



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

Fr Benjamin writes ...

Trinity Sunday certainly highlights that the God Who reveals Himself to us is a God of surprises. His first phase of showing Himself to the world – the Old Testament times – was as the unnameable, unseeable all-One God. He then comes to us as the Word made flesh, living among us. In these times, the age of the Church, He is called Holy Trinity, One God.

We should never harbour an image of God in our minds or hearts and think that to be the true God. One thing that the concept of the Holy Trinity teaches us, is that we will never fully know the reality of God this side of eternity. To paraphrase St Augustine: To think that you have worked out Who God really is, is not to know Him.

Nevertheless, it is wondrous that from the Sinai desert to the present day, God has more and more revealed Himself as the reality of love. To be seen as one impenetrable monolith results in something that loves itself. To reveal that within the Godhead is a community of Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we know God as One Whose entire Being is an outpouring of love, which floods into our world.

In the Trinity we gain something of an image that we are called to follow where love is not just concentrated on the self, but is poured out to others, and is received by those others who are beloved, and the bond of that sharing is the deepest reality to be known. “Let us make man in our own image” said God at creation (Gen. 1:26). Even then there were hints at the communion of love that is God, and that we are to reflect Him with that image.

Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the selflessness of love, the selflessness of God and the reality that we are not a mixture of atoms, but the direct result of Love itself. We are mirrors of God, created by the Father, polished and redeemed by the Son, and reflecting the light of the Holy Spirit.

God bless you this Sunday and always

May is the Month of Our Blessed Lady Rosary, Vespers and Benediction for Vocations—4pm Sunday

May is the month of Our Blessed Lady! Please make an extra effort this month to join us in offering thanksgiving for our priests and seminarians and to pray that we may all listen to God’s voice in discerning our vocations whether to the priesthood, consecrated life or married life.

Please cut out this Prayer for Vocations and pray it daily as part of your family prayers

Prayer for Vocations

Priest: Let us pray to God to give worthy priests and religious to His Holy Church

Priest and People: O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast chosen the Apostles and their successors the Bishops and Priests of the Catholic Church to preach the true Faith throughout the whole world, we earnestly beseech Thee to choose from among us in this parish, priests and religious brothers and sisters who will gladly spend their entire lives to make Thee better known and loved. Amen

The Lord is God indeed: he and no other

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own

Second reading

Romans 8:14-17

The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Go and make disciples of all nations

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Sacramental Preparation - First Reconciliation and Holy Communion 2025

We are happy to update families: the application process for our Parish First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme for 2024/2025 will be open from Monday 27th May until Monday 3rd September 2024.

Please note the following information:

Your child or children will need to be in Year 4 or above from September 2024

You need to live in our parish and must be registered parishioners.

You need to attend Mass regularly.

To apply we ask that you simply complete an interest form found on our website -

<https://www.holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk/copy-of-baptism>

HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

Parish Notices

Outdoor Rosary Tuesdays and Wednesdays

As well as our Sunday afternoon Rosary at 4pm we will pray the Holy Rosary outside the Church on Tuesdays after Mass and Wednesday mornings at approximately 10am. Please join us.

Deeper In Faith (16-18 year old group)

Our group met for the time to look further into their Faith with the prospect of being received into the Church in due course. This group is also for those wanting to look deeper into their Faith, perhaps filling in the gaps of their knowledge and understanding. Young people are welcome to join the group which is guided by Fr Benjamin. We next meet on 3rd June from 6-7pm in the Louis Suite—there has been talk of pizza! For more details please get in touch with Angela ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk

Gardening without Father—25 May 2024

If anyone has free time this Saturday morning 25th May to start clearing up the Church steps, pulling up weeds and trimming back some bushes please join us at 10.00 am.

Corpus Christi Procession 2 June 2024

On 2 June after 1030 am Mass we shall take Our Blessed Lord in procession around the Millbrook area. The procession will start at approximately 11.30 am. We shall process around the Millbrook area singing joyfully! The procession will end with Benediction on the steps of the Church. After Benediction we shall have an afternoon tea in the Parish Hall.

We would appreciate the following volunteers:

Marshalls, (preferable people who have no other responsibilities).

Those prepared to assist the elderly members of the Parish.

Help is also needed with preparation and serving Afternoon Tea (Fundraiser £5 per head, ice-creams will also be sold on the day).

Parish Vacancy

Job Title: Permanent Adorer of Our Blessed Lord

Hours of Work: Saturdays 1 am until 2 am (very early morning)

Salary: Innumerable graces

Job description; watch for one hour, wrapped in His love.



Caritas Job Vacancy

Caritas is looking for a self-motivated, compassionate individual to join their team as a Project Development Officer. Based in the Southampton and Havant region of the Diocese, this role is central to the development of predominantly parish-based social and environmental projects that support those in need in our communities. We highly value our relationship with Caritas and the work they do within our Parish, please consider whether this could be a role for you. For more information email recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or visit <https://bit.ly/44U0Fcd>

Job vacancies in the Diocese <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

Sun 26 May	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Francis Friend-Pereira (RIP) Percy Cartwright
Mon 27 May	NO MASS THIS EVENING		
Tues 28 May	Blessed Margaret Pole	9.15 am (OF)	Pamela & Michael Humphrey (RIP)
Thurs 30 May	Feria	7.30 pm (EF)	John & Carol Smith (Wedding Anniv)
Fri 31 May	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.15 am (OF)	Ben Nichols & Family (Int)
Sat 1 June	of the 8th week in Ordinary Time (Vigil)	9.15 am (OF) 6.30 pm (OF)	Daithi Kellecher (RIP) Special Int St Joseph
Sun 2 June	CORPUS CHRISTI	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Emanuel Saliba (RIP) People of the Parish

Please hand Mass intentions to Fr Benjamin, to Catherine, or place in the collection basket. We are currently booking Mass intentions for **July** (EF Masses for September) Thank you.

Please note changes to Mass times this week. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<p>May 25th Gardening without Father 28th Outdoor Rosary 10am 29th Outdoor Rosary 10am</p> <p>June 1st Gardening with Father 2nd CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2nd Afternoon Tea (Fundraiser and Social) 20th Deeper in Faith 6pm 7th SACRED HEART (procession before evening Mass)</p>	<p>June 8th Gardening with Father 15th Gardening with Father 29th STS PETER AND PAUL 29th Bring a Plate of Food to Share Social 30th First Holy Communion</p> <p>July 7th First Holy Communion 14th First Holy Communion 27th Parish BBQ</p>
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<p>Confessions (when there is Mass) Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm</p> <p>Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations Sunday: 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite Sewing Group - Tuesdays at 10.00am Gardening Club - Tuesdays 10am until 12 noon Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon: NEXT LUNCH: 31 May Youth Group 1st Saturdays 3.00-6.00 pm Catholic Men's Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm</p>
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