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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 25 May	5.30 pm	SG	Lourdes Watters RIP
Sun 26 May	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	HS	Thomas Callaghan RIP, birthday memories
Mon 27 May	9.30 am	SG	For Michael Butler RIP
Tues 28 May	9.30 am	SG	Hilary Crosbie, for good health
Wed 29 May	9.30 am	SG	For all who are not well in the parish and for those recovering from operations.
Thu 30 May	9.30 am	SG	In thanksgiving to St Anthony, donor's intention
Fri 31 May	9.30 am	SG	Canon Anthony Dolan RIP
Sat 01 June	9.30 am	SG	For those oppressed by war and violence
	5.30 pm	SG	For the Repose of the Soul of Johnny Reilly RIP in Ireland
Sun 02 June	9.30 am	SG	For all our children preparing for their 1 st Holy Communion and their families.
	11.15 am	HS	People of the Parish

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

'Go and make disciples of all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' (Matthew 28:19).

Do you ever despair and say in frustration: 'The Trinity – it's a complete mystery to me.' Believe it or not, this is a moment of grace. Well, I guess that is the point: the Holy and Blessed Trinity is a mystery which is beyond the human mind to fathom. 'Where do you start? Where do you end? God has no beginning and no end. Which is why, as Sirach the sage would say, we need 'revealed knowledge'.

Although we speak of the mystery of the Trinity, the word 'mystery' does not imply that nothing can be said. Consider this wisdom and light from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: '[The Trinity] is the source of the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of truths' (para 234). It is, however, a truth that cannot be accessed by reason alone. It is hidden in God and could not be known unless revealed by God. Although the Trinity was hinted at in creation and in Israel's history, this mystery only became explicit with the incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

The teaching quoted earlier from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* provides us with a golden key to open up our understanding of Scripture: it encourages us to see all its teaching in the light and context of the Trinity. Through the Scriptures God progressively and gradually reveals that he is Three Persons in One God, culminating in the sending of his One and Only Son and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. When we make the sign of the cross we proclaim our faith in God as Trinity: 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.'

PUBLICATIONS

The free papers, Catholic News and Catholic Post are available at the Church. Please take a copy. You can read news of the Diocese and wider church in these papers

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament daily before the 9.30 am Mass and then other times as announced.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 27th May: St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
Wed 29th May: St Paul VI, Pope
Fri 31st May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 1st June: St Justin, Martyr

A FORTHCOMING FUNERAL:

For Eddie O'Rourke, Friday, 31st May, 10.30 am, St George's.

Free from Fear

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear... ROMANS 8:15

The 9-year old boy had been making progress with his swimming but still had a way to go. His parents and I (his grandmother) did what we could: cajoled, encouraged, bribed. There were lessons. But fear was hard to overcome.

But then I noticed a pattern evolving. At the brink of every step forward – putting his face in the water, going under, jumping in – he would resist us. But then, left on his own, he'd go off to a section of the pool and work on it, whatever it was. And invariably, he'd master it. In freedom.

The spiritual life is more complex than that scene at the pool. But there's one important similarity: Our growth – our real, sometimes even radical, growth – only comes out of a place that's not of enslavement or fear but in the freedom that Christ gives.

Loving God, free me from fear so I may draw closer to you in freedom.

AMY WELBORN

THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME RUNS FROM NOW

THROUGH THE SUMMER: During this time we are asked by our church leaders to pray for the following intentions:

- a] For a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews
- b] For those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights
- c] For Europe
- d] For Human Life
- e] For Seafarers

MARY'S MONTH OF MAY: During May we should have a special devotion to Our Lady, Mary, the mother of Jesus, the mother of the Church. Pray the Rosary regularly for world peace and for all who are not well. Also, the Angelus is a fine prayer to say each day.

Our daily Mass is preceded by the Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each day.