GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Who Is God?



As children we might have wondered what God was like. We might have pictured an old man with a fluffy white beard and a kind face. As we get older, we stop wondering what God is like and think about who God is. We might think that the trinity is some theological mystery, but perhaps it isn't as much a mystery as we think.

We already know a lot. We know that God is the Father who created a world for us to cherish, and who created each of us for an individual purpose. God is the Son who came and lived among us, teaching us how to become a part of God's Kingdom and saving the world from sin. God is the Holy Spirit left with us always to guide us towards truth. God is three persons but one God. God is certainly a mystery, but as Jesus himself points out, we are not expected to understand everything all of the time. All that is expected is that we keep searching for better understanding.

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 new 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.

It is tempting in the face of great mysteries like the Trinity 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 sensitive teacher, but we have to play our part and be willing students. In an age of improved communications, discussion groups, television, competitive publishing and the internet, there's not much excuse for us to cease searching for insight and truth.

Bitesize - All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them. ~ *Galileo Galilei, Italian astronomer & physicist (1564 - 1642)*

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.

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Martin Sanderson Parish Music team: Judy Reid, Kathleen Edmunds & William Preddy. Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Paul McIntee & Kate Meehan

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Sunday 15th June 2025 – The Most Holy Trinity

[Sundays Year C, 11th Week of the Year, Weekdays Year I, Psalter Week 3]

MASSES in the PARISH

Saturda	y 14 th June	
	First MASS of Sunday	Kath Davis+ and Family (Fdn)
Sunday 15 th June		THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. Day for Life
09.00	MASS	For the People of the Parish
11.00	MASS Live streamed	Rosario Preston & Family (Healing)
Monday 16 th June		Feria
-	No Mass today	
Tuesday 17 th June		Feria
	MASS	Nell Bradley+ <i>(Fdn)</i>
Wednesday 18 th June		Feria
	MASS	Lilian Carter+ <i>(Fdn)</i>
Thursday 19 th June		Feria
10.00	MASS & ADORATION	Sidney Carter+ (Fdn)
Friday 20 th June		Feria
-	No Mass today	
Saturday 21 st June		St Aloysius Gonzaga.
	First MASS of Sunday	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 22 nd June		THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF
		CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)
09.00	MASS	Rose Bere+ (Fdn)
11.00	MASS Live streamed	Mgr Harry Wace+ (Fdn)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and Saturday at 17.30 EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.

For Live Streamed Masses Search for Dereham Catholic Church on YouTube, or use the link on the parish website.

The parish newsletter is available on the parish website from Friday 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. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: Shirley Liebenhals, Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, Colette Barrow-Nessian, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Gretta Cummings, Katherine Vella, Pauline Organ, Pat Grout, George Mealy, Peggy Mealy, Richard Allison, Marion Ring-Davies, Patsy Thompson, Ann McWilliams, Margaret Glendon-Doyle, Mila Kaunaite, Elaine Wilkes, Anne Sibley.

Money Matters: Offerings for the following weeks were as follows -

Sunday 6th May: Plate £300.95;

Sunday 11th May: Plate £359.10 & £238.23 for the Diocesan Priests' Training Fund;

Sunday 18th May: Plate £291.78,

Sunday 25th May: Plate £239.94 and Plant Sale £171.00,

Offertory donations by standing orders for May was £2117.00,

Sunday 1st June: Plate £389.77 and £138.54 for World Communications Sunday Sunday 8th June: Plate £388.77 and £389.48 for Spiritans Fathers Thank you.

For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: **Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary Catholic Church.** The Sort Code is: **40-20-08** and the Account number is: **11311115.** If you are a tax payer, please also consider **Gift Aid**. **Gift Aid forms** are available at the back of church.

Day for Life – Today is Day for Life and there is a mandatory collection for the work of Life Charities, which will be taken after all Masses this weekend.

130 Club Monthly Draw Results for:

- March 2025: Quarterly Prize £25 Ticket No. 24, Kate Crowley; 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 30, Helen Wood; 2nd Prize £15 – 127, John Richardson; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 104, Martin Sanderson; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 123, Mad Knight.
- April 2025: 1st Prize £20 Ticket No. 6, Paul McIntee; 2nd Prize £15 Ticket No. 15, Richard May; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 113, Margaret Leggett; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 141, Roland Terry.

May 2025: 1st Prize £20 – Ticket No. 20, Dorothy Wheeler; 2nd Prize £15 – Ticket No. 2, William Preddy; 3rd Prize £10 – Ticket No. 178, Pauline Organ; 4th Prize £10 – Ticket No. 65, Augustina Lizor.

Special Thanks – Our special thanks go to Fr John Barnes, Fr Michael Stack, Fr James Walsh and the Spiritans Fathers for kindly celebrating the various weekend and weekday Masses for the Parish over the five weeks during Fr Jay's absence.

Diary for the week Sunday 15 th – Saturday 21 st June		
Sunday: 1100 Mass	Children's Liturgy – for children in Yr1 to 1 st Holy	
	Communion age.	
Monday: 1900-2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room	
Wednesday: 1430	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – Emmaus Room.	
-	All welcome.	
Wednesday: 1900-2000	RCIA Group – Emmaus Room	
Thursday: 1730-1830	First Communion Class – Emmaus Room	
Friday: 1915-2030	Altar Servers' Group – Emmaus Room	
Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578.		

First Communions – Please pray for Selena, Sofia, Marianne, Lucas, Mariana, Francisco, Josh, Amelia and Belkisa who will be making their First Communion next Sunday, 22nd June at 1100 Mass.

Church Flowers - We are very short on flower arrangers for the next few months and wondered if anyone would like to join us or help out by just doing a vase of flowers in front of the altar. There is a Rota on the notice board to add your name or contact Jan Duffield on 693687.

Father's Day Sunday 15th June

Father's Day is a day set apart to celebrate fatherhood, recognize the influence of fathers in our homes and society, and foster paternal bonds. **'Happy Father's Day'** to dads everywhere.

Month of the Sacred Heart.

On June 1, 2008, at his weekly Angelus address, Pope Benedict XVI urged Catholics "to renew, in this month of June, their devotion to the Heart of Jesus." The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a moveable feast, but it most often takes place in June, and thus June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart. This year we celebrate this feast on 27th June.

Thank you! We thank all our many parish volunteers and groups for their help each week in supporting the running and daily and spiritual life of the parish.