

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.*

## COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Daniel 3:52. 53. 54. 55. 56. R. 52b

**R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!**

1. Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors.

**R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!**

2. Blessed is your glorious and holy name.

**R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!**

3. Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory.

**R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!**

4. Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom.

**R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!**

5. Blessed are you who look into the depths, seated upon the cherubim.

**R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!**

6. Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven.

**R. To be praised and highly exalted for ever!**

## SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

A reading from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. Revelation 1:8

**R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is and who was and who is to come.

**R: Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL John 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Since you are children of God,  
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,  
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Sunday Message

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

## THE WORD

Year A • 31 May 2026 • Psalter Week 1



## TRINITARIAN LOVE

JOHN 3:16-18

## REFLECT

**A**s Christians, baptised in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we seek to see everything as a manifestation of God's love, a love that is reflected in the three persons of the Holy Trinity. In 2015, Pope Francis published his wonderful encyclical, *Laudato Si'* – on care for the earth, our common home. "Each creature has its own purpose," Pope Francis writes. "None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God."

A caress of God is a beautiful image. We must open our eyes and hearts to see all creation as being 'a caress of God'. Think of how we would treat the earth and each other if we saw every created thing with the eyes of love. That's how God sees it, as we are told in the book of Genesis: God saw all that he had made and found it very good. God has created us in his own image and likeness. Seeing every created thing with the eyes of love, we would treat everything with respect and care and tenderness. We would respond to the Trinitarian God of love by living lives of love. ■

The Trinity can sometimes appear like a complicated mathematical puzzle of fitting three persons into one God.

Like Jews and Muslims, Christians believe in one God. Yet the God that Jesus reveals to us is an infinitely rich God who does not dwell in some remote part of the solar system, watching us from a distance, as a once popular song suggested. "In him we live and move and have our being," St Paul preached in the city of Athens. This God has drawn near to us in the human form of Jesus, God's Son and Word, and continues to be present to us through his Spirit.

Today's Gospel is part of a longer story of a meeting between Jesus and a Jewish leader called Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a good man searching for the kingdom of God. Jesus' message to him was simple. It is not a question of whether human beings can find their way to God, but that God has found the way to come near to them and to give them a mysterious rebirth through the Spirit. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not be lost but have eternal life."

The secret mystery of the Trinity is that God is Love, a love that needs so much to express itself that it takes a human body and identifies with us in our weakness. The cross is the sign of how deep that love goes and, when we sign ourselves with it, we do so in the name of Father, Son and Spirit. When we were brought into the new birth of baptism, it was in the name of that same Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Spirit. ■

## SAY

*"Lord, help me and my family to live like the three persons of the Blessed Trinity, united in love. Amen."*

## PRAY

Each of us is called to love God and our neighbour with all our mind, heart, soul, and strength. Jesus makes it clear that this is the first and the greatest of the commandments. Pray to be able to love like that.



## DO

Make the Sign of the Cross at the beginning and end of each day and before and after each meal. Think about what it means.

## LEARN

The three persons in the Holy Trinity are three distinct persons, but they are so in love with each other, so wrapped up in each other, so connected to each other, they are perfectly one. Their communion is so strong, their intimacy so great, the three become one while never losing their individuality. God is an eternal exchange of infinite love.



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THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY – Year A			
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	4 – 4.40pm	Confessions	Tommy Coyle (LD)
	5.00pm	Mass	
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	9am	Mass	Pro Populo
	11 am	Mass	Deceased members of Lockett & Lawley family
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	12 Noon	Mass <i>St Justin, Martyr</i>	Private Intention (GM)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	9am	Mass	Evangeline Mc Nerney (A)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	12 Noon	Mass <i>Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i>	Rita Connolly
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	11.30am	Exposition	Jack & Eileen Barry (A)
	12 Noon	Mass <i>St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i>	

**Recent deaths:** Laurence Tinline whose Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 12 Noon.

**Mass intentions received for Lately Dead:**

**Please remember in prayer all those who have died this week, may they rest in peace.  
Please pray for all the sick of the Parish and those for whom Mass is offered this week  
and those whose anniversaries occurs at this time**

**A warm welcome to Mass this weekend and a special welcome to our visitors  
Do join us for refreshments after Mass**

**With very grateful thanks** for your generous donations to the Parish.

Next weekend there will be a short re-commissioning service for all **extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist**. You will be invited to come forward at the appropriate time during whichever Mass you normally attend but, no worries if you are away - you will be re-commissioned informally.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the estate of the **late Margaret Rogers** for their kind and very generous donation to the building fund.

The **mens' evening** will reconvene on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the parish centre. Beginning with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church at 6:30pm followed by a social in the parish centre from 7pm including a 2 course meal and drinks. A suggested contribution to costs of £10 can be given on the night. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to give an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

## REGULAR EVENTS

APF Red Mission – Michael Brennan  
Presbytery 01423 504988

Children's Liturgy - Suzanne Walker

9am Choir – John Ibison  
11am Choir – Lisa Madden  
Presbytery 01423 504988

Churches Flower team – Sue Greveson  
Presbytery 01423 504988

Gift Aid – Richard Boscoe  
[office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

Mary's Angels Parent & Toddler Group -  
1st & 3rd Mondays -  
Katherine 01423 734828

Mothers' Prayers - meetings held  
fortnightly. Jackie Tevlin 01423 529035

Parish Centre bookings  
[office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

Phoenix (Bereavement Support) -  
Presbytery 01423 504988

Piety Stall - Caroline Walker  
[office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.strobert@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

Safeguarding Representative (Parish)  
Mick Hopwood  
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St Robert's Brownies - Wed 5.30-7.15  
Sarah Mansfield 01423 566651

St Vincent de Paul Society - Mon 6pm  
Katherine Merton Jones 01423 522731  
Furniture – 0113 245 0800

St Robert's Walking Group - Second  
Thurs of the month, contact George  
Marczak 07905820864 or

St John Fisher - Mr S Mott  
01423 887254

St Robert's Primary - Miss J Collins  
01423 504730

St Roberts Club: open Mon-Fri from 7pm  
(or by arrangement)

200 Club - Caroline Walker  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

This is not a full list and just gives a little  
advance notice of events coming up.

**JUN**  
13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – First Holy Communion  
21<sup>st</sup> – First Holy Communion Celebration  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Mens' Evening  
28<sup>th</sup> – Apologia

## SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

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The initiative "**Apologia**" has so far looked at suffering the context of faith, delved into the workings of the Mass, explored the Last Things and debated Faith and Reason. It will continue with a session on the **Second Vatican Council on Sunday 28th June at 5pm** in the parish centre. The session will be led by Sister Patricia MacDonald SHCJ, formerly the academic programme director at the Beda College in Rome where she also taught New Testament. Before that, Sr Patsy taught Scripture in the United States and at Ushaw College in Durham. More details on the scope of the session will be given in due course but do put this date into your diary. All welcome.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, a place has become available on the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**. Alongside a double room, we also have a single room available in the Solitude Hotel with the St Robert's parish group. If you would like to join the pilgrimage, please contact Caroline in the parish office.

**Lourdes Pre-departure Mass**, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 12:00 at St. Anne's Cathedral, Leeds followed by refreshments in the Wheeler Hall.

We warmly invite you to explore **Magnifica Humanitas, the Holy Father's newly released encyclical** reflecting on the dignity, beauty, and sacred calling of the human person in today's world. At a time marked by division, uncertainty, and rapid change, this inspiring document calls us back to the heart of the Gospel: that every person is created in the image of God and entrusted with the vocation to love, serve, and build communion with one another.

Drawing deeply from Scripture, Catholic social teaching, and the lived experience of the Church throughout the world, Magnifica Humanitas challenges us to rediscover the profound value of compassion, solidarity, and hope. The encyclical speaks powerfully to contemporary concerns — from loneliness and social fragmentation to care for the poor, the elderly, migrants, and future generations, while reminding us that true human flourishing is found not in isolation, but in relationships rooted in faith and charity.

More than a theological document, Magnifica Humanitas is a pastoral invitation. It encourages every believer to become a witness to Christ's love in everyday life: within our families, our workplaces, our neighbourhoods, and our parish community. Through prayer, reflection, and action, the encyclical invites us to cultivate a culture of encounter where mercy triumphs over fear and where the Gospel becomes visible through acts of kindness and justice.

We encourage all parishioners to read and reflect upon Magnifica Humanitas in the weeks ahead.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

**Mary's Angels - parent and baby/toddler group** Mum's and children are valued members of our church family so come and join us in the parish centre, for friendship fun and refreshments. All free! All children from 0-4 years welcome. Dads and grandparents welcome too! The next session is 1.30-3pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**Chaplaincy Volunteers at Fountains Abbey** An appeal for volunteers to join the Fountains Abbey Chaplaincy Team. John Tweddle (from St Joseph's parish) has just been commended for being with the Volunteer Chaplaincy Team for 15 years. Any volunteers would be most welcome. Please get in touch with John Tweddle if interested in helping either with the Volunteer Chaplaincy or the annual Mass on 07836 271646.

**SVP Leeds Annual family sponsored walk** in aid of the St Vincent's Support Centre. Sunday 19th July. There are 2 walks- either 3 miles or 9 miles, to suit all ages and abilities. Starting point- St Joseph's church Wetherby. Further details from Leigh Bradley [LeighB@svp.org.uk](mailto:LeighB@svp.org.uk)/01132484126 Please support our unique Leeds based project helping the disadvantaged and those living in poverty throughout Leeds.

**SVP appeal for small appliances** for St Vincent's centre Leeds. Any small electrical appliances, clean and in good working order, would be most welcome. Kettles, toasters, irons, microwaves, coffee machines, hairdryers, blenders, slow cookers, hand mixers. Please place donations in the box in the Narthex. Helping those who need it most. Thank you.

There is a box in the Narthex for donations of tinned/packet food and toiletries for the **Harrogate Foodbank**. Thank you for your generous donations.

**Mass prayers and responses** – if you need some guidance on the responses during mass there is a sheet available at the back of church. The Nicene Creed has now been affixed to the inside front cover of the hymn books for easier reference during Mass.

**Deanery day of renewal** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 11.30 am to 3.45 pm in St. Aelred's church hall. Speaker is Rev. Michelle Lepine. The title of her talk is "Repair shop -The power of Jesus to restore us".

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