



The Parish of St Mary & St Catherine



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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Year A. 31st May	8.30am	Pro Populorum. (People of the Parish)
	10.30am	Andrew Gilman, RIP. 1st Anniv
Monday 1st June: St Justin, Martyr	9.30am	Elaine Perks, BR
Tuesday 2nd June: Ss Marcellinus & Peter	9.30am	Benefactors of the Lancs Infirm Clergy Fund
Sacrament of Confirmation with Mass	7pm	Celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop John
Wed 3rd June: St Charles Lwanga & Companions	9.30am	Joseph Dickinson, RIP
Thurs 4th June: Feria	9.30am	ROSARY
Friday 5th June: St Boniface	7pm	NOVENA & BENEDICTION
		Confessions following
Saturday 6th June: St Norbert	11am	Baptism of Marnie Jaya Smith
Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Year A. 31st May	8.30am	Pro Populorum. (People of the Parish)
<i>Ending with short Blessed Sacrament Procession</i>	10.30am	Joseph Dickinson, RIP

THANK YOU for your Offerings each week.

Retiring collection NEXT WEEK for our parish SVP Society.

100 Club: Damien Kzewinski (13). *Please collect your winnings from the sacristy.*

Fr Simon's blog is at **offerimus tibi domine** (where you will also find the Mass times each week)

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: New appointment pending.

MISSAL PAGES for today: Page 818.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

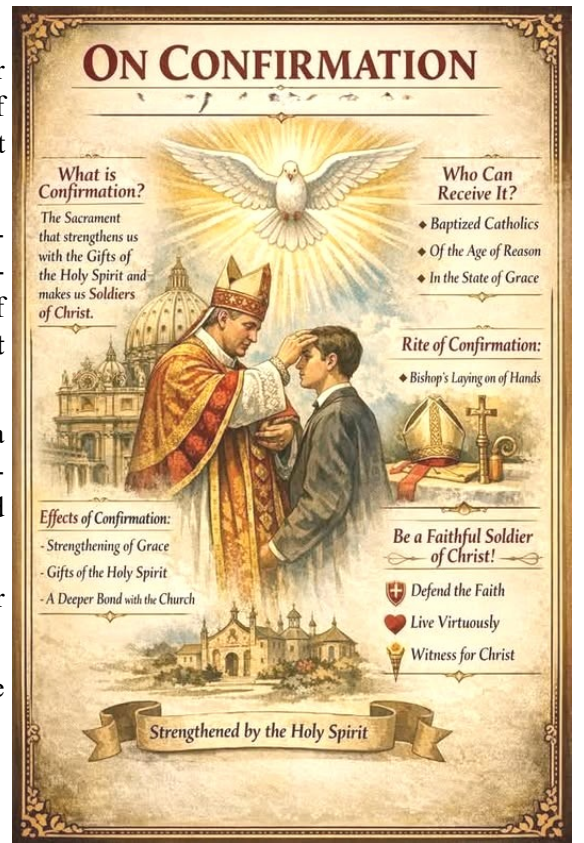
We welcome Archbishop John to our Parish this Tuesday to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation, which we are hosting for our Family of Parishes: which are St Gregory's, Weldbank, St Oswald's, Coppul, St Agnes, Eccleston and Ss Peter & Paul, Mawdesley.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation in the Church, alongside Baptism and the Holy Eucharist. It completes the grace given at Baptism by providing a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, **which seals and strengthens the believer to live out and defend their faith as a mature witness of Jesus Christ.**

Contrary to a common misconception, Confirmation is not merely a "graduation" from religious education or a rite of passage where a human chooses God. Instead, it is primarily a sacramental act where God confirms, seals, and strengthens the believer with supernatural grace.

We continue to pray for them, that they might experience the joy of their Catholic Faith.

A reminder to our Altar Serving Team that your assistance would be appreciated on Tuesday for the Mass.



RED MISSION BOXES:

Peter, our Missio Rep, will post the Missio brown envelopes through letterboxes as from Tuesday 2nd June. Please empty the money from the boxes into those envelopes and bring them to church for collection after Masses on both 7th & 14th June. Please DO NOT bring the red boxes but keep them at home. Thank you to all those who support the Missions in this way.



EUXTON OPEN GARDENS DAY:

Thanks to all who assisted in any way. About £800 was raised to support putting on the Gala in July.

EUXTON GALA. 1pm. 4th July.

Our schools are taking part in various ways but we are particularly looking for **helpers for the Refreshments** and the **Tombola** (which we will help to collect prizes for nearer the time): you can volunteer to do just an hour, so that no-one is working all afternoon Also, any general help most **especially setting up in the morning and taking everything down afterwards.**

Nearer the time, parishioners could also bake cakes etc for the cake stall. The parish will now benefit from any funds raised by the Gala. We are not just "helping out" as a parish but now a full partner in the Gala, so please do rally round and make our presence felt.

Please email or speak to Fr Simon or parish assistant Michael Thompson, via the parish email address.

CLOCK RESTORATION: THIS year marks the 150th anniversary of the installation of the clock and bell in the tower.

The clock face is severely weathered, the clock was last renovated in the late 1980's. The company who service the clock and bell have given me us cost for the work - taking it away and refinishing it properly to last for many years. It is a highly specialized job, and if not done properly, the paint will not last. However, with the scaffolding that would be needed, the cost would be around £20,000.



One of our parishioners is kindly pursuing a grant from a charity that supports civic projects and our local Euxton Parish Council is offering a very generous grant of £7,000. **We now have a donation of £5,000 from a parishioner! Thank you!** If anyone has any other ways of accessing funds or if you would like to donate, please do let us know!



Your Prayers are asked for all the sick, including: Rosena Stacey, Vivienne Lee, Tom Miller, Paul Casey, Linda Melling, Tilly Gee, Kathleen Ward, Clare Butler, Maureen MacDonald, Louie Baines, Margaret McNiff, Elle Miller, Mark Duncan, Mary Ann Monaghan, Bernard Lawson, Mick Marshall, Carol Parkinson, Margaret Lawler, Catherine Thompson, Pat Fishwick, Stephen Dilworth.

We pray for those who are housebound & for those who love & care for them.
Mary conceived without sin - Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

JOIN OUR PARISH 100 CLUB: Please take a SIGN UP FORM from the back of church. Numbers still available.

The Parish Centre is open during Sunday Masses, where toilets are easily accessible.



ALTAR SERVERS.



I am hoping that some of the boys from our First Communion group this year will join our Servers Team. I have mentioned this to the children and to parents over the course of the preparation. Can I ask parents to encourage and support children in taking up this great service. I appreciate that some cannot commit to every Sunday for various reasons but this should not prevent them from joining. Having received the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, it is a way of giving thanks for such a great gift.

There would be some training to prepare them and they would be part of what I hope will become an annual event of a day out during the summer.

CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING TIDY DAY.

THIS COMING Saturday 6th June. 9am—12 noon.

Everyone welcome to come along and give a hand in whatever way you can.

Bacon butties to sustain us at about 11am.

It's the day before the Corpus Christi Procession, so a good time for a spruce up!



REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASS.

All are welcome to come in for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass. Just come into the Social Centre opposite the church and say hello!

WE STILL NEED EXTRA VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 10.30am MASS.



Act of Spiritual Communion. My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed 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. Amen.

Spiritual communion is a practice that allows us to connect with God and express our longing for His presence, especially during times when we cannot attend Mass or receive the Eucharist. Many saints have emphasized the importance of this prayer, as it fosters a deep spiritual relationship with Christ & helps maintain one's faith and devotion.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2027. Thank you to those who came to the meeting and others unable to attend who have expressed an interest. We have a group of around 20 interested for a date to be confirmed late September/early October 2027.

PILGRIM HOLIDAY TOP FRANCE. 13th—20th AUGUST 2026. 7 nights in Saint Pierre de Maillé in France.

An historic area in the heart of France, exploring history and Catholicism, staying in the Villa St Pierre, next to the River Gartempe. We presently have 15 people going. The flights will be booked this week, if there is anyone still interested in going.

Cost to be £700 per person. Younger children at a discount, travelling at £300 each.

Including transport, flights and most meals (with wine for the meals) and en-suite accommodation, entrance costs to attractions & daily Mass.

Outward: Departing Manchester Airport Thursday 13th August. Return: from Limoges Airport 20th August.



SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI.

The feast dates back to the 13th century. It was established in 1264 by Pope Urban IV following the advocacy of the mystic St. Juliana of Liège and a recognized Eucharistic miracle in Bolsena, Italy, where the Host miraculously bled and the miracle still continues to this day.

The glory of celebrating Corpus Christi lies in the public adoration, gratitude, and majestic celebration of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It transforms the quiet, intimate reflection of Maundy Thursday into a triumphant, outward expression of faith.

One traditional aspect of the feast is the Corpus Christi procession, where the Eucharist is carried through the streets in a monstrance. Spiritually, this symbolizes Jesus walking alongside humanity in the very places where they live, work, and face daily struggles. It is a reminder to bring a spirit of holiness out of the church building and into the world

So next Sunday we will make a short Procession with the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 10.30am Mass from church to an outdoor altar set up in the grounds of St Mary's School.

This will consist of the priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament under a canopy, accompanied by acolytes and children strewing flower petals, concluding with Benediction at the outdoor altar.

We will have some flower petals but if you can bring any from any type of flower next Sunday, there will be a container to collect them at the back of church at both Masses. Thank you.

The Blessed Trinity is the central dogma of the Faith, defining God as one divine nature existing in three distinct, co-eternal, and co-equal persons: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ), and God the Holy Spirit. These three persons are not three separate gods, but a single, undivided Godhead sharing the exact same essence.

Core Theological Pillars: The foundational framework of Trinitarian theology relies on three strict principles:

Monotheism: There is only one true God.

Three Persons: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are truly distinct individuals.

Equal Divinity: Each person is fully, eternally, and completely God.

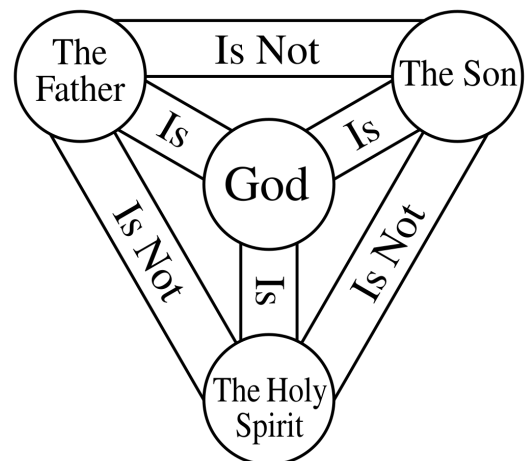
The Creed explains the distinct identity of each person through their eternal origins and relationships rather than a division of time:

The Father: The source and unbegotten principle of the Trinity, existing from Himself.

The Son: Eternally begotten by the Father, manifested historically on Earth as Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit: Proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son as a manifestation of divine love and power. [Distinguishing Being vs. Person.]

The Trinity is considered a "mystery of faith" in Christian theology, meaning it is an infinite concept that human reason cannot fully unravel or discover on its own, but can understand through divine revelation.



THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR RETURNING TO THE PRACTICE OF THE FAITH? Our meetings for prospective Converts have broadened to include those recently returning to practice of the Faith, who want to learn a little more.



Our next meeting is at 7pm this Monday 1st June. Even if you did not come to the initial meetings, anyone interested is still welcome. The meeting will be held in the Presbytery (behind the church on the Lourdes Shrine side). Please contact Fr Simon.