

Prayer

You so loved the world, Lord God, that you gave your only Son that all might be saved.
Accompany your people on our journey.
Fashion our lives in your true image,
that we may embrace one another in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
live in the communion of the Holy Spirit,
and show forth your steadfast love and faithfulness that the world may see and believe.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP : PRAY FOR US

◀ Throughout these weeks of 'lockdown', when it is not possible to visit the church to pray and light a candle, the votive light at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is burning night and day for us all - for our cares, prayers and intentions.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Compton Glasgow, Father Tom Jordan, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

6-12 June: Albert Wotherspoon, Tom Miller Jones, Eddie McGeary, Pam Denton, Jim Hughes, Gisela Duncan, Mary Hall, Maura Coddington, Patrick Kelly, Father Thomas Crowe (former assistant priest at Corpus Christi), Peter Lewis and Frances Dowling.

SAINT PAUL IN ACTS

During the Easter period we have been hearing excerpts from the Acts of the Apostles at the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. It is from Scriptures such as these, which point to the priorities of Christian faith lived in the world, that we can reinvigorate our faith as we go forward from Pentecost to face new problems for the world and for the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and parish priest of Gidea Park, has prepared a new talk 'Paul in Acts' which can be accessed by going to: www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Thursday is the **Memorial of St Barnabas, apostle** – one of the missionary companions of St Paul. He was a 'good man filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith'.

Saturday is the **Memorial of St Anthony of Padua, priest and Doctor of the Church** - although he died before he was forty, in the year 1231, this Franciscan priest had proved himself to be an impressive preacher, a Scripture scholar, and a formidable defender of the Faith. There is much more to this popular saint than finding whatever is lost.

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This week, the light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Joseph Frendo.

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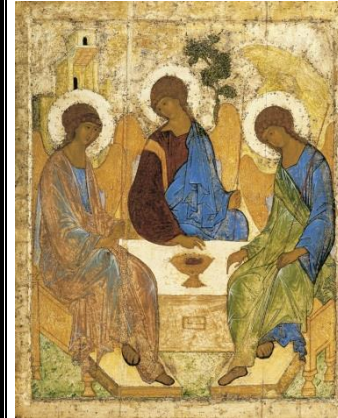
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Solemnity of the Holy Trinity *Prayers and Readings*

6-7 June 2020



*"Three Persons who are one God
because the Father is love, the Son is love, the Spirit is love.
God is wholly and only love,
the purest, infinite and eternal love".*

Pope Benedict XVI

*Due to the Coronavirus pandemic,
all public acts of worship are suspended
and churches are locked until further notice.*

*This newsletter includes readings from Sunday's Mass,
which you might like to use as an aid to prayer and reflection.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

available at any time on request

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org

(for use at home)

Sign of the Cross

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness." And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. "If I have indeed won your favour, Lord," he said, "let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage."

Psalm

Daniel 3: 52-56

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers: to you glory and praise for evermore.

Blest your glorious holy name: to you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the temple of your glory: to you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom: to you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest who gaze into the depths: to you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven: to you glory and praise for evermore.

Second Reading

II Corinthians 13: 11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Reading

John 3: 16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son."

Reflection

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, Trinity Sunday, 11 June 2017

The Bible readings for this Sunday, feast of the Most Holy Trinity, helps us to enter into the identity of God. The second reading presents the departing words that Saint Paul bids to the community of Corinth: "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you" (2 Cor 13:13). This - as we say - "blessing" of the Apostle is the fruit of his personal experience with God's love, that love which the Risen Christ revealed to him, which transformed his life and "impelled" him to take the Gospel to the peoples. Beginning from his experience of grace, Paul could exhort Christians with these words: "... rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another" (v. 11). The Christian community, even with all its human limitations, can become a reflection of the communion of the Trinity, of its kindness, of its beauty. But this - just as Paul himself testifies - necessarily passes through the experience of God's mercy, of his forgiveness.

It is what happens to the Hebrews in the Exodus journey. When the people break the covenant, God presents himself to Moses in the cloud in order to renew that pact, proclaiming his own name and its meaning. Thus he says: "the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity" (Ex 34:6). This name implies that God is not distant and closed within himself, but is Life which seeks to be communicated, is openness, is Love which redeems man of his infidelity. God is "merciful", "gracious" and "rich in charity" because he offers himself to us so as to fill the gap of our limitations and our shortcomings, to forgive our mistakes, to lead us back to the path of justice and truth. This revelation of God is fulfilled in the New Testament thanks to the Word of Christ and to his mission of salvation. Jesus made manifest the face of God, in substance One and in persons Triune; God is all and only Love, in a subsistent relationship that creates, redeems and sanctifies all: Father and Son and Holy Spirit.

Today's Gospel "sets the stage" for Nicodemus, who, while playing an important role in the religious and civil community of the time, has not ceased seeking God. He did not think: "I have arrived"; he did not cease seeking God; and now he has perceived the echo of His voice in Jesus. In the night-time dialogue with the Nazarene, Nicodemus finally understood that he had already been sought and awaited by God, that he was personally loved by Him. God always seeks us first, awaits us first, loves us first. He is like the flower of the almond tree; thus says the Prophet: "It blooms first" (cf. Jer 1:11-12). In fact Jesus speaks to him in this way: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). What is this eternal life? It is the immeasurable and freely given love of the Father which Jesus gave on the Cross, offering his life for our salvation. And this love with the action of the Holy Spirit has shined a new light on the earth and into every human heart that welcomes him; a light that reveals the dark corners, the hardships that impede us from bearing the good fruits of charity and of mercy.

Prayers of Intercession

For the Church, called to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ:
May all who share one baptism find communion in the Holy Spirit.
Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For all the peoples of the earth, children of God who loves the world:
May we learn to live with each other in harmony and peace.
Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For married couples, for parents and children, for those who live in religious communities:
May their love and respect for one another reflect the life of the Holy Trinity.
Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For the sick and suffering members of our community:
May our care and concern be for them a healing communion.
Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For all the dead who lives were sealed with the sign of the Trinity:
May God receive them into the heritage of all the saints.
Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Our Father . . .

Spiritual Communion

written by St Alphonsus Ligouri

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and for ever. Amen.

Reflection

The Trinity ...

"the union of Persons bound up one with the others in eternal communion.
God is one and is never alone:
God is always the living-together and co-existence of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
all three existing from the beginning,
revealing each other, knowing one another
and communicating themselves from the beginning".

Leonardo Boff, *Trinity and Society*, 1986