

CLERGY

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The parish office should be your first port of call for any enquiries including appointments and arrangements for all sacraments (e.g. baptisms, weddings, funerals). Please email Karin Rattray, the Parish Secretary, at kingston@rcaos.org.uk or call on 020 8546 4633. The office is open from 9.30am to 2.00pm Monday to Friday. Could you please limit telephone calls outside these hours to emergencies only.

FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES SUNDAY 16^{TH} JUNE – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (C)

Saturday 15th

9.30am Montague Laing RIP

6.30pm Eleanor Margaret Alexander RIP

Sunday 16thThe Most Holy Trinity9.00amJeremy Langstaff Rip10.30amWellbeing of Keith Fraser6.30pmPeople of the Parish

Monday 17th

9.30am Charles Laing RIP

Tuesday 18th

9.30am Holy Souls

Wednesday 19th

9.30am Gerry Quigley RIP

Thursday 20th

9.30am No morning Adoration

Requiem Mass for Leonard Cowdery

Friday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, Memorial

9.30am Frances & Cyril Jarvis RIP

Saturday 22nd Ss John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs, Feast

9.30am Gerry White6.30pm John Davis RIP

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.

Confessions: Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call.

Baptisms: By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.

Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (6th July) WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. *Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.*

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary O'Flynn, Mary Keefe, Alexander Cameron, Kevin Heighton, Lilly Brain, Anne Cullen, Ethel Mary Duckett, Norah Wiseman, Vincent Rogan, William 'Billy' Kilkenny, Gregory Serna, Rose Patricia Smith, Larry Drinkwater, Bridget (Bridie) Flynn, Keith Finn, Anthony Borg, Kathleen Peacock, Laurence Mussi, Bernard O'Neill, Nora Smyth, Kathleen Margaret Humphreys, Thomas Sheehan, James Anderson, Mary Bridget Clarke, Sarah McLynn, Mary McKeon, Ian Hamilton, Kenneth Powell, Dave Hope, Margaret Begley, Joseph Smyth, Charles O'Donoghue, John Norman.

+++ May they rest in Peace +++

OFFERINGS

First collection Gift Aid £553.50 Loose £476.72 **Retiring Collection** Gift Aid £116.00 Loose £64.67

TOTAL £1210.89

The collection for last weekend was for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW).

The collection this week is for Day for Life: This is the Day in the Church's Life dedicated to celebrating the Sacredness of Life. This year will focus on all those who are suffering or have survived domestic abuse. Please see the leaflets in the church porch for more information.

THE WONDERS OF CREATION A REFLECTION OF PSALM 8:2, 4-9.

The first reading, from proverbs, offers a charming picture of God's creativity, playfulness and delight in being with his people. The God we believe in is not an abstract philosophical concept, going forth and returning, creating, playing and drawing delight. Dame Julian of Norwich prayed to God as 'my maker, my lover and my upholder'.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,

through all the earth!

The psalmist contemplates the sky at night and is filled with a double wonder: wonder at the fantastic distances and complex laws that govern the movements of moon and stars; yet the great Creator has a personal care for each individual person.

What is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you are for him?

Human beings are made *little less than a god*, crowned with glory and honour, and put in charge of all the works of the Lord.

The growth of science has given us the technology to understand much more than the psalmist about the extent of the universe and the complex harmony of motions among the celestial bodies. Discoveries in astronomy or any branch of science ought not dispense with faith but should increase our sense of awe before the wonders of creation.

This psalm reminds us of God's personal care for all the works of his hand. It challenges us to respect every creature as a precious heritage put under our care by God.

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday – Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press

St Agatha's Church Youth Club

We are excited to announce the launch of the brand new St Agatha's Church Youth Club! The Youth Club will run every Friday (Term-time) from 6 to 8pm and will initially be open to all children in year 6 and above. Meeting in the Cloister at St Agatha's Church, the club will aim to offer a range of sports, music, arts, crafts and cooking activities, trips and excursions and much more! Once established the young people will play a major part in shaping the youth club and the activities that are run. We are looking forward to being able to offer a youth provision, offering a safe and fun place for young people to make new friends and take part in the activities we will offer.

We would like to thank our very own parishioner Paul Keane for offering to lead this new group, however, we need more volunteers of all ages to help behind the scenes with the various tasks involved with running the club. Could you spare a few hours a month? Please speak with Frs. Anthony or Pius or contact the parish office for further details.

We would also greatly appreciate any donations of equipment, such as a football table, a multi sports table or basketball or rounders equipment to enable us to provide activities.

Please do encourage any young people you know to come along and join in!

"You, Eternal Trinity, are my Creator, and I am the work of Your hands, and I know through the new creation which You have given me in the blood of Your Son, that You are enamoured of the beauty of Your workmanship". Catherine of Siena

The Most Holy Trinity **Gospel Reading**

John 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit of truth will guide us.

Reflection

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity—one God in three persons.

The verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. In the early part of this discourse, as we saw last week on Pentecost, Jesus offers assurances to the disciples. Even though he must leave the disciples, he tells them that they will have a future because of the help he will send them in the Holy Spirit. In this section he focuses more on the shape of the future, which will include Jesus' victory over the world that they will share in. The disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that, whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future.

Reading this passage on Trinity Sunday reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share all.

Family Reflection

Think of the last time you witnessed an act of selfless love in your family. Parents and caregivers of all kinds are called upon to act selflessly every day. Family life calls us to share selfless love with one another.

God is the model for us of selfless love. There was no need for God to create our planet or the creatures that inhabit it; it was an act of selfless love. There was also no need for God to send his only Son to save us. That too was an act of selfless love.

As we draw closer to God and the mystery of the Trinity, we learn about God's love. God has lavished us with love in the persons of the Son and the Spirit, who in turn nurture in us the desire to do the same. When we open ourselves to be filled with an awareness of the divine life within us, we participate in the endless spiral of love that leads to eternal life. Whenever we share selfless love in the family, we are sharing in the life of the Trinity.

The "name" of the Most Holy Trinity is in a certain way impressed upon everything that exists, because everything that exists, down to the least particle, is a being in relation, and thus God-relation shines forth, ultimately creative Love shines forth. All comes from love, tends toward love, and is moved by love, naturally, according to different grades of consciousness and freedom... The strongest proof that we are made in the image of the Trinity is this: only love makes us happy, because we live in relation, and we live to love and be loved. ~ Pope Benedict XVI

Important Upcoming Dates:

Monday 17th June Flower Arranging Workshop

Friday 21st June Youth Club

Sunday 23rd June **Baptism Preparation Class** Wednesday 26th June

Parish Men's Group

Parish Website

Work is currently being undertaken to establish a new parish website. Please bear with us as this is a work in progress. All the events of the parish and any news will be included on this site and, hopefully, will be accessible in due course. If you are unable to find what you are looking for please contact the Parish Secretary.

Flower Arranging Workshop

Thank you to everyone who came along to our workshop, we had another great session. Are you interested in learning how to arrange flowers or wish to develop your skills further? You could be a complete beginner or already experienced. We will be holding 2 more flower arranging classes in June on Mondays (17th, 24th) at 7pm for one hour. These will be free of charge. If you are interested please contact the parish secretary at kingston@rcaos.org.uk or sign up in the church porch.

Baptism Preparation Class

Our next baptism preparation class will be on Sunday 23rd June 2019, at 2pm, in the cloister. Please contact the parish secretary to book your place. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's baptism. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish usually meet together on the third Wednesday of each month but due to a clash with another event at the Wych Elm this has now been set for the fourth Wednesday of each month. Therefore, the group will meet on the following dates in 2019: 26th June, 24th July, 28th August, 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

Gift Aid scheme

As the 2018/19 tax year has now ended, please let us know if, in the last year, you have changed your address or if you no longer pay tax so that we may update your details. The new gift aid envelopes are now available; if you are part of the scheme, please do ensure you come and collect your envelopes from the old sacristy after any mass or call or pop in to the parish office during office hours. Gift Aid is an important source of income for the Parish and we can claim a considerable sum from the government on all donations by UK taxpayers. If you would like to join the scheme, please speak with our Parish Secretary on 020 8546 4633. A big thank you to all involved as the tax we can reclaim is a great help to the parish.

Music at Masses

As we now have hymns at all Masses, we are still making an appeal for more musicians to lead the music. If you can play piano or organ and would like to take a turn at playing at one of the Masses, please contact one of the priests. Thank you!

Please see the Parish noticeboard for more details of the following:

- **FREE Flower Arranging Workshop**
- Request for Student Exchange placements
- 'The Gift' at St Joseph's Parish, New Malden.
- **Knock Pilgrimage 2019**
- The Mustard Seed
- St John's Seminary Chapel Appeal
- World Refugee Day Service