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12th June 2022: Trinity Sunday
Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: Year 2, Week 11

Fr. Tony Writes

The doctrine of the Trinity is sometimes seen as some sort of mathematical paradox which is impossible to understand: 1+1+1=1! Maybe it could be better expressed using set theory, but I suspect that would not be satisfactory either. It is true that if you treat the concept as a problem that needs solving you won't get anywhere. But at its heart the doctrine is very simple, and it could be seen as rooted in the basic statement "God is love".



If God is love then that implies a relationship. But a relationship needs more than one. So maybe God is binary? However, anybody who has met a couple newly in love who have no time for anyone but each other will know that is not a 'mature' love. Three persons mean

the love between any two is always flowing out beyond them to another.* The saying "two is company, three is a crowd" does not apply. Rather the Trinity shows that that attitude is an immature and selfish one.

So the Trinity is a community of love which is always flowing outwards to another, inclusive rather than exclusive. And we as human beings made in the image and likeness of God are called to live out this reality.

This is why the Church is essentially missionary. It is called to share the love of God with all, and that, in turn, is why we need to reflect on what we do as a church, as well as individuals, to live that love of God in our world.

This also helps us think about how we look at the Church. Many see it as a kind of 'service provider' (if you will pardon the pun). They come to the Church when we need something, particularly at the key moments of life. But that ignores the fact that all the baptised are called to discipleship, and the sacraments are there to strengthen them for their mission.

This theme of discipleship will be coming up more and more in the coming year. The bishop's Pastoral Plan, revised post COVID and in the light of the feedback for the 2023 Synod in Rome, will have this theme at its core. We will be both encouraged and challenged by it as we look to the future with confidence, knowing that, to quote St Paul: "the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us."

** Why stop at three? Because in the Trinity the 'other' to which the love of any two flows out is God, and so is sufficient to receive the fulness of love of the others. If we as humans were to stop at three, or indeed at any number it would be a clique and not inclusive. Charity cannot end at home!*



**St Vincent
 de Paul Society**
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SVP Information and Recruitment Meeting

St Teresa's Church, Wednesday 22nd June 8pm
 (after 7:30pm Mass). Come along and find out what the SVP do and how you could be a part of it. And maybe sign up, so we may be more effective in proclaiming the Gospel of Love in our parishes. The presentations will be about an hour in total, and there will be time to ask questions, and also time to chat afterwards. There will also be refreshments! For more info on the SVP see www.svp.org.uk/about-us

Day retreat – St Benedict for Today

Saturday 25th June. The monks of Worth Abbey based in East Brighton invite you to a Day Retreat introducing Benedictine insights for lay people, to be held at St Martha's Convent, Rottingdean, BN2 7HA. Time: 10 – 3pm. Please bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided. Donations on the day to St Martha's. Book your place via, brightonmonks@worth.org.uk or phone, 07444 802368.

Please Pray For: All who are sick in the parish, especially Andrew Duncan, Elizabeth Smith, Alex Gibbons and Jean Ryan. Those who have died recently, especially Jerry Sheehan and Margo Gibbons, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

A list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Support the people of Ukraine

You can give to CAFOD's Appeal at:

cafod.org.uk/Give.

To access Reset's website go to:

www.homesforukraine.org.uk.

Find out more about the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative:

homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk.

Find out about the Family Scheme Visa visit:

www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa.

DEC Humanitarian Pilates Fundraiser for Ukraine

To help raise funds for this appeal, Barbara Walman is running a Pilates session at St George's Church Hall on Friday 17th June, from 6-7pm. All proceeds will go to the DEC. You can make your donation online via justgiving, or you can donate cash on the day.

COVID Precautions

It seems the right time now to no longer ask that people wear face coverings in church. Of course you may still choose to do so, and if you have recently been in contact with someone who has COVID, or if you have a cold or similar mild respiratory illness then wearing a mask is a good idea. If you have COVID of course we ask you to stay away from church. If there is call for a zone of either church where face coverings are required then we will implement that.

Hand sanitiser will continue to be available in church, and we will continue to keep the churches well ventilated.

Also, following the bishops' guidance, Fr. Tony will continue to wear a mask when distributing Holy Communion, and Holy Communion will continue to be given under one kind only.

Weekly Timetable

Saturday 11th June	4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Agnelo Rato RIP
Sunday 12th June Trinity Sunday	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	Marion Shannon ints Martha Alphonso RIP
Monday 13th June <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	No Mass	
Tuesday 14th June	10am Mass, St George's <i>Followed by Tea and Chat</i>	In thanksgiving
Wednesday 15th June	7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 21:00</i>	Jerry Sheehan RIP
Thursday 16th June <i>St Richard of Chichester</i>	10am Mass, St George's 7pm Music Practice, St Theresa's	Deceased members of the Jee family <i>All welcome!!</i>
Friday 17th June	10am Mass, St Theresa's 6-7pm Pilates Ukraine Fundraiser, St George's	Ints of P.M.K.
Saturday 18th June	10am-12 noon, St George's FHC preparation. 4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	Tony Rodrigues RIP
Sunday 19th June Corpus Christi	9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's	All parishioners Joseph Moonjappily RIP

First Holy Communion



Amazingly, this Saturday we have our last catechetical session with the families before celebrating the children's First Holy Communion. The celebration will be on

Sunday 10th July at St Theresa's at 11 am

NB there will not be a 9 am Mass at St Theresa's that morning

11 am Mass at St George's will happen as normal, obviously celebrated by another priest!

13 Children from 12 families across the two parishes will be making their First Holy Communion on that day. They are: Arthur, Ben, Charlotte, Danny, Evie, Evelyn, Ivy, Jasmine, Lilly, Santiago, Saoirse, Scarlett and Seraphina. Please keep them in your prayers.

For those already looking forwards to First Holy Communion 2023, there will be an information evening for families in September. We will announce the date in the coming weeks.

