

Reflection

The Most Holy Trinity

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit.

Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.

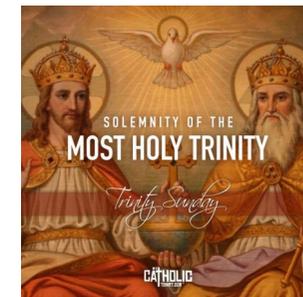
In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**MASS LIVE ON
FACEBOOK
(PAUL ROY LOMAS)**

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SATURDAY 6th. June Vigil Mass 4.00 pm SUNDAY 7th. June Mass 9.30 am



Saturday	6th	Vigil Mass 4 pm		parishioners
Sunday	7th	The Most Holy Trinity Mass 9.30 am		Adrian Clancy RIP
Tuesday	9th	Feria	Mass 10 am	All frontline workers
Wednesday	10th	Feria	Mass 10 am	The staff & children of our schools.
Thursday	11th	St. Barnabas Ap.	Mass 10 am	Those killed by the Virus
Friday	12th	Feria	Mass 10 am	sick & housebound
Saturday	13th	The Body and Blood of Christ	Vigil Mass 4 pm	Parishioners



**Next Week : Saturday 13th June
Vigil Mass 4 pm
Corpus et Sanguis Christi
14th June Mass at 9.30am**

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The Association of Christian Counsellors

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Dear Friend

We hope this email finds you well in these challenging times.

We wanted to let you know about a new service set up by the Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC) in response to the evident distress and suffering of many people as a result of the situation caused by COVID-19.

ACC's COVID-19 Crisis Counselling Support Service is for anyone in the UK, whatever their faith, who has been bereaved during the time of the epidemic and anyone working within an NHS setting in a frontline role.

The service offers anyone who is eligible up-to ten sessions of counselling on a no-fee basis from a professionally trained counsellor. All the volunteer counsellors belong to ACC or an equivalent professional body for example: BACP, UKCP and NCS.

Further information is available by visiting ACC's website <https://www.acc-uk.org/news/hidden-holding-pages/covid-19-crisis-counselling-support-service.html>

Saint Barnabas, original name **Joseph The Levite**, He is honoured as an Apostolic father, and important early Christian missionary.

Barnabas was a Greek Jew who joined the Jerusalem church soon after Christ's crucifixion, sold his property, and gave the proceeds to the community (Acts 4:36–37). He was one of the Cypriots who founded (Acts 11:19–20) the church in Antioch, where he preached. After he called Paul from Tarsus as his assistant (Acts 11:25), they undertook joint missionary activity (Acts 13–14) and then went to Jerusalem in 48. Shortly afterward, a serious conflict separated them, and Barnabas sailed to Cyprus (Acts 15:39). There is no contemporary mention of his activities. It is assumed that he wrote the *Letters to the Hebrews*. Barnabas' reputed tomb, discovered in 488, is near the Monastery of St. Barnabas, in the Cypriot city of Salamis, whose Christian community was founded by Paul and Barnabas.

Maryvale Sacred Heart Novena

All are invited to join online for the Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart at Maryvale Institute.

There will be a Mass, Sermon and Novena live streamed each evening at 8pm from Thursday 11 June to Friday 19 June 2020 (Feast of the Sacred Heart).

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating Mass on Sunday 21 June at 11am (on the day the 'physical' Pilgrimage would have taken place). It will be live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral.

Full details, and how to access each event, are available on the Diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/join-online-maryvale-sacred-heart->

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Queens Award for Voluntary Service



Some awesome news. Cohort 4 have received the above award! The whole team are so amazing, I'm thrilled for them. Beverley and the volunteers certainly deserve it. Put this link in your search bar and hear Mr Timothy Cox, Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire congratulate them.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CA7LhDPljOG/?igshid=ac0qxy9t7bof>

They are one of two organisations in Warwickshire this year to receive the award.



Covid 19 – The Pandemic and the Closed Churches We hear all kinds of news in the social media. Recently I have received guidance from the diocese on what we need to do when the churches are to be open. It looks like we would have to have a deep clean before we can open the doors. Then social distancing will have to be in place. Arrangements for people to exit and enter and so on. I know Cardinal Nichols has talked about being open for private prayer, but many of our churches are closed most days normally. Maybe we could be open for prayer for an hour on a particular day, the numbers able to be in would be limited and by pre-arrangement. I think it will be some weeks before the church will be open for us to gather together to celebrate Mass. Stay safe, stay home, keep praying.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

We now have in the porch printed Mass request Envelopes on which you can write the details of your mass request and place your mass offering insider.

Your weekly offering for the Upkeep of St. Benedict's.

Those of you who make a weekly cash offering are not able to do so now. Can I suggest you either download a Standing Order form from the Diocesan Website. If not, then put your money in the weekly envelopes and bring them to Mass when we can all meet again. Can I suggest that you hold on to the Easter Offering for Fr. Paul until we are back together again. Thank you.