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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY | SUNDAY 31ST MAY

At first sight this part of the dialogue with Nicodemus seems to mention only the Father and the Son and not involve the Holy Spirit. A chief concern of the Gospel of John is to show the relationship of loving obedience between Father and Son. The love and equality in a perfect relationship between a human parent and a child is the nearest reflection of such divine love which we can envisage. In complete trust and confidence the parent gives to the child everything that is

theirs. The parent's only interest is the advancement of the child. The child's only care is to please the parent and to be as close to the parent as they can be, in word, in action and in relationships. Each has a vibrant and continuous bond of love for the other. Such a relationship may be rare in human family life, but it can model for us a pale reflection of the loving relationship between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, love in person, the living bond which unites them. We must, however, appreciate that any such language limps and belittles the divine relationship, which is of a different order of perfection and intensity. Human language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding.

We are familiar with St Patrick's clover-leaf image of the Trinity. Are there any other images of the Trinity which you find helpful? How are Father, Son and Spirit presented in this Gospel passage? How does the Holy Spirit bring us close to the Father? How can we respond to God's love for us?

✠ THIS WEEK AT ST MATTHEW'S ✠

Sunday 31st Ma THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	10:00am MASS - Joan Wallace (Fr. Hastie's Aunty)
Monday 1st June <i>St Justin</i>	NO MASSES TODAY
Tuesday 2nd June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am - For all taking GCSE's and A Levels
Wednesday 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga</i>	10:00am - In Thanksgiving UB
Thursday 4th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am - No Intention
Friday 5th June <i>St Boniface</i>	10:00am - No Intention
Saturday 6th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASSES TODAY
Sunday 7th June CORPUS CHRISTI	10:00am - Fr Hastie's Aunty Agnes and Uncle Geoff (70th Wedding Anniversary)

✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

SERVICES OF THE WORD

Services of the word and Holy Communion will take place during the week commencing 8th June from Tuesday to Friday. I am most grateful to the Lay Leaders of the Eucharist who will lead these services and to the faithful parishioners who support them each day. As the role of lay people becomes increasingly more necessary this is a clear example of how Lay involvement can bear much fruit in the life of the Parish when the Priest is absent.

MASS STIPENDS...

are again running low in the Parish so please consider having a Mass said for your sick and deceased relatives. Please use the pre-printed Mass offering envelopes available in the porch. You are welcome to reserve Masses directly with Fr Hastie far into the future.

I ASK YOUR CHARITABLE PRAYERS...

for those who are housebound or sick at his time in our hospitals nursing homes and Hospices. We also pray for our young parishioners who are taking exams.

I AM MOST GRATEFUL

to Steve Helm and Bob Turner for compiling Our Parish consultation document for the Bishop. We will make the document available on the Parish Website for all to see and share in the coming days.

2ND COLLECTIONS

Many thanks for your generosity to the latest 2nd Collections. The Little Sisters Collection raised £301; and the Lay Training Fund raised £249.50. The Next 2nd Collections are programmed for the 21st June (Day for Life) & 28th June (Peter's Pence).

THE ANNUAL PARISH ACCOUNTS

have now been ratified by our new Parish Finance group and will be made available in the coming week. I am most grateful to Andrew Kane who looks after the finances.

EXPOSITION

Is on this Friday morning 9:30am—9:55am

BULLETIN ITEMS

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with us by 5pm on a Wednesday.

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POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY



That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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