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The Most Holy Trinity Sunday Year C – 12th June 2022

1st Reading – Proverbs 8:22-31
Psalm – How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!

2nd Reading – Romans 5:1-5

Gospel – John 16:12-15

This Sunday we are celebrating the mystery of who God is: The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit. Jesus has come to reveal the truth about God to us and to invite us into a deepened relationship with the Father, through Himself, in the Holy Spirit. We can only go so far in trying to understand who God is, but more importantly this mystery of God allows us to discover some essential truths and aspects of our lives.

The first one is the importance of community life. As Catholics we gather every Sunday together as a community, as the People of God, as the Body of Christ. We come in order to worship and give thanks and in doing that we receive from God. Just as the Father has given all to His Son, so we in our turn are asked to share generously with others. In the same way as Jesus listened to the Father's voice and His will, so we are called to be great listeners and show that face of God to those we encounter. The life of the Trinity, the relationships between the three teach us what life in community ought to be like. The Trinity is not just an inspiration, or God to be admired, but a model and an example to be followed.

As we near the World Meeting of Families later this month, it would be useful for us to find some moments of silence to reflect on how our own family life is modelled on that of the Trinity. To what extent do we mirror the atmosphere of love, understanding, listening, or acceptance? What part can I play in helping others see and experience the mystery of the Trinity? Some of our families may be faithful copies of that image, others may be broken for all sorts of reasons, no matter what the state we may find ourselves in we can reach out to the Trinity and invite the Lord into our families, our hearts again today.

Day for Life – On **Sunday 19**th **June** we will be having a 2nd collection to support various organizations which work in the public square to promote the case for the protection of life from the beginning to its natural earthly end (Anscombe Centre, Right to Life, Living and Dying Well) as well as some practical projects such as Rachel's Vineyard, and homes run for pregnant mothers by Life. Thank you for your generous support next week.

1st **Holy Communion** – Next Sunday 19th June at the 11.00am Mass five children will receive their 1st Holy Communion. Let us keep them in prayer that the day will be a joyful celebration for them and a new beginning of their relationship with the Lord.

World Meeting of Families June 22nd-26th – We are all invited to spiritually gather as a World Family in Christ to celebrate the joy, love, and glory that is the vocation of family life through The World Meeting of Families. Pope Francis highlights that a parish is called to be the presence of the Church in a community, providing a place where people can hear God's word, grow in discipleship, and extend themselves in love to the poor and needy, bringing families together — a place where we can pray, worship, and celebrate together (*Amoris Laetitia 87,88*). We encourage you to pick up a prayer for families from the back of the church or download it from our website and say it together at home. There will be a box on the table as you enter the church for your family petitions that we will be bringing to the altar during the offertory – please take time at home to write them down and bring them with you for next weekend.

Corpus Christi Procession – On Sunday 19th June at 2.30pm the procession will start from the Oratory and will end with Benediction and refreshments at the University Chaplaincy, stopping at Blackfriars on the way for a sermon by Fr. Bob Ombres O.P. Children who have made their 1st Holy Communion this year are encouraged to wear their outfits and throw flower petals (please bring your own!). Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Parish Social – On Saturday 25th June starting at 12noon we will be holding our parish social. As we have a number of parishioners from diverse cultural groups in the parish it would be good if we could have some food to reflect this at the Parish Social. As you leave the church, please put your name down and the dish/food you could make for us to share on the day. Please put the date in your diary and pray for good weather.

Encounter Festival 29th – **31**st **July 2022** – The Carmelites are inviting young people ages 25-25 for this 3-day event at the end of July. For further details please take a copy of the leaflet from the back of the church or look at the noticeboard.

On Fire! Evangelisation Conference — Young Catholic Adult Network in collaboration with Durham University (Centre for Catholic Studies) will be hosting this conference 9 — 11 September 2022. You can register for it now, please look at the poster at the back of the church for details.

Coffee mornings – A chance to catch up with your fellow parishioners is there every Sunday morning after our 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses. Everyone is welcome.

Rosary Prayer Group – We continue to say the rosary together in the parish on Fridays at 7.00 p.m. Come and pray.

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.

Altar Servers – If your child would like to serve at the altar during Mass, or you would like them to do so, please get in touch with the parish priest. All relevant training will be provided.

Parish Hall – If you would like to make a specific donation towards the renovation of the parish hall, please specify that you wish that donation to go for that purpose. You can write a cheque made out to Capuchin Oxford Parish, or donate via bank transfer to the Capuchin Oxford Parish Account (Acc. No. 50154109 Sort Code 60-70-03). Thank you for your support and generosity.

Church cleaning – This week we thank Michael and Isobel for coming to clean the church. If you would like to lend a helping hand and join the rota to clean the church please get in touch.

Collection Last Week: £372.43 Gift Aid: £35

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, and to those of you who also contribute on-line.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 12th June 2022 The Most Holy Trinity Sunday (Year C)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Sabrena Collins R.I.P.

9.00 a.m. Parishioners

11.00 a.m. Maria Rossi R.I.P.

5.30 p.m. Daniela Lacitignola R.I.P.

Monday 13th St. Anthony of Padua

7.30 a.m. Br. Antony and Br. Antonio Int.

Tuesday 14th

7.30 a.m. Joan & Mary Barrett R.I.P.

Wednesday 15th

7.30 a.m. Martinho Afonso, Valencio

Fernandes & Baby Adale

Thursday 16th

7.30 a.m. Br. Pradeep

Friday 17th

7.30 a.m. Mrs Nora Reilly

Saturday 18th Anniversary of

Dedication of the

Cathedral

8.00 a.m. Nora O'Leary R.I.P.

6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Patrick & Martin Reilly R.I.P.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson.** 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.