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26 th May 2024 Psalter Week 4		The Most Holy Trinity	
First Reading	Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40 <i>The Lord is God indeed: He and no other</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	Happy the people the Lord has chosen as His own.		
Second Reading	St Paul to the Romans 8:14-17 <i>The Spirit Himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God</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	Matthew 28:16-20 <i>Go and make disciples of all the nations</i>		
Saturday 25 th May +		5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Patricia Hrycyk RIP)
Sunday 26 th May +		10.30am	Mass – (Pro Populo)
Monday 27 th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, Bishop			No Parish Mass today
Tuesday 28 th May Feria		10.00am	Mass - (Foundation Mass: Throckmorton)
Wednesday 29 th May Pope St Paul VI			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 30 th May Blessed Richard Newport, Priest, Martyr		6.30pm	Mass (Yvette Crofts Ints)
Friday – 31 st May VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		10.00am	Mass (Mary McAllister RIP)
Saturday – 1 st June St Justin Martyr		10.00am 10.30am	Mass – (Robin Symes Int) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi			
Saturday – 1 st June +		5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday – 2 nd June +		10.30am	Mass – (Catherine Bott Ints)

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £451.45

DCP – £40.00

Average Standing Orders: £464.00

Total: £955.45

Our Lady Help of Christians

Many thanks to those who came on Friday to celebrate our Parish Patronal Solemnity. Many thanks especially to our amazing Social Committee who helped prepare some enjoyable refreshments for after the Mass.

Month of May – Our Lady's Month



We are now in the last week of May. As war and violence continues to beset our world, threatening to escalate, **I would like to encourage us all to pray the Rosary for peace.** These are difficult times, and we can all contribute to solutions through our prayer and sacrifices and fasting.

SVP Healing Mass – The SVP would like to thank everyone who attended the Healing Mass and lunch last Saturday, and we would also like to thank Fr David for celebrating the Mass and the Sacrament of the Sick. One of those who attended summed up the comments the SVP has received: “The atmosphere was amazing with everyone feeling the benefits of the Healing Mass and good food.”



Parish Forum Meeting – will take place on this coming **Thursday 30th May at 7.00pm** in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to come, to hear what is going on, to ask questions, to make suggestions, and to contribute your ideas. There will be some good new initiatives to discuss. Please do come! Mass will be celebrated beforehand at 6.30pm.

Message from the Social Committee Please note a change of date from 2nd to 9th June for after Mass tea/ coffee. The 10:30 Mass on **Sunday 9 June** will be a **Children's Mass** and a warm welcome is extended to all families particularly those with children that are making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 15 June. After the Children's Mass everyone is invited to a small celebration and to wish the children well for their forthcoming special day.

Many thanks to our Organist and Choir for all their hard work and splendid accompaniment of the Mass each week. If you would like to join the choir, they meet to practise most Monday evenings in the church at 7.30pm. Have a word with Nick our organist or with Eva if you are interested.

DIACONATE VOCATION INFORMATION MORNING

For anyone who feels a calling to become a Permanent Deacon in our Diocese. Come along to St Mary's Catholic Church, Dunstable, on Saturday 8th June from 10am-12noon.



Catholic Grandparents Association - At our April meeting, with thirteen attending, we enjoyed exploring together the subject of 'How much do our grandchildren know about us, and how well do we know our grandchildren.' In previous months we had the opportunity to speak about our Family Trees and to discuss the issue of 'Truth and Relativism in today's society.' These subjects evoked lively discussion

and the sharing of experiences. Our next meeting at **2pm as usual in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 29th May** will be an opportunity over a cup of tea or coffee to share news of our grandchildren's lives and experiences. We will pray together about any particular concerns we have. The overall subject will be **'Grandparents' fantastic opportunities when grandchildren demand to hear about The olden days'**. Please come along if you can. If this will be your fifth meeting you will qualify to receive the beautiful membership badge. All welcome.



'Laudato Si' Week 19th – 26th May 2024 ends this Sunday completing the theme this year of **"Seeds of Hope"**, which calls on all of us to be seeds of hope in our lives and in the (natural) world. See this website for more information: <https://laudatosiweek.org> Our parish Laudato Si Group has been working together to reflect on how we as a parish can make our contribution to our God-given stewardship of the natural world and its resources. Hopefully you will hear more in the near future about some of the initiatives they are planning.

'Called to be Peacemakers': The Bishops Conference for England and Wales International Affairs department have released a new document offering a Catholic approach to arms control and disarmament titled 'Called to be Peacemakers' Read the document here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/05/Called-to-be-Peacemakers.pdf>



Blessed Carlo Acutis to be canonised a Saint:

Carlo was born in London on 3rd May 1991, in a non-practising Italian Catholic family, and was baptised in the Church of Our Lady of Dolours in Chelsea before the family returned to Italy. Some early religious experiences moved his heart, and he began to practise his Faith – eventually helping his parents to come back to Mass. He also helped to touch the hearts of many and brought about their

conversion to the Church. He grew to have a strong love for Jesus in the Blessed sacrament, attending Mass during the week and going to exposition of the Blessed sacrament whenever he could. He developed a website in his early teens to document Eucharistic miracles throughout the world and maintained a list of approved Marian apparitions. He had also become a parish catechist in his local parish. In 2006, at the age of 15, he was diagnosed with leukaemia. He offered his suffering for Pope benedict XVI and the Catholic Church, saying "I offer to the Lord the sufferings that I will have to undergo for the Pope and for the Church." His final words to his mother were, "Mum, don't be afraid. Since Jesus became a man, death has become the passage towards life, and we don't need to flee it. Let us prepare our selves to experience something extraordinary in the life eternal." He died on 12th October 2006.

To find out more about Blessed Carlo, visit <http://carloacutis-en.org>

Reflection on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

– Pope Benedict XVI

Sunday, 7 June 2009



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After the Easter Season which culminated in the Feast of Pentecost, the liturgy provides for these three Solemnities of the Lord: today, Trinity Sunday; next Thursday, *Corpus Christi* which in many countries, including Italy, will be celebrated next Sunday; and finally, on the following Friday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each one of these liturgical events highlights a perspective by which the whole mystery of the Christian faith is embraced: and that is, respectively the reality of the Triune God, the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the divine and human centre of the Person of Christ. These are truly aspects of the one mystery of salvation which, in a certain sense, sum up the whole itinerary of the revelation of Jesus, from his Incarnation to his death and Resurrection and, finally, to his Ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Today we contemplate the Most Holy Trinity as Jesus introduced us to it. He revealed to us that God is love "not in the oneness of a single Person, but in the Trinity of one substance" (*Preface*). He is the Creator and merciful Father; he is the Only-Begotten Son, eternal Wisdom incarnate, who died and rose for us; he is the Holy Spirit who moves all things, cosmos and history, toward their final, full recapitulation. 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. He does not live in splendid solitude but rather is an inexhaustible source of life that is ceaselessly given and communicated. To a certain extent we can perceive this by observing both the macro-universe: our earth, the planets, the stars, the galaxies; and the micro-universe: cells, atoms, elementary particles. The "name" of the Blessed Trinity is, in a certain sense, imprinted upon all things because all that exists, down to the last particle, is in relation; in this way we catch a glimpse of God as relationship and ultimately, Creator Love. All things derive from love, aspire to love and move impelled by love, though naturally with varying degrees of awareness and freedom. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Ps 8: 1) the Psalmist exclaims. In speaking of the "name", the Bible refers to God himself, his truest identity. It is an identity that shines upon the whole of Creation, in which all beings for the very fact that they exist and because of the "fabric" of which they are made point to a transcendent Principle, to eternal and infinite Life which is given, in a word, to Love. "In him we live and move and have our being", St Paul said at the Areopagus of Athens (Acts 17: 28). The strongest proof that we are made in the image of the Trinity is this: love alone makes us happy because we live in a relationship, and we live to love and to be loved. Borrowing an analogy from biology, we could say that imprinted upon his "genome", the human being bears a profound mark of the Trinity, of God as Love.

The Virgin Mary, in her docile humility, became the handmaid of divine Love: she accepted the Father's will and conceived the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. In her the Almighty built a temple worthy of him and made her the model and image of the Church, mystery and house of communion for all human beings. May Mary, mirror of the Blessed Trinity, help us to grow in faith in the Trinitarian mystery.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Augustine of Canterbury, Pope St Paul VI, Blessed Richard Newport, St Justin Martyr, St Rita of Cascia, and Blessed Carlo Acutis pray for us.

With our love and prayers, Fr David, Fr Patrick, and Deacon Peter