

Mary, Mirror of the Blessed Trinity

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.

From the Angelus address of Benedict XVI given on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Saint Peter’s Square, Sunday 7 June 2009

Trinity Sunday

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Entrance Antiphon:	Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.
1st Reading:	Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40
Psalm R:	<i>At 10.30: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own. Otherwise: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage. (Ps 33)</i>
2nd Reading:	Romans 8:14-17
Alleluia:	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Gospel:	Matthew 28:16-20
Communion Antiphon:	Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Baptism Preparation: the next session is **next Sunday, 7 June**; please come to the sacristy at the end of the 10.30am Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised at Holy Cross, you need to attend one of these sessions, usually held on the first Sunday of each month.

On Thursday evening Mass will be at 7.15pm, and will be a Mass of Corpus Christi, sung and in the Dominican rite.

Next Sunday there will be the usual Corpus Christi procession after the 10.30am Mass. Please pray for fine weather. If it is wet, we will hold the procession inside the church.

Blackfriars’ Market will take place on Saturday 13 June (11.30am to 2pm) and Sunday 14 June (8.45am to 1pm)

Our aim is to raise £10 000 towards improvements in the church and maintenance of the priory. Please show your support in these ways:

- ◆ **Please buy and sell raffle tickets**, £1 each (£5 a book) – available from the tables after Mass – cash prizes up to £100.
- ◆ **Volunteer to set up or help run a stall**, if only for an hour or two. Fr David will be delighted to hear from you.
- ◆ **Bring in donations** of cakes, good quality paperbacks, DVDs, bric-a-brac, pickles and jams, bottled goods, gifts, toiletries, toys, games, chocolates, sweets and prizes (but NOT please video cassettes, clothes or electrical items). Please use the MORSBAGS provided on the tables by the doors, or your own re-used carrier bags.
- ◆ **You may also donate cash** to help cover the costs of the event so that more of the proceeds go to church and priory improvements – there are white gift aid envelopes available for this.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1019.62 (of which £334.50 was Gift Aided and £685.12 was not) and in addition the parish receives approximately £240 per week in donations made by standing order, nearly all of which are Gift Aided; Solidarity Fund £3.30; Friends of Holy Cross £2.88; Holy Souls £10.59; Grenada Church Restoration £ - .

GIFT AID DONATIONS. We now have separate envelopes for one-off donations to either the Parish or the Priory. Please check the wording at the top of the envelope. Gifts to the Parish go in yellow envelopes, and to the Priory in blue envelopes.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Please pray for the candidates who will receive their First Holy Communion or be Confirmed on Sunday 21 June at 10.30am.

Blackfriars Market Picture Raffle: "Abbey Park" by Isidore Clarke O.P. Tickets: £1.00 each.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is a very important way of preparing for Mass and of deepening our understanding of the Mass. It takes place at Holy Cross on Sundays from 6.00-7.00 pm, on Wednesdays from 11.00am and on Saturdays from 10.30am.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes (8-12 June): Please place petitions and money for candles and Masses in clearly-marked envelopes and leave in the sacristy or hand to a friar. Please also say the Association prayer (below) every day of the pilgrimage.



Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit.

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes. O ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favours, and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request (here mention request). I will try to imitate your virtues so that I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen.

Rosmini Centre. Friday 5 June, Healing Mass 7.00pm. Saturday 6 June - Desert Day Retreat. Quiet day, away from it all; 11.00am Introduction; Mass, simple lunch; end at 4.00pm, well refreshed we hope! PLEASE TELEPHONE or EMAIL for organising catering. Other details email rosminicentreinfo@gmail.com.

Fr Bruno Clifton OP, is looking for sponsors for his Ultimate Trail Challenge in the Lake District on 27 June. Fr Bruno's 68-mile run (110 km) will be completed in one single summer's day. Apart from having the physical strength to complete it, Fr Bruno will need great mental discipline, endurance and self-belief in overcoming this monumental challenge. He is volunteering his time and effort in the hope of raising money for the training of Dominicans to preach the Gospel, making his contribution towards the £1 million target of The Dominican Friars Training Fund Campaign. Please sponsor Fr Bruno by going to <https://www.justgiving.com/BrunoCliftonOP> or sending a cheque payable to the Dominican Council to Fr Bruno's Challenge, Development Office, 17 Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2NA.

Year 1	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 1
Sunday	TRINITY SUNDAY	
	Vigil 18.10 ☩ Holy Souls 8.00 <i>Pro populo</i>	
	Sung 10.30 Bunten family	
	OP Rite 12.30 Kasia's birthday 19.00	
Monday	St Justin, Martyr	
	OP Rite 8.00 ☩ Holy Souls 12.30 Rosanna D'Souza 18.10	
Tuesday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 ☩ Dead of the Order of Preachers 12.30 Our Lady of Fatima 18.10 ☩ Holy Souls	
Wednesday	St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	
	OP Rite 8.00 ☩ Holy Souls 12.30 Margaret Alneda 18.10	
Thursday	St Peter of Verona, Priest and Martyr. Evening Mass today will be at 7.15pm, and will be a Mass of Corpus Christi, sung and in the Dominican rite.	
	OP Rite 8.00 Bernice - spiritual & temporal welfare 12.30 Sacred Heart of Jesus 19.15	
Friday	St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	
	OP Rite 8.00 Bernice - in honour of Holy Guardian Angels 12.30 ☩ Roy Jones 18.10 ☩ Holy Souls	
Saturday	Feria	
	OP Rite 8.00 Bernice - for the Holy Souls in Purgatory 10.00 12.30 Phil Sheehy recovery	
Next Sunday – CORPUS CHRISTI. Readings:		
	Exodus 24:3-8	Hebrews 9:11-15
		Mark 14:12-16.22-26

VACANCY: Holy Cross Primary Catholic Voluntary Academy, Hucknall, Notts, are seeking to appoint a headteacher, salary range L15-L21. Further details are available on the school website www.holycrossschoolhucknall.com. Closing date 22nd June.

Donations for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. We are really grateful for the parish's continuing magnificent response to the appeal, but do please note that the only acceptable gifts of food are non perishables. These people also need toiletries, baby items, kitchen utensils, shopping and mobile phone top-up vouchers, and stationery. The amounts you give are most generous and really welcome, and we hope you can keep it up.

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 10.30am Sunday Mass for tea, coffee, fruit juice etc. There is the opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and parishioners. We particularly welcome new students and other visitors.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
SUNDAYS 8.00 Mass 9.00 Lauds 10.30 Sung Mass 12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite) 18.00 Exposition, Rosary, Compline & Benediction 19.00 Mass
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 11.00*Devotions & Exposition 12.15*Benediction 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers *WEDNESDAYS ONLY
SATURDAYS 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 9.00 Lauds 10.00 Mass 10.30 Devotions & Exposition 10.30 Confessions until 11.30 12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00) 17.00 Confessions until 18.00 17.45 Vespers 18.10 Vigil Mass for Sunday
HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION 18.10 (previous day) Vigil Mass followed by Vespers 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass 18.10 Mass followed by Vespers
BANK HOLIDAYS 7.30 Lauds 8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite) 12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
Royal Infirmary Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or at the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
Universities' Chaplain: Fr David Rocks: 0116 252 1512
Baptism Preparation: 1st Sunday of month after the 10.30 Mass. Baptisms: Saturday afternoons.
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