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The Most Holy Trinity (Year B) – 30th May 2021

1st Reading – Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalm – Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

2nd Reading – Romans 8:14-17

Gospel – Matthew 28:16-20

We begin all our prayers in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In this name we have been baptised. We only know who God is because the Father wishes to be known and recognized as such by His children. Our whole life is a pilgrimage whose goal is to be in the presence of the Father. The same Father as we know is living in unapproachable light, and only becomes fully known when the Word of God is sent by the Father to us and becomes human like us. Jesus, our Lord, is that eternal Word of God who reveals the face of the Father. It is from the same Jesus that we discover that He is led by the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit given to us in baptism and confirmation who will reveal and teach us the whole truth.

In the Holy Trinity we see a model of community life, a model in whose image and likeness we have been created, and whom we are called to imitate. The mission of the Holy Trinity is to share the divine life with us, to save us from the lies of sin, and prepare us for eternal life that starts today. The Holy Trinity is the source of all goodness, and we as tiny as we are in relation to the whole created world, matter deeply to God who created us out of love. The best response we could possibly offer to God is to make that mission our own. We can make a following decision, that we would like to be an instrument of God's goodness in people's lives, someone who can point out a way of life to others that allows them to truly experience the deepest desires of their hearts. This requires us to be committed to a life of conversion.

To imitate the example of the Trinity we need to seek unity and love. As the restrictions we have all faced are slowly being lifted, we face another journey of becoming more united again as children of the Father. We can learn to appreciate the presence of others in a new way, whatever the new normal may be. God does not change and is always there in the midst of all the changes we have to face. Let us pray we may be re-connected with one another soon face to face, and recognize the presence of God within one another when we do.

1st Holy Communion – Next Sunday on the 6th June, Christabela Fernandes Soares and Jecarina Tilman Freitas will receive their 1st Holy Communion during the 11am Mass. We pray for them and their families as they prepare for this joyful occasion.

Baptism – This Saturday 29th May we welcome into the Church Quinn Chapman and Jobelia Fernandes Soares who have been baptized. Congratulations to them and their families.

Franciscan Spirituality Sessions – Our next session will be on Friday 7th June at 7.30pm I will be sharing the Franciscan spiritual journey according to St. Bonaventure's 'Itinerarium Mentis in Deum'. It is a short piece of writing commonly translated as the soul's journey into God. A reflection of a saint on the spiritual life of another saint – aimed at helping all of us to deepen our love and experience of God in everyday life. Held on Zoom. Meeting ID **845 9492 0169** Passcode **934692**
Open to everyone, invite your friends.

Readers – I would like to invite all those who read the Word of God during our Masses for a couple of hours of prayer / reflection on Saturday 26th June at 4pm in the church. It will be a great time to meet all of you, and hopefully a good opportunity to remind ourselves of the important ministry that you do for the community. I look forward to meeting all of you, as well as anyone who may be interested in reading during Mass. If you cannot attend, please let me know.

Baptismal Preparation – Our next session for parents who are preparing for their child's baptism will take place on the 2nd Sunday of June – 13th June at 3pm. Please email or get in touch with the office to let me know you will be attending.

CAFOD Campaign to Reclaim our common home - Cafod have launched a campaign 'to reclaim our common home' in advance of the G7 meeting in June of leaders from seven of the world's richest countries under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister and the COP26 climate talks in November also under Mr Johnson's chairmanship. The aim of the campaign is to bring before our political leaders in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic the plight of the poorest nations of the world and to adopt measures to help rebuild them by ending unjust debt repayment and tackling the climate crisis.

The easiest way to sign the petition is to do so online
at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>

Parish donations – Our website provides you with details of how you can support our parish financially during this time, whether you are a member of our GIFT AID scheme or not. If you are a tax payer, please take a moment to fill in the relevant form you will find on our website – all at no cost to yourself, but helping us immensely. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Diocesan Newsletter

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email.

Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

Important information for EU Citizens

If you are an EU passport holder and have not yet obtained Settled status please be aware that the deadline for this is the end of June this year. It applies regardless of how long you have been resident in the UK. Spread the word! You can ask for help with your application at **Europa Welcome**, based in East Oxford. They can help with language problems and have information on their website in **Tetum**, the language of East Timor, many of whose citizens hold Portuguese passports.

You can find more information generally about who needs to apply for Settled Status here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk>

And here is the website for Asylum Welcome:

<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/europa-welcome>

To read it in **Tetum**, go here:

https://www.asylumwelcome.org/docs/Asylum%20Welcome%20Eschema%20Settlement%20iha%20EU%20no%20Coronavirus_4%20Aug%202020.pdf

NB The information above does **NOT** apply to Irish citizens as they are covered by the Common Travel Area legislation and do not need to apply for Settled Status.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 30th May

The Most Holy Trinity (Year B)

9.00am

Parishioners

11.00am

Manuel Soares Pinto, Santana Da Silva,
Filomena De Carvalho, Mama Bete Ama Biri

5.30pm

Patrick McDonagh R.I.P. Anniversary

Monday 31st May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast

7.30am Arthur & Felicia Van Cuylenburg R.I.P.

Tuesday 1st June

St. Justin, Memorial

7.30am Kevin, Ada Graziella

Wednesday 2nd June

St. Felix of Nicosia, Memorial

7.30am Infant Andrew Bishara R.I.P.

Thursday 3rd June

Sts. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Memorial

7.30am Martin Da Cunha R.I.P.

11.15am Funeral Mass for Roy Roger Bunce R.I.P.

Friday 4th June

7.30am St. Anthony's Guild

Saturday 5th June

St. Boniface, Memorial

8.00am Br. Antony's Intentions

6.30pm Parishioners

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.