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12 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 Psalter Week 3		Trinity Sunday	
First Reading	Proverbs 8:22-31 <i>Before the earth came into being, Wisdom was born.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!		
Second Reading	St Paul to the Romans 5:1-5 <i>To God, through Christ, in the love poured out by the Spirit.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!		
Gospel	John 16:12-15 <i>Everything the Father has is mine: all the Spirit tells you will be taken from what is mine.</i>		
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Bernie Wogan RIP)	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June +	10.30am	Mass – (For the Parish)	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June St Anthony of Padua – Priest & Doctor - mem	10.00am	Mass – (Michael Tarrant RIP)	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June Feria		No Parish Mass today	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June Feria		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June St Richard of Chichester - Bishop	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Bruce Kelly RIP)	
Friday – 17 <sup>th</sup> June Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Brian & Eileen Barrett Int.)	
Saturday – 18 <sup>th</sup> June Feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral	10.00am 10.30am	Mass – (Sherine Winters RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)</b> Day for Life			
Saturday – 18 <sup>th</sup> June +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday – 19 <sup>th</sup> June +	10.30am	Mass – (Fr Bernard Barrett Int.)	

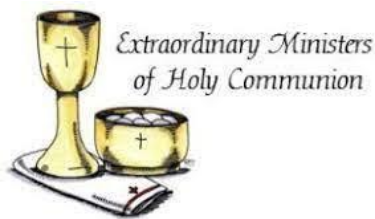
**NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND COLLECTION – DAY FOR LIFE**



## Congratulations

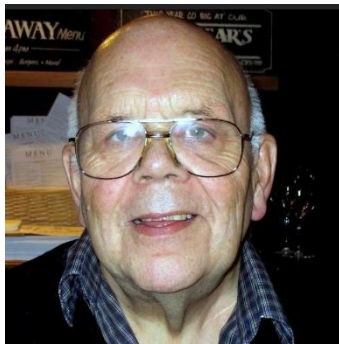
Many congratulations to the young people of our Parish who, in the past week, have received either their first Holy Communion or who were Confirmed by Bishop David on Pentecost Sunday. Please do keep them, their families and friends in your prayers.

Many thanks also to those who helped prepare them to receive the sacraments and to those who helped prepare our church for the first Holy Communion Mass.



## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Bishop David invites all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to join him in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament **this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 3pm – 4pm at Northampton Cathedral.**



## Fr Edmund Worthy RIP

Our diocese is sad to hear that Fr Edmund Worthy passed away gently at his home at about 2:30pm last Tuesday. Fr Edmund was Parish Priest at St Joseph's, Luton from 1997-2000; Our Lady Help of Christians, Luton from 2000-2001; Our Lady of Peace, Burnham from 2001 – 2003 and finally at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Wellingborough from 2003 – 2015 from where he retired.

Fr Edmund was a very kind and gentle Priest who suffered with illness for many years but for which he bore it with great dignity and

humility. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*



## Are you new to our Parish?

Since the original 'lockdown' back in March 2020 it is possible that you may have moved into the Parish and that we don't have your details. In order to keep our records up to date, if you or your family have moved into the parish in the last two years, can you please check with Denise that

she has your details recorded – contact details for Denise are at the top of this newsletter.

Similarly, if you are planning to move out of the parish in the coming weeks/months, again please let Denise know.



## Milton Keynes Foodbank

You will all be well aware of the current cost of living crisis that is affecting so many people – these difficult times are particularly challenging for those individuals and families less fortunate than many of us. We continue to be ever grateful for the tremendous support that you have given to the

Foodbank over many years. If you wish to make any donations please deposit them in the box by the Presbytery door – this is emptied daily and the goods taken to Milton Keynes each week.

Thank you

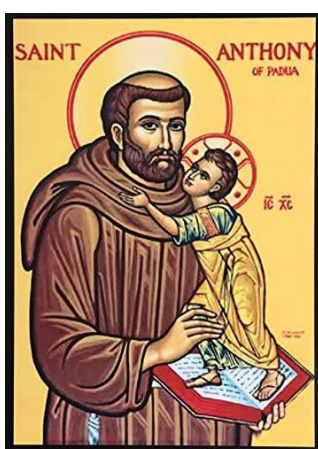


## Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury – 18<sup>th</sup> June

The Cathedral is the mother church of the Roman Catholic Church in Diocese of Northampton.

The word “cathedral” derives from the Greek word “kathedra,” meaning “chair.” The chair of the diocesan bishop is the seat from which he guides the life of the Church in a particular geographical region known as a diocese. This chair is a symbol

of his authority to teach, sanctify and govern the people of Christ. The church in which this chair is housed is consequently known as a cathedral church — the bishop’s own parish church. This coming Saturday we will be celebrating the feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral (a solemnity in the Cathedral). On this very special day, we should pray for our Diocese, our Parish, the Priests and Deacons of our Diocese, the Religious Communities in our Diocese and for the people of our Diocese. But we should especially pray for Bishop David and all of his predecessors.

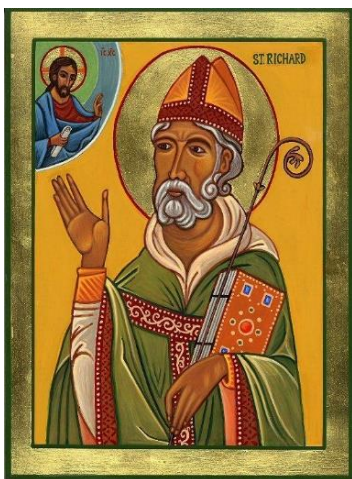


## St Anthony of Padua

St. Anthony was born in 1195 (13 years after St. Francis of Assisi) in Lisbon, which is now known as Portugal. Given the baptismal name of Fernando, his parents, Martin and Mary Bulhom, belonged to one of the most prominent families of the city. At the age of 15 Fernando entered the religious order of St. Augustine. Monastery life was hardly peaceful for the youth, nor conducive to prayer and study, since his old friends came to visit frequently and engaged in vehement political discussions. After two years, at his request he was sent to Coimbra (Portugal). There he began nine years of intense study learning the Augustinian theology that he would later combine with Franciscan vision. Fernando was most likely ordained a priest during this time.

The life of the young priest took a crucial turn when the bodies of the first five Franciscan martyrs were returned from Morocco. The Franciscans had been preaching Christ at a mosque in Seville. They were in danger of being martyred at the outset, but the sultan allowed them to pass on to Morocco, where, after continuing to preach about Christ — despite repeated warnings, they were tortured and beheaded.

## St Richard of Chichester



Richard was Bishop of Chichester for eight years in the mid-13th century, was well acquainted with both hard work and suffering. Though a gifted scholar and lawyer, he did not flinch from physical labour; and as Bishop he found himself a homeless outcast in his own diocese, until King Henry III finally accepted his appointment by the Pope. His prayer reflects the commitment and 'stickability' needed by anyone who seeks to be a true follower of Jesus.

**Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits which you have given us,  
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.  
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,  
may we know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day.  
Amen.**



## Reflection on The Holy Trinity

There are many things in our lives that we cannot explain but nonetheless we can understand in varying degrees. You only have to look around our present-day world at all of the inventions and gadgets that seek to make our lives better – the internet, the mobile ‘phone, the i pad, and so on. For many of us we haven’t a clue as to how these things work but we know that they do and that is enough for us. Why do we need to know how it works? So often our faith can be like this – there are things that we simply cannot explain. The Holy Trinity is one good example – it is for many Christians a great problem. Theologians have wrestled with the meaning of the Holy Trinity for centuries and will, I’m sure, go on offering all manner of different and complicated explanations. But I ask myself, why would God make something as important to our faith as belief in the Trinity so complicated? Surely, He wouldn’t - then if He hasn’t then it must be down to how we are thinking about it.

Such is the apparent complexity of the Holy Trinity that large numbers of Christians get very worried about not understanding something that is at the centre of our faith. But not understanding is vastly different to not believing – it is possible for us to believe in something without fully understanding it – that is faith. How many times during the day we make the sign of the cross – Father, Son & Holy Spirit – acknowledging the Holy Trinity - the very symbol of our Christian belief – and a very rich prayer in itself.

Each one of us are on our own individual journey of faith in search of our heavenly home and each one of us goes about this in our own particular way, no one way being better than another – it’s simply our way. This journey is littered with all kinds of obstacles and challenges which we need to overcome but our faith should tell us that all is well – God is with us every step of the way but we need to let Him in. Our faith tells us that it was God who in His wisdom and love created us – you and I – it was God who in His wisdom and love sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to show us the way, by suffering and dying for our sins, to rise again having conquered death and offering us true redemption, it was God who in His wisdom and love sent the Holy Spirit into our lives to be our constant guide. The teachings on the Holy Trinity are really not that complicated – we are able to think about God who created heaven and earth as our Father; to think about Him coming into the world as a man to live amongst us as the Son; and to think about God being present in our daily lives today in the form of the Holy Spirit. In other words, we can understand God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and we know and believe there is but one God – our problems perhaps come when we try to put all of this together – how can three seemingly separate Persons be one God? So, do we just shrug our shoulders and put the Trinity to one side as being too complex for us or should we not be pondering this great mystery?

Whilst we may not understand how it is that God can be both one God and also three Persons, we should draw great profit from meditating on the revelation that He is. For each of these three Persons is complete and perfect in itself: the Father is perfect as the Father; Jesus is perfect as the Son and the Spirit is perfect as the Spirit. Yet they are one God and that God is infinite and therefore cannot be divided. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity must therefore be bound together in the perfect unity of perfect love. And it is here that I feel we are best to concentrate our efforts on understanding the Holy Trinity – Perfect Unity – Perfect Love

We are all called to become more like God and so the Holy Trinity is a model for us and a very rich one. We are called not only to become perfect people but also to be bound together in the perfect unity of perfect love – now that can be a problem for us. *Deacon Peter*

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Edmund, St Anthony, St Richard, pray for us all.  
With our love and prayers – Fr David & Deacon Peter