

"Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts,  
keep encouraging one another" (Heb 3:13)

**Sunday June 12 2022**  
**The Most Holy Trinity**  
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**Proverbs 8:22 - 31**

Wisdom plays a role in creation.

**Romans 5:1 - 5**

Paul shows how the life of the Trinity is revealed to those who believe.

**St. John 16:12 - 15**

The riches of God's own life are given to us through the Spirit.

"When he  
fixed the  
heavens  
firm,  
I was  
there..."  
(Proverbs)



**A** mystery to me. 'It is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma.' This expression, originally used in 1939 by Winston Churchill, is typically used to describe something that is immensely puzzling or too complex to understand.

The word 'mystery' is often used in everyday speech. When we can't wrap our heads around something, we shrug and say: 'It's a mystery to me,' or: 'It's another of life's great mysteries.' As a child, I used to wonder about the religious meaning of 'mystery.' I remember someone telling me that if something is a mystery, it can never be fully understood, though that does not mean we should stop trying - like Jesus being fully human and fully divine (the incarnation), Jesus' death and resurrection (the Paschal mystery), and three persons in one God (the Trinity).

It is this last mystery that we celebrate today. One of the most poignant attempts to explain the Trinity came from C.S. Lewis, who reasoned that if God is love, then God must contain more than one person: 'God is not a static thing - not even a person - but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance.' The idea of the Trinity as a sort of divine dance is a good place to begin reflecting on this great mystery of God as a communion of love.

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. He does not reveal everything to his disciples at once, as it 'would be too much for you now.' The full truth will be revealed later, when the Spirit comes. The more we reflect, the more we pray, the more we are open to the Spirit, the more we will understand about the great mystery of God as love.

Triona Doherty

**Today's Psalm**  
**Psalm 8**

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, nor a scientific remote control, but a family of intimate relationships, 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 the 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 care 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 do not dispense with faith but should increase our sense of awe before the wonders of creation.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.

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Mass Intentions for w/c Sunday, June 12 2022

Sun: **The Most Holy Trinity**

8.30.am. Parishioners

10.30.am. **Vincent Kieran**

**Mon: St. Anthony of Padua**

9.30.am. Mary & Harry Roden

**Tues: Weekday**

**Weekday For Peace in Ukrain**

**Wed: Weekday**

9.30.am. Rev Thomas Keeley

**Thurs: Weekday**

9.30.am. Requiem Harold Fish

**Fri: St John Rigby**

7.00.pm. Agnes & Stan Skyner

**Sun: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

8.30.am. **Mary Walsh**

10.30.am. Paishioners

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**Confessions**

At your request

**On Admittance to Hospital or Nursing Home**

Staff need to be made aware by you: that you, or the member of your family, or the person you accompany, are Catholic, and require the services of the Catholic Chaplaincy.

**Cemetery**

All visitors are asked to help keep the Cemetery tidy and to use the appropriate waste bins.

**Mass Intentions received upto 10/06/2022**

John Loughlin 1/7 Harold Fish Id

**We pray for the Sick**, especially the sick of the parish including Ryan Troop; Catherine Thompson, Maureen Beardsworth, Desmond Gorman

Coffee, Tea, and biscuits in, the Parish Hall after 10.30. Mass today.  
Paths in the Cemetery were re laid yesterday, so please be careful as you go.

Monday StAnthony of Padua should be the patron of those who find their lives completely uprooted and set in a new and unexpected direction. Like all saints, he is a perfect example of turning one's life completely over to Christ. Over and over again God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve Jesus more completely.

Thursday International Day for the African Child. Families in Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan are facing extreme food shortages and hunger. The conflict in Ukraine is causing rising prices and food shortages. And right now, in the Horn of Africa, these rising prices are making things worse for millions of people who were already facing drought and famine conditions. Children and families deserve a future without hunger and need out support.

Donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Horn-of-Africa-food-crisis](http://www.cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Horn-of-Africa-food-crisis).

Online Event Christian Unity – What is the Goal? Tuesday 14 June 2022, 19.30 – 21.00 BST.

Join the distinguished panel who will be discussing the goal and drivers of Christian Unity in the 21st century.

This event is organised by The Tablet in conjunction with The Society for Ecumenical Studies and will be recorded. Ticket holders can be sent, on request, a copy of the webinar to watch again at a time that suits them. Tickets are £12.50

For Our Younger Parishioners Remember over the next couple of weeks to pray for our younger parishioners many of whom are in the middle of exams and exam preparation. We pray that they are able to do

themselves justice, no more and no less. Whatever the outcome we will be proud of them.

“All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them.”  
(Galileo Galilei Italian astronomer & physicist (1564 - 1642) )