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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 03 June	5.30 pm	St George's	For those suffering in sickness and pain and waiting for operations
Sun 04 June	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Michael Cunningham RIP, MC & family
	6.00 pm	St George's	For all sufferers with addictions
Mon 05 June	9.30 am	St George's	In thanksgiving, St Anthony
Tue 06 June	9.30 am	St George's	Priest's own intention
Wed 07 June	9.30 am	St George's	For recent victims of abuse and domestic violence
Thu 08 June	9.30 am	St George's	Donor's intention in honour and thanksgiving, St Anthony
Fri 09 June	9.30 am	St George's	The deceased members of the Burbidge and Howe families
Sat 10 June	9.30 pm	St George's	Priest's own intention
	5.30 pm	St George's	Sp. Intention, Hilary Crosbie
Sun 11 June	9.30 am	St George's	People of the Parish
	11.15 am	Holy Spirit	Michael Cunningham RIP, WB and family
	6.00 pm	St George's	For deceased families and souls in purgatory, donor's intentions and for all travellers

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The great doctrine that God is Trinity, three Persons in one God, was latent in the Old Testament but fully revealed by Jesus in the New: '...the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages...has now been revealed...' (Col. 1:26). In Judaism and Islam, the Lord God is One. In Christianity, however, the Lord God is three Persons in One: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Today, we rejoice in and celebrate this holy and most sacred of all revelations. Our Faith, in fact, rests on the Trinity, which is one of the many deep truths of our faith, before which the only proper response is to bow down in worship and adoration. However, there's a problem with many of the mysteries of faith, if we can humbly and respectfully put it like this: the problem is one of stamina and endurance. We simply give up when confronted with the mystery of God, because it's too great for us to comprehend. We're dwarfed, overwhelmed, and frankly confused by it. How can we ever get our heads around the Trinity? It seems an impossible task, beyond the capability of most of us, and pursued by only the holiest and most devoted of saints and mystics.

Therein lies the problem, but it's a problem we must challenge and resist. God has given us the Holy Spirit so that we may probe, penetrate and touch his mystery and enter into it ever more deeply. We can do this through prayer, reading the Scriptures and deeper study. This isn't the realm simply of theologians and scholars. No, it's the birthright of every baptized believer.

Maturity and growth as a Christian necessitate coming to know each person of the Trinity more intimately and more personally. St Polycarp, one of the Church's first martyrs had a lively devotion and sensitivity to God as the Blessed Trinity. We seek today to emulate his example and dedicate our lives to coming to know God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Almighty God...I bless you, I glorify you through the eternal priest of heaven, Jesus Christ, your beloved Son. Through him be glory to you, together with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. (St Polycarp)

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES: Our local pilgrimage to Rodsley in honour of St Ralph Sherwin will take place on Sun. 25th June. We meet at Rodsley at 3 pm. **THE PADEY PILGRIMAGE** is on Sunday 9th July in honour of local martyrs Nicholas Garlick, Robert Ludlam and Richard Simpson who were executed at Derby in 1588. **THE WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** in honour of Our Lady is on 17th June.

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 5th June: St Boniface of Crediton

Tues 6th June: St Norbert, Bishop

Fri 9th June: St Ephraem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church

Sat 10th June: Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL
FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Celebrant:

We thank God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the saving love that we have received, and we continue to ask for all that we need in the Church and in the world.

Intercessions:

We pray for our Holy Father, the Pope and all the bishops: that they may be strengthened in their service.

For those who do not believe in God: that the witness of our love may inspire them.

For those who are struggling in their life of faith: that the Holy Spirit may guide them.

For young people: that they may be encouraged in their faith by the witness of joyful love and service.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn their loss.

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, continue to send the Holy Spirit of your love so that we may grow in our knowledge and love of you, through Christ our Lord.

Prayer of Commissioning

Dear friends, through your ministry of Holy Communion, bring the love and prayers of this community of faith to our sick and housebound brothers and sister, in the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Final blessing

In this Mass we have celebrated our unity with God and each other. May almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE END OF AN ERA, ST JOSEPH'S DERBY

On 1st June 2023 Rev. Kevin Athaide the Parochial Administrator, will be leaving St Joseph's to go to Lincolnshire to look after the parishes of Louth and Mablethorpe. He will not be replaced with another priest and the presbytery will be occupied by three religious sisters. I am not sure of the date of the foundation of St Joseph's with its first parish priest but it is back in the 1800s and together with St Mary's Derby was a mother church for later parishes in Derby. Indeed, our own St George's church was founded from St Joseph's in 1920 and for 25 years was served by priests from St Joseph's. In my time in St Mary's Derby, in the early 1980s, I remember St Joseph's being served by three priests, Canon Beal, Fr Michael Moore and Fr Frank Higgins. Now one priest Fr Jonathan Whitby-Smith will look after Mickleover parish and St Joseph's parish together.

Please keep our Bishop and his advisers and the diocesan clergy in your prayers as we face the future with less clergy and much reorganisation.

Also, we pray for Fr Kevin Athaide in his new ministry and for St Joseph's parishioners in this time of change.