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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the "mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God". To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit. [CCC 237]

"O my God, Trinity whom I adore, help me forget myself entirely so to establish myself in you, unmovable and peaceful as if my soul were already in eternity. May nothing be able to trouble my peace or make me leave you, O my unchanging God, but may each minute bring me more deeply into your mystery! Grant my soul peace. Make it your heaven, your beloved dwelling and the place of your rest. May I never abandon you there, but may I be there, whole and entire, completely vigilant in my faith, entirely adoring, and wholly given over to your creative action". [Prayer of Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity]

Sacrament of Confirmation: our young people are going to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday (12th June 2022). we are having an additional Mass on that day at 1.30pm. Please keep them in your prayers. They are:

Adriel Afful, Caleb Palmer, Christine Ukah, Daniel Turnbull, Elisa Ismail, Emmanuel C. Mmaduafor, Erica Chinaemerem Ofoegbu, Frances Travers, Jasmine Obarisiagbon, Matt Benedict Beldia and Thomas Sanderson.

The candidates were asked to write their intention to receive the sacrament of Confirmation when they submitted their application form. They have written encouraging answers. Caleb Palmer wrote: "I envision a kind and caring Christian, one who helps and puts faith into action. I will be a Christian who is generous not just physical things, but also with my time...". Elisa Ismail states: "Creating peace in the world is the message that Jesus wants us to do. Unfortunately, there are wars and conflicts in the world today...I would like to see the world to be a safer place...".

The parents of the candidates were also asked write their answers to a few questions. Mary Jane and Remwel Beldia, parents of Matt Benedict Beldia, wrote: "we vision our son have a deeper Christian faith and practise what he has learnt... in our current age of technology, our only wish is that our son grows to be a good practising Catholic Christian, always choosing what is right with the guidance of the Holy Spirit...and always thinking of God as the centre of his life". Many thanks to the parents of all candidates.

There are a large number of catechists involved in their preparation. Many thanks to them all. Our special thanks go to Franck and Patricia Anguibi who coordinate this programme.



School Signing In: If you have children of school age who require a parish priest reference for their school application, please note that you will have to complete the signing in sheets that are available with the Welcome Ministers after the Mass. Please complete the form and hand it over to them on the following week. Parents' names and children's names will be stored in our parish database. You will be given a family name. You need to tell the person in charge after each weekend Mass just your family number.

It will be a great help for those who attend regularly to get a good reference.

Please do not consider it as a burden. Many thanks.

Application Forms – 2022/23: The application forms for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA for next year are available.

Please collect the forms you require from Fr Antony after any of the weekday Masses. **The deadline to submit your application form will be 23rd July.** All programmes are due to start in September 2022.

Please note: if you are studying in year 7 now, you can also join Confirmation Programme this year.

PARISH DIARY—IMPORTANT FEAST DAYS TO REMEMBER

12 June [Sun]: the Most Holy Trinity
12th June—Sacrament of Confirmation [1.30pm]
14th June [Tues] - Deanery Meeting
19 June [Sun]: the Most Body and Blood of Christ
[Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist to re-
new their commitment to their ministry]

23 June Thurs]: Nativity of St John the Baptist
24th June [Fri] - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
24th June—Bishop Pat offers Mass in our parish
29 June [Wed]: Saints Peter and Paul
23rd July—Last day to submit application forms
for the preparation of Sacraments



Provost Emeritus Canon Joseph Collins celebrates his 85th Birthday and 61st anniversary of his Priestly Ordination day. He will offer the 9am Mass this Sunday [12 June 2022].

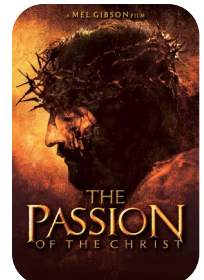
He is well known to our parishioners and has offered a number of Masses in our church. He prays everyday with our parish Zoom prayer at 9pm for the past 18 months. As we thank him for his prayers and friendship, we also pray for his good health.

Please join for some refreshments in the Hall after the 9am Mass.

FILM NIGHTS

Movies will be shown in the Diamond Room, Hartley Hall.
Suggestions for suitable timings, films that could be shown and anything else please contact Fr Antony.

Refreshments will be provided. We hope to have a friendly time and meaningful discussions there.



Many Thanks Dear Bishop Pat



As know already, Bishop Patrick Lynch has retired from his active ministry in November 2020 due to health reasons. As a Bishop, he looked after his priests and people very well. He visited our parish several times and supported us in various ways. He is a friend to many of our parishioners.

He is due to visit us for the solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 24th and celebrate at the 7:00 pm Mass.

To thank him for his prayers and support, there will be a second collection for Bishop Pat at the Masses on the previous weekend, which is the 18th and 19th June (Corpus Christi), which will then be presented to him on 24th June.

9pm for Night Prayer [every day except Saturday]

We, also as a virtual parish, pray together as God's family and receive His blessings before going to sleep at 9pm everyday.
We have been doing this for the Past 18 months.

Please invite your family also to join in prayer with us: Zoom Meeting ID: [7578777461](#); Passcode: [20212021](#)

Church Care Team

Have you ever wondered how it is that our church always looks clean and tidy? Wonder no more! It is down to a small dedicated team.

Could you spare one hour every week to help keep Your Church clean? If so, please come and join us.



Diocesan Day for Catechists: This is on Saturday 25th June at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral starting at 10:30am and ending with Mass at 4:00pm.

The fee of £10 will be paid by the parish. If you would like to attend please contact Lisa O'Hara on catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS to the HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Congratulations to all the children who sang last Sunday at the 11:30 Mass. They did a splendid job and everybody appreciated the hard work they must have put in. Many thanks to Rachael, Francisca and Nick.

If you have a child who would like to be part of this Choir in the future please contact Rachael Wibberley or Francisca Dunbar: catfordsupport@rcaos.org.uk

Altar Servers Training for both new and existing Altar Servers will take place on Saturday 18th June as follows. If you are new, please attend the training at 10.00am in the church. Please can existing Altar Servers join the group at 10.45am so that they can learn to work together with the new Altar Servers effectively. The session should finish with light refreshments at 11.30am. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

2nd Collection for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales

The CaTEW supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishop's Conference.

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Children Choir: Rachel Wibberley and
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Sat 11th - Fri 17th Jun

SAT	6:30pm	Thierry Christian Gnanakumar - RIP
SUN	9:00am	Canon Joseph Collins - Birthday & Ordination Anniversary
	11:30am	Antrianni Stavrou - RIP
	1:30pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
MON	9:15am	Theresa Green - RIP
TUE	9:15am	Kath Gooch & Family
WED	9:15am	Sheila Dunn—90th birthday TG
THU	9:15am	Rachael Pereira Wibberley - Wellbeing
FRI	7:00pm	Canon Joseph Collins - Birthday & Ordination Celebration

Mass Intentions

There are several unfilled slots for Mass Intentions going forward. If you wish to have a loved one remembered or celebrate another occasion please let the Parish Office know at catford@rcaos.org.uk, or fill out a brown Mass Intention Envelope which is available in the side porch, and hand to any of the Welcome Ministers. Thank you.

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Entrance Hymn (see board)

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.

First reading

Proverbs 8:22-31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.

Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;

before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries

– and the waters will not invade the shore –
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,
I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 8:4-9

*How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!*

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters.

*How great is your name, O Lord our God,
through all the earth!*

Second reading

Romans 5:1-5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged
righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and
through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in
which we can boast about looking forward to God's
glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can

boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring
patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance,
and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not
deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into
our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Rv 1:8

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

John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:

All he tells you

will be taken from what is mine.’

Homily

The Creed:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory Hymn (see board)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Lamb of God

Communion Antiphon

Gal 4: 6

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Communion Hymns (see board)