



FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Since the 14th century the Church has celebrated once a year Trinity Sunday, to remind us of the great truth of our faith. That of One God in three Divine Persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. However this image of One God in 3 Divine Persons is one of the hardest images of God we have to understand. With the result many have tried to explain the Trinity in different ways. There is the famous example of St. Patrick with his shamrock and how he explained how the 3 separate leaves are part of one plant, and how likewise the Three Persons of the Trinity are part of one supreme Being. In the end words can fail us in trying to adequately describe the Trinity and so all we can really do is 2 things. Accept this truth on the revelation of Jesus and live the great mystery. It was Jesus himself who told us the He and the Father were One, and then spoke of the Spirit— **when the Paraclete comes, whom I shall send to you from the**

Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, He will be my witness. And so we learn from the words of Jesus Himself that there are 3 Divine Persons in One Divine Nature. If the Father and Son are **One** as Jesus said and then He will send the Holy Spirit from the Father, then all 3 can be nothing else but One. As St. Augustine tells us when we are speaking about God not to marvel because we don't understand, for if we did understand then He would not be God, as a God without mystery would have no claim in our reverence. Therefore we should never look on the Trinity as a problem to be solved, a puzzle to be worked out or something simply to test our faith, but rather a mystery to be lived. And so that is what we should concentrate on today. And we can live out the mystery of the Trinity by following its model in our own lives which is in 3 ways. **Firstly:** The Trinity is a community of persons in which there is no isolated, self sufficient individual. Therefore we cannot claim to belong to the Catholic Church or parish community if we isolate ourselves from others or act in the Church or community as a self sufficient individual. The Holy Trinity is open for all of us to join and live in communion with them. This can be seen in Rublev's famous icon of The Trinity, where it depicts them as 3 Angels sitting at a table. But at the front there is a space, as if it had been reserved for another guest. That guest is us. But are we as a Catholic community as open to others to come and join us—the migrants, the refugees, remembering the Holy Family themselves were once refugees, and so on? **Secondly:** The Trinity is a community of love. Christian love should also be the main characteristic of our parish community. But how loving are we really as individuals and as a community when it comes to showing unfailing forgiveness, charity or mercy, remembering if people deserved mercy if wouldn't be mercy. Can we really be identified as a community built on true Christian love as we are called to be? **Finally:** The Trinity work together in harmonious consensus, each fulfilling their unique role and mission but in union with each other. Each one of us has also been given a unique role and mission by God for the building up of His Kingdom in our parish and world. But do we know what that unique role and mission is, not what we think it is or want it to be, but the exact one God gave us. And do we fulfil that role and mission in union with everyone else in their role in our parish for God's greater glory? Just think for moment what kind of parish and world we would be living in now if we all lived in a true community spirit, lived as a community of Christian love and each of us fulfilled our unique role and mission in union with each other. And now we should ask what's stopping us?

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:

“Conscious of our brokenness and moved by the Spirit of Compassion, we the Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council, strive to be messengers of God's healing and love in today's world and to encourage and support all parishioners to bear witness to the Gospel of Christ.”

Anniversary and remembrance Masses

Sunday	7th June	10.00am 6.00pm	Av Av's	Mary Lappin. Josephine, Kevin Ciaran McKeever & Seamus Hearty.
Monday	8th June	10.00am	Av	Pat McGuinness.
Tuesday	9th June	10.00am	Av's	Patricia Carroll and parents and Dec'd members of the Brooks and McArdle families.
Friday	12th June	10.00am	RIP	Murphy family.
Saturday	13th June	6.00pm	Av's	Martha & Sean Moloney.



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Paul Maddy, Marian Park. Patricia Byrne, Marian Park. Margaret (Peggy) McCormack, Marian Park Liam Gerard White, Bay Estate. Patrick (Paddy) McIntyre, Mount Avenue. Thomas Mulholland, Ashling Park. Jack McQuillan, Ard Easmuinn. Eugene (Gene) Kelly, Clann Chullain Park. Teresa Connolly, Beechmount Drive.



REFLECTION

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son

From their eternal home the Trinity look on our world. Father, Son and Spirit, they see that we need them. We need to know more of the love of God, and what is the true meaning of our lives. They look on our world and see our hungers and thirsts, our homelessness and exile, our unemployment and conflicts. They see homes at peace and unhappy, marriages needing help. They see confusion of the young, the loneliness of the old. Today's feast means they care. That's what it means - **God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.** They sent the best help they knew to the people they loved and who needed their help. They sent not just a word of comfort, or vague promises of help. They sent themselves. They sent Jesus; **God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.** And through Mary, a young woman about to marry, the world was made flesh. Through millions since then the love of the Trinity is alive in the world—through you, through me, in the love and the care, we show, in the faith we live and the hope we share, **God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.** Let's give thanks for that great mystery.

An Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Prayer against the Coronavirus

Most Glorious Queen of Heaven & Mother of God, You whom the Blessed Trinity has crowned with unequalled glory. You are the Sovereign Queen over all God's Creation. I place myself & all my loved ones under the power, protection & sovereignty of your Crown. Under the protection of your crown & through your immense intercessory power, I ask you to spare us all from the effects of the coronavirus. Dearest Mother & Queen, more Mother than Queen, we, your children in Christ Jesus, ask you to obtain for us an end to the spread of the virus. **Amen.**

OUR CHURCH Will remain open for solitary personal prayer each morning from 9.30am-12.30pm. Please respect social distancing.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT: The parish recognises and upholds the rights of all children and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing at all times. A copy of the policy is always available for those who wish to view it in the parish office or the Sacristy. The Safeguarding Children representative for Holy Redeemer Parish is Thomas Fox 042-93-34259.

