages. Like every good teacher, Jesus knows that we can only digest so much information at a time. The original disciples had to learn to walk before they could run, and that goes for us too.

We are all at different stages in our journey of faith, but that journey should never become static. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now." Jesus implies that we will be ready to learn more at some future date and he is leaving us the Spirit of truth to guide us towards revelation. In the face of great mysteries, it is tempting to give up and leave theology to the great academics; but we are reminded that God has revealed truth to all sorts of people from small children to acclaimed philosophers, and from simple fishermen to learned theologians.

God is a sympathetic teacher, but we have to play our part and be willing students. As adults it isn't good enough to rely on the faith we developed at school. There was nothing wrong with the faith we were given as youngsters of course, but it's time to develop our thinking and stretch our understanding. In an age of improved communications, discussion groups, television, competitive publishing and the internet, there's not much excuse for us to cease growing in intellect or spirituality.

Bitesize - "Begin challenging your own assumptions. Your assumptions are your windows on the world. Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won't come in." ~ Alan Alda



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.

Useful links: Diocesan Safeguarding – <u>https://www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding/</u> Diocesan Website – <u>http://www.rcdea.org.uk</u> Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <u>http://www.ndhs.org.uk</u> Daily Liturgy Website – <u>www.universalis.com</u>

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16TH JUNE 2019 – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – Year C

[11th Week of the Year, Weekday Year I, Psalter Week 3]

Mass Times for th	ne Week	Intentions	
Sat. 15 th June	6.00 pm	Tripity Sunday Salampity	Tony Harmer
Sun. 16 th June	9.00 am	Trinity Sunday - Solemnity [Parish Mass Book p81]	Mary & Gerald Reeder
	11.00 am		The People of the Parish
Mon. 17 th June	10.00 am	Feria	William Murphy (Mealy)
Tues. 18 th June	-	Feria	No Mass today–PP's day off
Weds. 19 th June	-	Feria	No Mass today
Thurs. 20 th June	10.00 am	Feria	Bob Shutt (Baker)
Fri. 21 st June	10.00 am	St. Aloysius Gonzaga	Tom Nally (Baker)
Sat. 22 nd June	10.30 am	SS John Fisher & Thomas	Priest's Int.
		More (Feast)	
Sat. 22 nd June	6.00 pm	The Most Holy Body and	Ann & Stephen Mealy
Sun. 23 rd June	9.00 am	Blood of Christ (Corpus	The People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Christi) - Solemnity	Maria Alexandra Coito Pita

Music for Trinity Sunday – Setting: The Belmont Mass (with Memorial Acclamation 1 & singing/intoning the Great Amen)

Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 887 – God, whose almighty Word ...

Psalm: (11am sung) *R*: How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth! **Offertory:** Hymn 963 – Eternal Father, strong to save ...

Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 315 – Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us ...

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm, or by request/appointment

The parish newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

Anniversaries this week: Ellen Whitehead, Cardinal Basil Hume, Claudinette Barbas, Thomas Day, Tony Harmer, Madeline Lambert, Francis Hunt, John McGee, Thomas Murphy, June Doreen Kanssen, Mary Holmes, Mary Rush and John Frizzell. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Robert Nicol, Eileen Brocklesby, Neville Hibberd, and Shirley Liebenhals.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £438.08 last weekend for the day-to-day running of our parish. **This Sunday** is **Day for Life** and there is a retiring collection for **Life Charities** after all Masses this weekend.

130 Club Draw for May 2019 - 1^{st} Prize £20 – Ticket No. 47; 2^{nd} Prize £15 – Ticket No. 184; 3^{rd} Prize £10 – Ticket No. 76; 4^{th} Prize £10 – Ticket No. 122; 5^{th} Prize £10 – Ticket No. 135.

Diary Dates for this week -				
Tues. 18 th June	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room		
Weds. 19 th June	6.30pm	Music selection & practice – Presbytery & Church. All		
		volunteers welcome to sing or play.		
Fri. 21 st June	7.15-8.15pm	Altar Servers meeting – Emmaus Room		
Sat. 22 nd June	11.00am	Saturday Club - Emmaus Room		

Easter Communion – Today, Trinity Sunday, is the last day for Easter Communions.

Mass Times – On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week I will be attending the Ministry to Priests Group in Clare, hence no Mass on Wednesday.

Sunday Liturgy – The form for the Penitential Rite at Mass for the next while will take the intercessional format, with an introduction, then an invocation, followed by the response. We will also be using the Belmont Mass setting for a while. We have tended to use it during Advent and Lent, which means that the Gloria in the Belmont setting may not be as familiar as The New People's Mass (Gregory Murray).

UCM – Last weekend's UCM cake stall raised £74.52, which will go to our nominated charities. Many thanks to all those who baked, bought and donated so generously to make it a success. Also, the minutes of the meeting held on 12^{th} June are now available either by email for those online or alternatively from the letter rack in church.

Confirmation 2020 - I have booked Bishop Alan for Confirmation in July next year. The programme of preparation will start in September 2019 for those who are interested. Candidates, please speak to Fr. Brendan if you are interested or curious about what it means to be a Confirmed Christian.

Forthcoming Events in August -

- Community of Christ the Prince: New Dawn Conference This annual Catholic family event is taking place at Walsingham from Monday 5th – Friday 9th August 2019 – see the poster at the back of church for details. <u>www.princeofpeace.org.uk</u>
- EA Diocesan Summer Camp 2019, Friday 23rd-Monday 26th August Come and join in a weekend of Faith, Food and Fun for children aged 8-14 years, at Moreton Hall School, Bury St. Edmunds. For more information please email diocesansummercamps@gmail.com or go to www.facebook/diocesansummercamps. Any parent/guardian needing assistance with costs, is encouraged to contact a member of the Planning Team. Similarly, if anyone would like to sponsor a child to attend camp or make a contribution towards costs, then please get in touch.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike, Walk, Drive ... in the Norfolk Countryside – Saturday, 14th September 2019, 9.00am – 5.00pm - Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, lead roofs are stolen, ancient timbers rot and medieval stonework crumbles. Now you can help by joining a sponsored bike ride or walk discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation. So, pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route from your own door to visit as many of the most beautiful churches in Norfolk you can. Plus, you can join with others in your parish to win £1000 for your church by becoming the parish with the most improved amount of money raised. *Simply get sponsored for each building you visit, or make a donation* – find out more at www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride or see the poster at the back of church.

With the ending of Eastertide last week, we return to reciting **The Angelus**:

- **ŷ**. 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 ...
- \tilde{V} . Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. \tilde{R} . That we may be made worth 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.