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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity [B]

30th May 2021

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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
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THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME



Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

We begin our Summer 'Ordinary Time' by celebrating a strange feast - not of a particular saint or event, but of the awesome paradoxes of our God, the Three-in-One, Father, Son and Spirit: so immeasurably distant, yet so amazingly close, so full of power and so full of love. It is love that is the key to the mystery: the revelation of God, to Moses and in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, shows a perfect love - a perfect unity. In the beginning, in the story of Creation in Genesis, God made man and woman 'in the image and likeness of God', to live together as a community of love. So too, the Church is an image of this perfection of community which is Father, Son and Spirit. We, as many members of one Church, strive in our everyday lives to imitate God who is Three and One, perfect unity and perfect love.

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THANKS!



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May/June 2021	BOOKING FOR MASS St. Peter's: call 01294 464063, Mon. to Fri. 9am-11.30am. St. Bride's call 07843 602745 or 01294 822320, 7pm-9pm.	St. Bride's West Kilbride: www.stbrideschurch.co.uk St John's, Stevenston: www.stevenstonstjohns.com St Mary's Saltcoats: www.rcsaltcoats.com		
	St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar	Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	Canon Martin Poland assisted by Fr. Benjamin Mkeri and Canon Matt McMamus (Retired)	
		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 29 th May	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Kenneth Breen (A), Little Family (A) Nan Donohoe (B)			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 30 th May	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for our parishes	Mass at 12.15 Offered for Agnes Marshall (RD)	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 31 st May	Feast of the Visitation of Mary Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Simon & Matilda Brannan (A), Alice Crow (RD)			
Tuesday 1 st June	Memorial of St. Justin Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) Offered for Joseph & Sarah Sammons (A), Benet Brodie (RD)	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L) Online Mass 1.30
Wednesday 2 nd June	Memorial of Ss. Marcellinus and Peter Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Edward McLaughlin (RD), Peter Knight (RD)		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 3 rd June	Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) Offered for all Souls in Purgatory			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 4 th June	Votive Mass of the Blessed Eucharist Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Joseph McLaughlin (SI), Robert & Jane Monan (A)	Mass at 12 noon	Funeral Mass 10am (L) for Terry Milligan	
Saturday 5 th June	Solemnity of the Corpus Christi Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) Offered for Alison Dunn (A), Betty Dunn (RD)			First Eucharist Masses Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

Feed Your Soul - Renewing our Parish Communities

The Church is called to look at history with God's own eyes to recognise the action of the Holy Spirit, who, blowing where he wills reveals signs of his presence. This makes it possible for the Church to recognise the signs of the times in the heart of every person and culture, in all which is authentically human... Evangelising does not mean occupying a given territory but eliciting spiritual processes in the lives of persons so that the faith may become rooted and significant. Together with a worrying social inequality that often results in alarming global tensions, profound changes are taking place within the horizon of meaning of human experience itself. Priority is given to the outward, the immediate, the visible, the quick, the superficial and the provisional. A central role is entrusted to science and technology as if on their own they could provide answers to the deepest questions... For the Church the revolution taking place in communications media and information technologies represents a great and thrilling challenge; may we respond to that challenge with fresh energy and imagination as we seek to share with others the beauty of God." [Directory 42-47]



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Bill Holden, Valerie Bickers, Jean Brawley, Anita Smallridge.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Annie Watt, Agnes Marshall (nee McLaughlin), Alice Crow, Peter Knight, Betty Dunn, Patricia Woodcock (nee Leonard), Benet Brodie, Edward McLaughlin.

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

Joseph Bale 2011, Simon Brannan, Tilly Doherty, James Kyle 1992, Sadie Grant 2001, Anthony Lundie 2010, Maria Manfredini 2018, Isabella McCarroll 1968, Anne-Marie McLaughlin 2017, Kathleen Conway 1989, Bessie Grant (McCourt) 2002, Dora Grogan 2010, Canon Nicholas Murphy 1992, Pat Walker 1999, James Lane 1995, William McMullan 1939, Tony O'Brien 2015, Peg Brown 1991, Michael Collins, Annie Daniels 2014, Fitzpatrick and Fitzsimmons families, Susan Giffney 1972, Mary Kelly 1985, Teresa McEvoy 2014, Greta McGreevy 2009, Janette Smyth 2007, Susan Boylan, Helen Cambridge 1980, Annie Daniels 2014, Margaret Fisher 1905, Jim Glass, Denis Long 2005, Monsignor Brendan Murphy 1988, Ted Procter 2012, James Boyle 2008, Gilbert Marshall 2007, Father Michael Masterson 1997, Rose McKenzie 1996, Neil O'Connell 1992.

St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

- ▶ **IN AND AROUND ST. BRIDE'S** Hopefully, the painting inside the Church will be completed this coming week.
- ▶ **IN AND AROUND ST. PETER'S** A door-stop has been attached to the Church side door; the sound system and live-stream controls have been tidied up, rewired and a new desk has been made to accommodate the control boxes in the choir loft.
- ▶ **STUDENTS FUND COLLECTION** Our annual collection for the students studying for the Priesthood will take place this Saturday/Sunday (29th/30th May). Your generosity is much appreciated.

Rosary Rally

You are invited to join the month of May Rosary Mission 2021 where once again the peoples of the Dioceses of Scotland, Wales and England will pray the Rosary for the following intentions:

1. Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph
2. A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life
3. Peace in the world
4. Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.

The Rosary Hour for our Diocese of Galloway is from 4pm until 5pm on Trinity Sunday 30th May 2021

Is the Blessed Trinity Relevant?

Trinity Sunday celebrates the dogma of the Most Holy Trinity... that God is Trinity, one God in three persons. This doctrine has baffled people for 2,000 years. Given that it is so hard to accept, why bother with it? What difference does the dogma really make to how we live our Christian lives? Everywhere the New Testament refers to three distinct persons who are equally divine, yet one (e.g. 2 Cor 13:13). But if the doctrine of the Trinity is authentically biblical, is it relevant? Does it really matter? If Christianity is about personal relationship with God, then who God really is matters totally. Common sense tells us that some supreme being made the universe and that we owe Him homage. But that this creator is a trinity of persons who invites us to intimate friendship with Himself, we never could have guessed. We only know it because God has revealed it. God is love, says 1 John 4:8 (see too John 3:16). If God were solitary, how could he have been love before he created the world? Who would there have been to love? Jesus reveals a God who is eternally a community of three persons pouring themselves out in love for one another. The Father does not create the Son and then, with the Son, create the Spirit. No, the Father eternally generates the Son. And with and through the Son, this Father eternally "breathes" the Spirit as a sort of personalised sigh of love. "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be." That's what the conclusion of the Glory Be really means, that the self-giving of the three divine persons did not begin at a moment in time, but was, is, and is to come. If we are truly to "know" our God, we must know this. But if we are ever to understand ourselves, we must also know this. For we were made in the image and likeness of God, and God is a community of self-donating love. That means that we can never be happy isolated from others, protecting ourselves from others, holding ourselves back selfishly from others. So yes, the Trinity does matter.

Mustard Seeds

✠ Thank You Lord!

Even though I clutch my blanket
and growl when the alarm rings.
Thank you, Lord, that I can hear.
There are many who are deaf.
Even though I keep my eyes closed
against the morning light as long as possible.
Thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.
Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising.
Thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise.
There are many who are bedridden.
Even though the first hour of my day is hectic,
when socks are lost, toast is burned,
tempers are short, and my children are so loud.
Thank you, Lord, for my family.
There are many who are lonely.
Even though our breakfast table never looks
like the picture in magazines and the menu
is at times unbalanced.
Thank you, Lord, for the food we have.
There are many who are hungry.
Even though the routine of my job
often is monotonous.
Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work.
There are many who have no job.
Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate
from day to day
and wish my circumstances were not so modest.
Thank you, Lord, for life.

Just for a Laugh...

☆ Three friends from the local Church were asked, "When you're in your coffin, and friends and parishioners are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?" Sam said, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man." Ben commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives." Paul said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

☆ A man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it." The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?" The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me. The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?" The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me, what should I do?" The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know." A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says, "I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice? The man said, "Yes" and the Rabbi replied, "Take the poison."

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