

“Every day, as long as this ‘today’ lasts,  
keep encouraging one another” (Heb 3:13)

**June 4<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
**The Most Holy Trinity**  
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**Exodus 34:4 - 6, 8 - 9**

God renews his covenant with his people.

**2nd Corinthians 13:11 - 13**

Paul entrusts the Corinthians to the care of Trinity, just as the celebrant often does at the opening of liturgies.

**St. John 3:16 - 18**

God’s judgement of the world is founded on the law of love.

“The grace of  
the Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
the love of  
God and the  
fellowship of  
the Holy  
Spirit be  
with you all.”



**Today’s Psalm**  
**Daniel 3:52 -56**

These are the opening verses of the great canticle of creation in the Book of Daniel. Saved from the fiery furnace, the three young men call on all creatures to join them in rendering glory to God.  
*To you glory and praise for evermore.*

Liberation from the great fire anticipated the great saving deeds of Jesus. The fiery furnace for us is nothing less than the burning fire of God’s inner life, where the Three Persons are distinct but united in knowledge and love. This love is shown in Jesus. As Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.’

Daniel called on all creatures to join him in prayer. We have the higher privilege, granted through baptism, of participating in the very hymns of heaven. When the love of the Father sent the Son to earth, the perfect praise that was sung in heaven came into our world. In his return to the Father, we too are lifted up to share in the perfect praise. It is our privilege in sacred liturgy to render all honour and glory to the Father, through Jesus, with him and in him, by the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit.  
*To you glory and praise for evermore.*

**Fr. Silvester O’Flynn OFM Cap**

**G**od in today’s Gospel is described to us as one that is very close, as one that loves the world so deeply that he was willing to give everything to it. It is hard to comprehend these statements. Why would someone love in such a way? Why would someone sacrifice in such a way? John’s Gospel today tells us that it is because we are loved so deeply and so that we would come to know this love which brings life. It is not a one-off event; it is continuous and ongoing in each of our lives. Neither is it to make us feel guilty; we are told that this outpouring of God’s love is not to condemn us in any way. This giving from the Father is so that we might be free from our own brokenness, that we might know how infinitely loved we are and so live a life that is full and everlasting. God rescues us from our own brokenness and offers a life that is a fuller and deeper experience.

Trinity Sunday invites us to reflect on the impossible; on the utterly mysterious. Yet we can know something of what it means to experience God’s love in our lives; to have a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and to feel God’s Spirit dwelling within ourselves. We can experience that same Spirit in each person that we meet, that Spirit of God indwelling in all of creation. The Trinity speaks to us of relationship, community, of fully giving and receiving.

‘God has fallen in love with us – quite literally. God has come down to earth, and opened Godself to all the raw brutality, as well as the warm tenderness, of human life.’  
(Margaret Silf) **Jane Mellet**

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Mass Intentions for w/c June 4, 2023

**Sun: The Most Holy Trinity**

8.30.am. Parishioners

10.30.am. Jean Mary Telford

**Mon: St Boniface Bishop & Martyr**

9.30.am. Richard & Ann Barrow

**Tues: Weekday**

9.30.am. Ken Coles

**Wed. eekday**

9.30.am. Alan Clark

**Thurs: Weekday**

9.30.am. Private Intention

**Fri: Weekday**

7.00.pm. Private Intention

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

8.30.am. Parishioners

10.30.am. Tomas & Elizabeth Drinkwater

**Mobile** (only for emergency use) 0771 942 7926

**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 02/06/2023**

Mary Gallagher

**We pray for the Sick, especially the sick of the parish including Ryan Troop; Catherine Thompson; Maureen Beardsworth; TThomas Halligan.**

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June 2023 For Victims of Torture Torture is not past history. Unfortunately, it's part of our history today. There are extremely violent forms of torture. Others are more sophisticated, such as degrading someone, dulling the senses, or mass detentions in conditions so inhumane that they take away the dignity of the person. In putting a stop to this horror, it is essential to put the dignity of the person above all else, because without this dignity, the victims become 'less than human' and can be mistreated mercilessly, causing death or permanent psychological and physical harm lasting a lifetime. This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention, "...that the international community commit itself concretely to abolish torture, guaranteeing support to victims and their families."

June is traditionally the month when Catholics are urged to show special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is the celebration of God's love for us. The Sacred Heart is the symbol of the eternal love by which "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son".

(Jn 3:16)

"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)