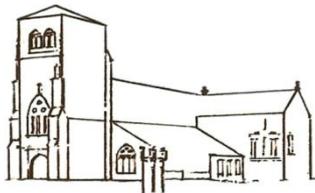


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Trinity Sunday

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Revolution in kindness (as encouraged by Jean Vanier). Thought for this week –
...when you cannot find the sunshine be the sunshine.

Today's **Scripture readings** “*the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*”

It is the Spirit who brings believers to faith in Jesus, the one whom the Father has sent to save us. We pray to be filled with the gifts of the Spirit so that we may share in the rich life, revealed to us by Jesus Christ. Those who respond to the Spirit come to share in the unity, the love and ultimately the joy of union with God.

God is revealed as the God of “relationships”, each person bound to the others by an infinite love. That love of its nature overflows into creation, into the making of each one of us. Such is that love that God has “emptied himself” in Jesus. He has chosen to share in the pain of humanity. God’s dream is to unite all people together in the Holy Spirit that we return to Abba as Jesus did, and salvation be completed.

How can we express our faith in the Trinity? The key elements coming from Scripture are *love and unity*. To find symbols to express some truth about the Trinity we use those associated with the individual persons as they are revealed to us. There is *Abba*, there is the *Son*, made flesh and crucified as reflected in the cross, and there is the *Spirit*, the dove of peace.

Each Person relates to each of us, Creator, Saviour and the One who makes us holy. What tells us most about the Trinity is the *unity*, where Jesus prays that the Oneness in God may be found in his own followers. All which divides us, racism, religious bigotry, class distinctions, education snobbishness, each of which separates us from each other and demands that I change.

We must work for unity among *Christians*. We must work for unity among the *world religions*. We must work for unity among *all peoples*.

One of Paul’s key demands is that we keep the “*unity of the Spirit*”. We must respect each other as a child of God, saved by the blood of Jesus, and bonded in the unity and love of the Holy Spirit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which we celebrate every weekend -
on Saturday, 4.15-5.15 p.m., and on Sunday, 9.15-10.15 a.m.
There will be no confessions next Saturday or Sunday.

Mass this week is as follows -
Saturday 5.30 p.m. Carol Rigby
Sunday 10.30 a.m. Parishioners
Saturday 5.30 p.m. Private intention

From Wednesday there will be no weekday Mass until Thursday of next week, 7th. June.
But on Thursday and Friday of this week Deacon Francis will celebrate a service of the
Word and of Holy Communion at 12.00 noon.

There is a **Funeral** this week, a Requiem Mass for James Heeney, on Tuesday at 10.30
a.m. Please pray for James and for his family.

Gracy Mendonca, a former parishioner, has died. Her funeral is in the Cathedral on 4th.
June at 11.00 a.m.

Please keep our sick friends in your prayer - John Nash, Philip Wrench, Kelly Wilson,
Steve Casey, Pat Brown, Pat Dalton, Adam Dean, Stephen Woo, Nancy Goss, Saadat, Ken
Otu, Flo Coffey, Sister Win, Ann McMahan, Bernie Connolly, Andy Murphy, and the
many who have asked for our prayer this week. We pray for people in pain – many among
our congregation. We would like to know of anyone at all who is housebound. We also
take Holy Communion to the Marmaduke Street Care Home (Lotus Care), Arundel Park
Nursing Home, Greenheys Lodge, Redford House (Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust) on
Upper Parliament Street, to the Granby Hub, and to the Liverpool Women's Hospital. If
you seek prayer for your sick family and friends please let us know. We can take Holy
Communion to them. I am happy to remove the name of Selamawit from our sick list. She
is a young mother and by God's grace all signs of cancer have gone
Please pray for James Heeney and Gracy Mendonca who have died.

The next **Parish Assembly** will be on 14th.July.
The **Prayer Group** will meet in **St. Anne's House** on Friday at 7.30 p.m.
The **Men's Group** will meet Monday, 11th.June at 7.30 p.m. in St Bernard's.
The next **Justice & Peace** group is next Thursday, 21st. June in St. Bernard's

Money Report . The collection last weekend was **£589.43**. Add on £624.80 from standing
orders and tax returns to make a total of **£1,214.43** Thank you all very much.

Holy Land Pilgrimage -21st-28th. February 2019. Forms are available in the sacristy.

Care for our common home. In the Judaeo-Christian tradition, the word "creation" has a
broader meaning than "nature", for it has to do with God's loving plan in which every
creature has its own value and significance. Nature is usually seen as a system which can
be studied, understood and controlled, whereas creation can only be understood as a gift
from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love
which calls us together into universal communion. (Pope Francis in Laudato Si)

The **Catholic Pic** for May is available (free)

Share the Journey This is a global campaign launched by Pope Francis and promoted by CAFOD and charities around the world, for the rights of people on the move. Its aim is to raise awareness of the huge journeys refugees and migrants have to make when they leave their homes because of war or persecution.

The Catholic community worldwide is asked to offer support in an act of solidarity with our global neighbours as they have to flee their homes. The idea is that supporters contribute to a total walk of 24,900 miles - the distance around the whole world. Every step we take will send a message to world leaders that they must step up too.

Pope Francis says: “ Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age”

The facts: In 2017 more than half a million people- mostly Rohingya- fled from violence in Myanmar to neighbouring Bangladesh, where CAFOD supports local organisations to provide food, water and shelter.

Over 1million South Sudanese people have fled civil war to take refuge in Uganda. In Lebanon, CAFOD works with Palestinian, Iraqi and Syrian refugees to help with education for children and training for adults

Every minute, 20 people around the world are forced to flee (UNHCR 2016)

Our plan: as a parish we will take our walk together in Sefton Park on **Sunday 1st July after Mass**. We will have three possible options- a 2 mile walk around the park, a 1 mile walk around the lake and the stream and a half mile walk for anyone who would prefer a shorter version. We all keep a record of our journey and then we add them together to give a St. Anne's total. We will meet up together after the walk for a picnic in the park. So if 100 of us take part and 40 of us walk 2 miles, a further 30 walk 1 mile and the remaining 30 walk half a mile, it will add up to 125 miles!! (40 x 2, plus 30 x 1, plus 30 x 0.5)

Once we have a parish total, we enter the miles onto the CAFOD totaliser, so they can add it to those of other churches.

We can of course undertake additional walks and keep a note of our own totals, then enter them onto the CAFOD website.

We will start with a prayer and each of us will receive a leaflet with the story of one individual who has had to flee their home. We can reflect on this story as we walk. There is also a postcard to send to the Prime Minister to urge her to work with other world leaders to ensure the global agreements on migration and refugees will respect human dignity and protect the vulnerable, support host countries, keep families together and tackle the reasons why people have to flee (such as conflict and climate change).

This is because in September 2018, world leaders will finalise two global agreements at the United Nations: one on refugees and one on migration. These could offer hope to and protection to people who are forced to flee their homes and countries but only if our governments listen to the refugees, migrants and communities where they live.

So, here's hoping for a beautiful sunny day on Sunday 1st July! (But if the weather is really bad, we could postpone til Sunday 8th July) Why not bring along family and friends so they can add their walk to the total. *(Thank you, Ann, for writing this piece)*

On Sunday, 10th. June, after Mass, there will be a special celebration in the Parish Rooms when we can thank those people who inspired, planned and constructed the new rooms.

Parish Syrian Refugee Resettlement Scheme: at Mass today there will be a short appeal and collection for the scheme to bring a Syrian family out of a refugee camp to a new life in the U.K. This is a response to Pope Francis' appeal for each parish to sponsor a family. We need £9,000 to support an application. We are working with St. Charles's parish and St. James's C of E parish to raise the money, and hope you can give generously.

The Priests are live in concert at the Philharmonic Hall on Friday, 1st. June. The Phil box office number is 0151 709 3789. Proceeds are in aid of the Nugent Care Society and the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Ladyewell pilgrimage. Barbara organised last week's Catholic Pic pilgrimage to Ladyewell and a number of our parishioners went. Tom O'Shea and Cathy Griffin want everyone to know what a special occasion it turned out to be. The organisation, the community spirit and the camarardie, they say, were all excellent, but above all there was a spiritual presence which everyone seemed to imbibe. The presence of God and the Blessed Mother were very real. Thanks, Barbara. Where to next?

(From our Justice & Peace group) **Fracking** contributes to both air and water pollution, and increases the potential for harmful oil spills, which can harm the soil and surrounding vegetation. A group of protestors gather every day outside the fracking works run by Cuadrilla in Lancashire. They assemble on Preston New Road, midway between Preston and Blackpool.

At the initiative of a group of Quakers, **an interfaith alliance** has been formed called, '**No Faith in Fracking**'. This group goes to the site on the last Friday of every month. **A group of us would like to go from our parish on Friday 29th June**, and on other dates too. It is possible to get there directly by train to Kirkham and Wesham Station and then by bus. If you think you might be interested in going, please sign your name at the back of the church.

Little Mick's Spot (paws for thought) I was pleased at first this week when I saw the headline in the Echo "Paws for thought". My fame is spreading, I thought, the headline of my column. Imagine my disgust to find some one had stolen my heading for something totally different (Maybe I should ask Eddie to pray for them. After all, it was his idea!). I have



been tormented this week. There are numerous rat holes in our yard at present as demolition of the hall gathers pace. I spend all my time sniffing around them and getting more and more angry. (If I were one of you I would need confession). I can hear and smell the little varmints - they are laughing at me. We're safe down here , they're saying, ha, ha, ha.. TD laughs at me and says no self respecting rat would come out when you're around. And the noise you make, he said, squealing and barking just to get another sniff. Also there has been a mouse in the house. Zienab saw it. I can smell it. I tried desperately hard to get under the sink and then under the kitchen unit where the little varmint was hiding. I don't think that was laughing though. This is my territory. I presume I scared it away. Don't worry. I'll make sure TD is safe. After all he's my bread (chicken) basket.