



Trinity Sunday

The Trinity is part of our Christian faith and tradition. It cannot be understood with the head, but it is a reality that we are called to experience and believe in through our prayer and our heart. Our faith gives us the eyes to see it so vibrantly alive in our own life and the lives of those around us, and our heart the depths to experience it and be transformed by it. This has been so apparent through these recent times as we have adapted and been challenged to re-think how we do church!

The Trinity is not first of all a puzzle or enigma,

which in principle could be solved, but rather a mystery, a relationship which is not said but lived, never exhausted and only inadequately spoken of in words. This is true of any of the significant relationships in our lives and true, therefore, all the more so of God. Within the mystery of that relationship, we recognise God, from whom we come, in whom we live and move and have our being. We recognise the Son, the way, the truth and the life. We recognise the Spirit, who helps us to pray when we do not know how to pray as we ought. The Trinity is the unique relationship of creative love that exists between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are intimately invited to be connected to this relationship. Through the gift and grace of our baptism and confirmation we are personally invited to be part of this dynamic and life-giving union. We are made in the image of likeness of a triune God who is not remote or distant, but God who became flesh and now lives amongst us. We are created in love in the image of God the Father who creates us, of Jesus the Son who saves us and the Holy Spirit who continues to strengthen us.

As we plan for and move towards the safe re-opening of our places of worship there is a deep challenge to us to keep this as our central focus. Our prayer, worship, sacraments and our Eucharist are a response to God's revelation of Himself through His Son made possible by the Holy Spirit. As a community of faith our prayer and worship are not "things to be done" or "hard tasks that God sets us" they are gifts

Masses

Clondalkin Village Sundays: (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm, Sunday 10.30am, 12 noon All Behind Closed Doors Weekdays (Mon – Sat)10am ONLY

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that through His Son and in His Spirit He shares with us. We have a responsibility to keep centred on love (and all that entails) and to hold at the forefront of our decision making our service to the community and Gospel message it serves. Our Church is, at its essence, a relationship that we are intimately invited into – lived and experienced through the dynamic, life-giving and transformative presence of love. As we celebrate this wonderful feast, we pray that each of us will courageously accept this invitation and truly know that we do not travel this journey in isolation. We pray that we will continue to be blest in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Frank Brown, Parish Pastoral Worker*

We pray for all those in our country and throughout the world suffering from the Corona Virus. May its victims and their families be strengthened by the support of our community of faith and restored soon to full health. We also pray for our leaders and medical personnel who deal with the virus. May we keep calm and may we join together in solidarity with care and compassion to tackle this emergency. This we ask in confidence through Christ Our Lord. Amen

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A Word from Fr Damian

This week many priests including Father Seamus and myself celebrate their ordination anniversaries and both of us send our thanks for the kind texts and phone calls received during the week. One of the letters received was from Clare O' Connell informing me that Intercessory Tuesday Group who meet weekly to Pray for the Combined Catholic Parishes of Clondalkin are know praying at home from 3 to 4 in the afternoon. One of the prayers is a Rosary for Priests which is



very much appreciated. Clare sent me a copy and I shall try to get a copy unloaded to the website and facebook page. Frank has put one on the website in the interim and you can get it from - www.clondalkinparish.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/rosary-for-priests.pdf

If you are visiting the Village Church in the afternoons there are envelopes where you can support the parish by donations, Sunday collections, Easter offerings and Mass intentions. These maybe left in the safe at the Church. Thank you for your continued support. Fr. Damian



Pope Pius XII named him a Doctor of the Church.

(Taken from Catholic Ireland.net "Archive of the Saints")

If God is Trinity and Jesus is the face of

God, then it is a benevolent universe.

God is not someone to be afraid of, but

is the Ground of Being and on our side.

Churches this year due to the Convid-19 restrictions we are hosting an online retreat in Honour of St. Anthony of psalter! The texts of many of Anthony's sermons survive: Padua. Dublin's Adam & Eve Church welcomes everybody from for these and his reputation as a biblical scholar, in 1946 across Ireland, Europe and Internationally to join us on line from June 9th -13th. For more information contact Louise O'Sullivan 086 174 8649 / louise@yellowharbour.com

> We welcome all who want to pray to St. Anthony to intercede on their behalf with God. The online retreat can be accessed via a link on www.franciscansdublin.ie or on You Tube at Franciscans Dublin Adam and Eve.

On this TRINITY SUNDAY a little something to think about



Why do we make this sign?

It is like taking a step into the Mystery of God It is a reminder of Jesus' leve for us It reminds us that God leves us It reminds us that GOD IS LOVE!



Making the Sign of the Cross may be the most common of all actions, of all prayers that Catholics make.

We make it may times without thinking-

- We make it when we begin and end our prayers;
- We make it when we bless ourselves with Holy Water;
- we make it when we enter and leave a church;
- we start each Mass with it;
- we may even make it as a blessing and
- when we pass a Catholic church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle.
- Sometimes a triple cross is made with the thumb (for example at the reading of the Gospel) on the head, the lips and the heart to ask God to enlighten our mind, be on our lips and in our heart as we listen to scripture.

In the Sign of the Cross, we profess the deepest mysteries of the Christian Faith: **the Trinity** - **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit** and we remember Jesus' selfless love on the Cross on Good Friday.

The combination of the words and the action are a creed a statement of what we believe.

And in saying our AMEN at the end, we are saying **Yes** - **We Believe this! It is true!!** So we mark ourselves to be Christians through the Sign of the Cross.

Because we make the Sign of the Cross so often, we can be tempted to rush through it, to say the words without listening to them or thinking about them.

So next time you make the sign of the Cross - take a moment to think about you are doing, why you are doing it, what it means, and what it is asking of you! And... say a prayer for someone you love, who loves you or who needs a prayer!

Just one of the Thank you notes received from our viewers from Clondalkin and extended Parish:

Thanks for all the Facebook support and for Holy Mass on the Web. I have a leg injury and have been unable to walk far. Appreciate prayers. On the mend, Thank God. Being able to get Mass every day has kept me going. I'm blessed. Thanks. Brid, Dublin

Please keep sending your prayers, your Mass intentions, your messages and pictures & Thank You for staying connected

A thought for this Sunday for our Polish Parishioners -Thanks Chris

"Czy boisz się Boga? Czy boisz się, że zostaniesz potępiony za swoje grzechy? Czy naprawdę uważasz, że jest to prawdziwy obraz naszego Boga? Czytamy dzisiaj w czytaniach, że Bóg jest nieskory do gniewu i że tak bardzo umiłował świat, że posłał



Swego jedynego Syna, aby zbawił cały lud. Nie powinniśmy bać się Boga w niszczycielski sposób, ale szanować Go w zaufaniu i pokoju, być w bojaźni Bożej, ponieważ On po prostu nas kocha i zawsze chce naszego

dobra. Wiara w Jezusa powinna dawać nam pokój i wolność, jeśli jej nie ma, być może twój obraz Boga jest zbyt przerażający i będziesz potrzebował Ducha Świętego, aby go zmienić.

Are you afraid of God? Are you afraid of being condemned for your sins? Do you really think this is a true picture of our God? We read in readings today that God is slow to anger and that he loved the world so much that he sent His only Son to save all the people. We should not fear God in a destructive way, but respect Him in trust and peace, be in God's fear because He simply loves us and always wants our good. Faith

because He simply loves us and always wants our good. Faith in Jesus should give us peace and freedom, if it is not there, maybe your image of God is too scary and you will need the Holy Spirit to change it."

The Holy Trinity



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