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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. SUNDAY 15TH JUNE 2025.

Mass Readings are on Page 81 in the Sunday Mass Book.

Reflection: ONE GOD, THREE PERSONS.

Faith in the Blessed Trinity is central to the Christian religion. It is impossible to be a Christian and not believe in the Trinity. But the Trinity is a profound mystery, perhaps the most sublime in all of Christianity. The word mystery suggests that we do not know, and we cannot know an awful lot about the Blessed Trinity. One thing *we do know* is that there are three Persons in One God.

Jesus revealed that to us in several texts of the Gospels. The Apostle Paul teaches extensively about it. One thing *we do not know*, and we cannot know is *how* there are three Persons in One God. Therefore, whereas we know that, we do not know how, therein lies the mystery of the Blessed Trinity.

Mystery though the Trinity is, we do have some very profound lessons to learn from it. The first lesson is that God is community. God is not individualism or isolation. God is a community founded in love. The Father loves the Son, and the Son loves the Father. Their love is not a sterile one. Out of it *proceeds* the Holy Spirit. The Father and the Son then love the Spirit, and the Spirit loves them both. Their mutual love is so strong, so compelling that it ensures their unity in the one Godhead. The strength of their love is such as to ensure that the three Persons are but One God, not three gods.

The Trinity is a unity in diversity. The Father is distinct from the Son, the Son is distinct from the Father, and the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son. Each retains his identity in the one Godhead. Jesus prayed that his followers would be one as he and the Father are one (John 17:11,21). Therefore, the Trinity was to be the model of the unity of his followers. In that case, we can deduce that Jesus intended his followers to be a community of persons. That is what we call the Church. They were to be a community founded on love. The Church would have to be a unity in diversity, her unity not necessarily meaning uniformity but there should be a room in the Church for legitimate differences in expressing and living the same faith. The faith (Creed) would be the same, but the people's expression and living of it might differ from one culture to another and from one generation to another.

All these things are the basis of the Church's teaching on a wide range of subjects like Church unity, Ecumenism, and Inculturation, among others. Our understanding of the Blessed Trinity is at the roof of them all.

We Pray for the sick and housebound

John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Sr Edith. Eileen Toth. Anne Leavy. Maria Morrissey, Margaret McAteer. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene, Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. John Reilly. May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently. Bernadette Pilling. Eddie Burke.

Michael Howard. John Gormally. John Owens (Corkie) (May their souls rest in peace),

Months Mind John Tunney

Memorial Anniversary: Cecilia Dsouza (1st) Ann Abajori (1st) Catherine and Brian Groarke

Special Intention: For God's Healing for George McDermott. Happy 92nd Birthday for a Parishioner

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. **The Parish Summer Fair is next week 22nd June after 11am Mass in St Mary's Hall.** Volunteers are needed to set up the stalls on Saturday (21st) after 11am Mass. Donations of bottles of alcohol, unwanted new gift sets, items for the tombola, homemade cakes are greatly appreciated. To make the fair a success we need people to attend so please call in with family and friends, everyone is welcome.
2. A Parishioner requires accommodation, if you have any availability for rent, please speak to Fr Kris.
3. Fr Kris is planning a Parish Mission for September. The Peregrinatio Pro Christo are members of the Legion of Mary coming from Ireland. We humbly request accommodation near Church for those coming and the host families will be paid for a week's stay from Saturday 13th to Saturday 20th. Their Meals will be provided for and will be taken in the Parish. Please if anyone can provide accommodation, please complete the Form on the table at the back of Church.
4. The Active Retirement Group have organised a day out to Llandudno on 10th July, leaving St Mary's car park at 9am and then leaving Llandudno at 5pm. If anyone is interested in going, please speak to Peggy Sweeney or Bridie Mulligan for further information.
5. **Funeral Mass** for John Owens (Corkie) will be held at St Mary's Church on 4th July at 10:30am.
6. **Major Threat of Abortion Decriminalisation**
Pro-abortion MPs are trying to hijack the Government's Crime & Policing Bill by tabling two amendments seeking to decriminalise abortion. If either of these amendments were passed, it would be the most massive expansion of abortion since 1967, effectively permitting abortion for any reason up until birth. Please contact your MP urgently, asking him/her to oppose and, if necessary, vote against New Clauses 1 & 20 of the Crime & Policing Bill. You can write to your MP at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. Alternatively go to the following web address to quickly and easily send a message to your MP using SPUC's webtool: www.spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/
7. **Stop assisted suicide - sign the local petition!** Only 28 MPs need to change their minds to defeat the Leadbeater Assisted Suicide Bill on Friday 20 June – several already have. Sign the petition to your local MP to stop the Bill! ***Please take action now and sign this petition to your local MP:***
www.righttolife.org.uk/petitions - it takes just 30 seconds!
8. **Pilgrimage to the Hidden Gem – Jubilee Year of Hope on Saturday, 29th June.**

As part of our Jubilee Year celebrations, the Deanery of St Clare will be making a special pilgrimage to one of the Holy Doors in our diocese, located at The Hidden Gem – Manchester's historic Catholic church tucked away in the heart of the city.

This is a wonderful opportunity to renew our faith, receive the graces of the Jubilee indulgence, and spend time in prayer and reflection. We will conclude our pilgrimage with 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Evening Prayer inside the church.

Meeting Point: please join us at St Peter's Square (near the central Library) by 4:30pm for a short walk to the church. Adoration will begin at 5:00pm in the Hidden Gem.

Let this Jubilee be a time of grace for our deanery—come, walk with us through the Holy Door, and rediscover the quiet beauty of this sacred space in the heart of Manchester.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK AT MASS TO WORSHIP TOGETHER.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:	5:00 pm St. Richard's	6:30 pm St. Mary's
Sunday:	9:30 am St. Richard's	11:00 am St. Mary's
<u>Daily Masses</u>		
St. Mary's:	9:30 am – Tuesday & Thursday	
10:00am – 11:00am	Exposition/Adoration & Mass on Saturday	
10:15 – 10:45 am –	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
St. Richard's:	9:15 am on Wednesday and Friday	