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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Sat	30 May	5.30 pm	Holy Souls
Sun	31 May	9.30 am	Gerald Mooney, for a good recovery
Mon	01 June	9.30 am	For world peace
Tues	02 June	9.30 am	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Wed	03 June	9.30 am	In thanksgiving for our 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion families and for growth in their faiths
Thu	04 June	9.30 am	The O'Neill family, living and deceased
Fri	05 June	9.30 am	For our parish benefactors
Sat	06 June	9.30 am	Claire Steel for good health and for Richard RIP
		5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	07 June	9.30 am	Geoff Boulter RIP

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

Christianity is a religion of revelation. Our faith teaches us that reason can take us only so far and then must hand the baton over to faith. This is because reason cannot penetrate mystery and what greater mystery is there than the Blessed Trinity, Three Persons in One God? The mystery of God is great and we are beggars before God who bow down before him. The only way to understand the Blessed Trinity is on our knees (in prayer).

Jesus revealed God as Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A divine communion of three persons is the bedrock of Christian revelation, that in the Godhead there are three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Faith allows us to wholeheartedly embrace this revelation. A famous icon by Rublev depicts the Trinity as three angels around a table with a space reserved for another guest. We are that guest.

The Blessed Trinity isn't a secret or a puzzle: rather it is a sacred mystery. But more than this, the Blessed Trinity is Three Persons and we are invited to know them, deeply, intimately and profoundly. The Spirit leads us to confess Jesus as Lord and acknowledge the Father as the Creator, and the Spirit pours out his love into our hearts. Today's feast day is a wonderful opportunity to grow and deepen our knowledge and understanding of the greatest mystery of all, and in penetrating the mystery our hearts are filled with faith, hope and joy.

*O eternal trinity, God, you are an abyss, a deep sea; you have given yourself to me – what greater good could you give? By your light you enlighten our minds, as by your light you have brought me to know you. (St Catherine of Siena)*

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 11 am**

As announced in St George's, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at English Martyrs Church on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, at 11 am. Please complete an application form and return it to church. Classes will begin on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, at 10.30 am in English Martyrs Church.

*Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)  
on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.*

**SAINTS THIS WEEK:**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June: St Justin, Martyr  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Ss Marcellinus & Peter Martyrs  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Ss Charles Lwanga & Companions, martyrs of Uganda  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June: St Boniface of Crediton, Bishop & Martyr  
Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June: St Norbert, Bishop

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE**

*For the values of sport;* Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounters and dialogue among cultures and nations.; that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

**The Gospel Challenge**

*....everyone who believes in him might not perish....* JOHN 3:16

Today's Gospel are oft-quoted verses of the New Testament that summarise well its entire message. It is positive in that God did not come to "condemn" the world but to "save" it (v.17). Moreover, "everyone who believes in him" will be saved. Thus, God offers salvation to all.

But this Gospel also issues a warning: those who do not believe have "already been condemned" (v.18). It challenges us, and the stakes could not be higher. How we respond to the Son of God determines our fate.

For me, it is an ongoing daily call to grapple with my relationship with Jesus. I must daily choose to believe and to trust in him. I pray that my life gives witness to that belief.

*Heavenly Father, I choose Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. Give me the grace and strength to follow him, to serve him and to make his message my own.*

**PARISH PRAYER MEETINGS:**

Mother's Prayers meets every Monday in church after Mass. All welcome.

On Thursdays from 2.45 pm a prayer group prays the Divine Mercy, the Rosary and prayers for peace. All are welcome.

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