



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

Fr Benjamin writes...

I remember when I was at University the lecturer said, "If you don't have a relationship with someone then that is the nature of your relationship with them. It is, in fact a type of relationship and therefore...a relationship."

Be it close or distant, everything that exists is in relationship to everything else. Our relation to the farthest planet from us in the universe is one of distance. Our relation to our own thoughts is one of intimacy. Everything else is somewhere in between.

There is, then, the other kind of relationship, not between things, but living beings, and within that spectrum, our relations between people; that is between every one of us. We are all linked to one another. If this is so within creation, it is a mere glimmer of the inter-relational communion within God Who is revealed as Triune: One God in Three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

We will never be able to understand this Mystery (hence, it being defined as such), and indeed this Theology is expressed in such a way that it is meant to be beyond our grasp because that is something of the reality of God.

Nevertheless, Our Blessed Lord, in a beautiful way reveals yet another dimension of God, which is that He dwells in a loving communion. He speaks of God the Father, of the Holy Spirit and of Himself as being the Son. These are terms we associate with loving and intimate relationships. He is showing us that the reality of God is one, not just of a inter-communal relationships but something far more profound: God is Love. That love is not a private love, but a knowable, but never fully known Gift which when known as love, shines in revelation to us that we are made from love, made for love and made to love God and one another. What a Trinity, what a relationship.

God bless you this Sunday, and always

June is the Month of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Please pray for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them; for vocations to the Sacred priesthood and for the Holy Catholic Church. At this time please pray for the new Pope Leo XIV. Also please implore the Sacred Heart of Jesus to guide our lawmakers to uphold the sanctity of human life in the UK and throughout the world. Please make a special effort to attend St Joseph Devotions, Rosary and Adoration during this very special month of The Sacred Heart.

Please pray each day for our priests and seminarians and for vocations.

Adoration (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction (Sunday 4pm)

outdoor **Rosary** Monday 9am,

St Joseph Devotions Tuesday after 9.15am Mass

The Church is open for private prayer from 9am-6pm each day

First reading**Proverbs 8:22-31****Before the beginning of the earth, Wisdom was brought forth.**

Thus says the Wisdom of God: The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 8:4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R2a****O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!****Second reading****Romans 5:1-5****To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.**

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.


Gospel**John 16:12-15****'All that the Father has is mine; the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.'**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

Second Collections in June 2025**15th June—Day for Life**

We can take digital donations via the Dona collection plate at the back of the Church
or via the Parish Bank Account (please mark donations DayLife)
We are still happy to take donations to support **Fanning the Flame** (FTF)

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HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

Parish Notices

PARKING

On Corpus Christi Sunday there will be more people than usual attending the Church at overlapping times. Please, if you can walk to Mass, walk. If you drive, please be considerate of our neighbours. The highway code applies to everybody.

Corpus Christi Procession — Sunday 22nd June 11.30am

Start approximately 11.30am

Procession: approx 45 mins; distance approx. 1 mile

12.15 Benediction on the steps of the Church

Afternoon tea in the Parish Hall (£5 per head)

Marshalls will facilitate road crossings. There are no steps, footpaths have an incline.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear walking shoes. Adults please take responsibility for your children. We shall be walking along the footpaths but alongside busy roads.

You must heed the marshalls when crossing the small roads on our route.

Afternoon tea in the parish hall after the procession at £5 per person. You can pre-purchase tickets for the afternoon tea—please advise of any allergies. We would welcome all offers of help, singers, marshalls, first aiders, for the smooth running of this beautiful expression of our Faith.

Euthanasia and Abortion

Whilst it is unlikely there will be time to properly consider the amendments to the Assisted Dying Bill please pray that this Bill does not pass.

Also there are amendments to legalise **abortion up to birth** by decriminalising abortion via the Crime and Policing Bill. This debate is scheduled for 4pm on Tuesday 17th June. If you have not already contacted your MP to oppose these attacks on the sanctity of life, please do so now.

Silent Prayer Re-Trial

During this season of Pentecost and continuing thereafter, please, as a Parish community, pray for the Holy Spirit to guide Adam and his defence lawyers prior to, and during, his re-trial at Bournemouth Crown Court on 28th-30th July. Please pray that the judges and authorities will be receptive to the Truth and that a true conversion to it will be brought about through this case.

Fanning the Flame—Summer Camp 2025 18th-22nd August Ages 11-21

Join us for 5 days of faith, fellowship and fun in Kintbury, celebrating 30 years of summer camps. A well balanced mix of fun activities, teaching and prayer; we will explore the depths of the Holy Mass and how the Eucharist really is the source and summit of our faith.

Visit www.fanningtheflame.co.uk for more information and booking or speak to Ben after 10.30 Mass.

Job vacancies in the Diocese [Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](#)

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

15 June (Sun)	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	9.00 am (EF) 10.30am (OF)	Michael Rogerson (RIP) Agatha's Grandchildren (int)
16 June (Mon)	feria	7.30 pm (OF)	Bridget Dobtor
17 June (Tues)	feria	9.15 am (OF)	Mary Watkins
19 June (Thurs)	CORPUS CHRISTI	7.30 pm (EF)	John Smith (RIP)(Anniv)
20 June (Fri)	St Alban	09.15 (OF)	James, K, C (health)
21 June (Sat)	Our Lady on Saturday Vigil	9.15 (OF) 6.30 pm (OF)	James & Mary James (RIP) Edna Spiteri (RIP)
22 June (Sun)	CORPUS CHRISTI	9.00am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Miriam (birthday) People of the Parish

**Please hand Mass intentions to Fr Benjamin, to Catherine, or place in the collection basket.
EF Mass intentions are booking some way ahead. Thank you**

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm

Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations

Sunday: 4.00 pm

Outdoor Rosary—Mondays at 9am;

St Joseph Devotions—**Tuesdays after Mass**

Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite

Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm

Sewing Group - Fridays at 10.00am

Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:

Next Lunch : **Friday 6th June**

Youth Group 1st Saturdays 3.00-6.00 pm

Catholic Men's Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm

Young Adults (18-35): 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4.00pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

15th Young Adults' Group

22nd CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

22nd afternoon tea (fundraiser)

22nd Confirmations (at St Edmund's)

28th 29th First Holy Communion

JULY

6th First Holy Communion

13th First Holy Communion

20th Parish Celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

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