

The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 30th May 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Go and make disciples of all nations

1st Reading:	<i>Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40</i>
Psalms 32:	<i>Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>Romans 8:14-17</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>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!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.</i>

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, in his last appearance to his apostles, Jesus commissions them to preach the Gospel to all peoples and promises to be with them, (and with us) until the end of time. The mission of the Church is to help all people to know the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Today's feast invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the Holy Trinity, a doctrine enunciated by the ecumenical councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, is one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and the greatest mystery of our Faith, namely, that there are Three Divine Persons, sharing the same Divine nature in one God. "There is one God, who has three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each Person is God, yet there is still only one God" (CCC #234, #253-256). We have the Father who is the Creator, the Son who is the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit who is the Sanctifier and the Counsellor.

The doctrine of Three Persons in one God, co-equal and co-eternal in Divinity yet distinct in Person, is not explicitly spelt out in the Bible. Even the very word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible. But the doctrine of the Trinity underlies all major Christian feasts, including Christmas, the Epiphany, Good Friday, Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost. All the official prayers of the Church, including the Holy Mass and the Sacraments, begin with an address to the Holy Trinity: "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

We are baptised, absolved of our sins and anointed in the name of the Blessed Trinity. We bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross, invoking the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and we conclude our prayers glorifying the Holy Trinity, saying "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...."



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The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine, but we believe in this Mystery because Jesus, who is God, taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it, and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith.

Deacon Des

Making an Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Parish News

COVID Guidance: As the Government enters its latest phase of the COVID Roadmap, Mass and other acts of worship are still subject to the Covid-security guidance published by the Bishops' Conference which they have issued following consultation with officials from Public Health England and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

The following rules apply from Monday 17th May 2021:

- Face coverings must be worn in places of worship, unless you are exempt. This is now law.
- You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony.
- Stewards are only required for weekend Masses.
- You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship.
- Funerals or commemorative events linked to someone's death are no longer capped, but determined by the size of venue permitted under current COVID rules.
- Weddings and Private Baptisms can now take place with the maximum number of 30 attendees.

As we approach Step Four, which will commence after 21st June 2021, we continue to hope it will still bring fewer restrictions. Until that time we will continue to follow the guidance issued and look to keep everybody as safe as we can. Thank you for respecting these rulings.

Baptism Courses: The next baptism courses will be held on Wednesday 16th June and 15th July at 7:00 p.m. in the church. To enrol on the course please e-mail the Parish Office stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org . Thank you.

Sacrament of Marriage: Catholics must approach Fr. Lee / Deacon Des, at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

Weekday Masses: Please note there will be no weekday Masses this week (31st May 2021) as Fr Lee will be on leave. Weekend Masses will continue as normal. Thank you.



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St. Therese of Lisieux - Wood Carved Statue: Thank you to all that have contributed so far. It is still our intention to purchase the statue of St. Therese of Lisieux. It is hand-carved and hand-painted oak and, for an antique piece, is in excellent condition. The cost of the statue and pedestal will come to a little over £3,000 and we are hoping very much to raise this amount. We have placed posters of the statue at the exit of the church for you to see when leaving Mass. Should you wish to donate in memory of a loved one or any other dedication please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Lee or Deacon Des. Alternatively, you can place your donation with dedication, into an envelope and place that through the Presbytery letter box or into the donation trays at the exit. All dedications will be listed in a memorial book.

Parish Presentation by Dr. Carole Murphy: We are delighted to be able to announce that Dr. Carole Murphy, head of the Bakhita Institute at St. Mary's University, Twickenham, will be giving a presentation on Monday 7th June 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The Bakhita Centre for Research on Slavery, Exploitation and Abuse, named after St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of trafficking, was launched in 2021 at St. Mary's University.

The Centre was created to continue the work of the Centre for the Study of Modern Slavery and to recognise the development of a broader research remit that takes account of intersections of other factors within human trafficking and modern slavery.

Although initially focused only on modern slavery, the research addresses broader issues to do with inequality on a global scale including gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and associated discrimination based on structural inequalities, race, ethnicity, asylum seeking/refugee and migrant status. The research also takes account of the intersection of factors that produce precarious situations for people, including migration due to conflict, corruption, and lack of economic resources, and helps to illustrate how this makes people vulnerable to exploitation. Through applied research, the Centre aims to address failures and limitations of statutory systems to protect victims of trafficking, domestic abuse, and sexual exploitation; and offer understanding of the underlying issues.

Dr. Murphy will give a presentation of this important topic as part of our parish commitment to raise awareness of Catholic Social Teaching in the modern world. All are welcome and there is no need to register. The joining details with the meeting ID and passcode are set out below. It would be wonderful to get as many people as possible to attend.

Please contact Deacon Des for further information if required.

Topic: Dr. Carole Murphy - Human Trafficking

Time: Jun 7, 2021 06:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting via the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83728545665?pwd=cTk0cHROV1RjUGZXSGNKMEtYUNIUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 2854 5665

Passcode: 802057

“Visions” Zoom Group: Held every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom with the purpose of sharing scripture, promoting positive mental health, prayer, joy, and laughter, as well as pictures and art.

No commitment is asked, you can speak or just join and listen. The Zoom details are as follows:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82226878791>
- Meeting ID: 822 2687 8791
- Passcode: visionst

Sunday Coffee morning: If you would like to socialise virtually then why not join us for a chat and a short fun quiz from the comfort of your own home? Held every Sunday at 11.10 a.m. via the following Zoom details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83024819984> Meeting ID: 830 2481 9984 Password: CM24Thrsx. All are welcome.



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Mass Times and Intentions

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – Year B		
Saturday 29 th May	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 30 th May	Mass: 8:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Patricia Hughes R.I.P. (W. Dodd)
Monday 31 st May	No Weekday Mass	
Tuesday 1 st June	No Weekday Mass	
Wednesday 2 nd June	No Weekday Mass	
Thursday 3 rd June	No Weekday Mass	
Friday 4 th June	No Weekday Mass Rosary, Exposition of the Sacrament & Benediction: 7:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
CORPUS CHRISTI – Year B		
Saturday 5 th June	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Eithne Mary Jackman R.I.P. (Rev. D. Connors)
Sunday 6 th June	Mass: 8:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Latin Mass (EF): 12:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Veronica Maughan R.I.P. (W. Dodd) People of the Parish



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