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4 th June 2023 Psalter Week 1		The Most Holy Trinity	
First Reading	Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9 <i>Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	To you glory and praise for evermore.		
Second Reading	2 St Paul to the Corinthians <i>The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!		
Gospel	John 3:16-18 <i>God sent His Son so that through Him the world might be saved.</i>		
Saturday 3rd June +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)	
Sunday 4th June +	10.30am	Mass – (Croucher & Chance family intentions)	
Monday 5th June <i>St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr – mem.</i>		No Parish Mass today	
Tuesday 6th June <i>St Norbert, Bishop – op mem.</i>	10.00am	Mass - (Foundation Mass – Throckmorton family)	
Wednesday 7th June <i>St Robert of Newminster – op mem.</i>		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 8th June <i>Feria</i>	6.30pm 7.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (John Crookham RIP)	
Friday – 9th June <i>St Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor</i> <i>St Columba, Abbott</i>	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – (Tim Ashford RIP)	
Saturday – 10th June Our Lady on Saturday	11.00am	Mass – (Children making their First Holy Communion & their families)	
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST			
Saturday – 10th June +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Eileen Barrett Int.)	
Sunday 11th June +	10.30am	Mass – (For the Parish)	

Note: Mass next Saturday will be at 11.00am
No Parish Mass on Wednesday

Many thanks for your continued Financial Support

Last Week's Collection: **£231.00**

Card Reader: **£30.00**

Average Weekly Standing Orders: **£239.00**

TOTAL: £500.00

Second Collection for Catholic Use of Media: **£135.00**



First Holy Communion – this Sunday Patrick & Savannah will be receiving their First Holy Communion and on **Saturday 10th June** Sophie, Matilda, Jimmy, Johnny, Frank, Catherine, Scarlett, Joseph, Ezekiel & Robbie will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the **11.00am** Mass. Please do keep our young people, their families, and friends, in your thoughts and prayers.



CORPUS CHRISTI – next Sunday 11th June, we are proposing to have a celebration on the feast of Corpus Christi. At the end of the 10.30am we will process into the garden with the Blessed Sacrament with the First Holy Communion children and then have tea/coffee and refreshments afterwards. Please could we ask if anybody can help serve teas and coffees or can bake cakes can they fill in the sheet at the back of church. If anyone would be willing to help with serving the refreshments, for this or for any other Sunday teas and coffees, please sign the form or contact Áine Cooper or Fr David.



News from the Potting Shed

The Plant Sale organised by Terry Askew raised about **£175** (subject to final reconciliation) which will go towards the replacement windows. Terry would like to express his thanks to everyone who supported him in this venture and we would like to thank you Terry for organising this – well done everyone! Terry says, *“I would be happy to sow some pansies and other plants etc for winter colour; and if people would like me to sow some perennials for next year, I would be happy for them to email me with ideas as to what they would like”*: terry.askew@aol.co.uk



Helping Hands Sunday – will be held on **Sunday 25th June** after the morning Mass on the theme of *“Many hands make light work.”* The idea is to see if people would be willing to volunteer to help in one area of parish life so that everyone is involved; at the same time, by having many people involved, no-one will have to do too much, as we know we all have busy lives. This is especially important since Fr David will be working 3 days a week at Allen Hall Seminary in London from September.



Margaret & Larry's Café – every Tuesday, after the 10.00am Mass, you are warmly invited to stay for a cup of tea/coffee & biscuits (sometimes homemade cake) in the parish hall and share time with one another in a warm & friendly atmosphere.

Pastoral Area Council – the *Pastoral Area Council* is being revamped and rejuvenated. Our Pastoral Area is large with diverse parishes. We would hope to have an additional member or two from the parish to attend in the future with our regular Parish Delegate. If you are interested or would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to either Fr David or Deacon Peter.



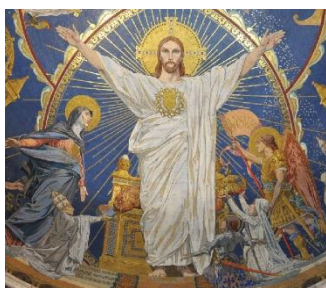
THE BECKET FESTIVAL - St Thomas Becket is the co-patron of our Diocese, and the Solemnity of the Translation of the Relics will be celebrated at the Cathedral on 7th July, followed throughout the day by Veneration of the Relic. On 8 July will be an Ecumenical walk including the ancient Holy Sepulchre Church, Becket's well and St Peter's Church. On 9th July in the afternoon Dr Judith Champ will deliver the Becket Lecture, after which Vespers of St Thomas will be celebrated. Full details will be available nearer the time.

We have been notified that His Excellency, The Most Reverend Miguel Maury Buendia, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain will visit our diocese from **Thursday 6th July - Saturday 8th July**. This will coincide with the Becket Festival, our diocesan Mass for the Translation of the Relics of St Thomas Becket, and the opening of the Saint Thomas Centre. We will keep you informed of these once arrangements have been finalised.



Diocesan Assembler Webinars A series of webinars will be held on the main themes of the Diocesan Assembly on 15th July. It will reflect on what arose from the listening last year. **If you would like to attend the Assembly as a parish delegate, please contact Fr David as soon as possible.** The working parties will present their main findings and recommendations, and there will be time for small group conversation. These are open to everyone

so that feedback can be heard from as many people as possible. 12th June, Women's Ministry; 19th June: Life of the Priest; 26th June: Resourcing a Missionary Diocese; 3rd July: Reaching the Marginalised; 10th July: Lay engagement in decision making
Register here for the link: https://assembly_webinars.eventbrite.co.uk



Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus June is the month specially dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You will find a Litany dedicated to the Sacred Heart on the website. This devotion reminds us how in Jesus's Heart, the love of God has been made manifest: a love that atones for our sins, that reaches out with healing, that longs to bring peace to our hearts and to the world, a love that suffers with us in our

sufferings, a love that transforms our crosses into offerings of love which save souls and atones for sins and spreads the victory of God's grace throughout the world. Please do think about praying the Litany every day this month.

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 Rita, St John Henry Newman, St Boniface, St Norbert, St Robert of Newminster, St Ephrem & St Columba pray for us.

With our love and prayers to you all - Fr David, Fr Patrick & Deacon Peter