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**The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 31st May 202**

**Page 81 Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 2 Corinthians 13: 11-14 Gospel John 20: 19-**  
 Trinity Sunday invites us to reflect on the mystery of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit .It is a time to remember that God is three persons but one in essence, showing us how they work together for our good. The Trinity is evoked every time we make “the sign of the cross”, say the “Glory Be” prayer or hear the introductory prayer at the beginning of Mass: The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all”. The unity of the Trinity challenges us to overcome division in our own lives. Whether in our families, workplace or communities God’s love calls us to build unity and peace. Unity in love is the foundation of a healthy relationship with God and each other.  
 In the first reading Moses rises early in the morning and climbs Mount Sinai carrying two tablets of stone which must have been a struggle and not something you expect to day each morning. This indicates the obedience and humility of Moses before God. This humility won him the favour of God. God proved that He is indeed a Father. Although he was He was not happy with the ways of his people, He relented His anger due to the prayers of Moses. He is kind, patient, full of love and ready to forgive. But although slow to anger, He also brings justice which is merciful and gracious.  
 In the second reading St Paul closes his letter to the Corinthians in Greece with encouragement for peace and community. He urges them to live in unity and harmony, showing the fruits of faith in their lives. He blesses them in the name of Jesus, God the Father and the Holy Spirit together, reminding the community that unity is rooted in God’s grace and love.  
 In John’s Gospel, the passage follows the conversation between Jesus and the Pharisee Nicodemus. Jesus explains that God’s love is shown by sending His Son for the life of the world so that salvation is offered to all who believe in Him. Malcolm

<b>Mass times</b>	<b>Feast Days</b>
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<b>6pm: Confessions</b> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<p><b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> St Joan of Arc</b> Born in 1412 to a peasant farming family in north east France. When Joan was 3 years old King Henry V won the Battle of Agincourt and claimed the throne of France from King Charles VI. His son the Dauphin succeeded to the throne on the death of Henry V in 1422. In England, his son Henry VI was an infant aged one, and the Duke of Bedford, his Protector, claimed the throne of France in his name. The Dauphin could not be crowned as both Paris and Rheims were still in English hands. Aged 14 Joan heard voices saying “Save France”. She went to the Dauphin, Charles, who was devoting himself to frivolous amusements at court at Chinon Castle in Loire valley. Initially reluctant, he eventually gave her an army to relieve the siege of Orleans. Wearing a white suit of armour and carrying a standard with the words “Jesus, Maria”, nobleman followed her as they thought that Joan was divinely inspired. 2 days later Orleans was relieved. Joan won other battles against the English. The Dauphin was crowned at Reims in 1429 with Joan standing beside him holding her standard. Returned to fighting English. Wounded trying to capture Paris. Duke of Burgandy supported the English and the following year they captured Joan. King Charles made no attempt to rescue her and she was sold to the English who tried her for witchcraft. Joan defended herself valiantly showing sharp mind and excellent memory. Corrupt trial found her guilty despite her defence. Sentenced to be burnt at the stake in the market place at Rouen. King Henry VI’s secretary who was present said, “We are lost. We have burned a saint”.</p>
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<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>The most Holy Trinity</b>
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<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<p><b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June St Justin</b> Born in the 1<sup>st</sup> century in Palestine to a Greek Roman pagan diplomat. Studied Greek philosophy, particularly Plato. At age 30 met a Syrian Christian philosopher and was converted. Then travelled as philosopher preaching Christianity. Started school in Rome to study Platonic Christian philosophy and practice Christian devotions. He wrote three great works. Arrested with six companions and asked to offer sacrifice to pagan gods. When they refused were scourged but still refused. All seven were then executed as martyrs.</p>
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<b>10 am Mass</b>	<p><b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> St Marcellinus and St Peter</b> Fourth century priest and ordained exorcist, both suffered martyrdom by Roman Emperor Diocletian who was trying to eliminate Christianity and establish his pagan gods. Marcellinus was a priest in Rome who had built up a Christian community. Peter was a deacon in Rome who became famous for his powers of exorcism. Emperor Constantine, the first Christian Emperor a few years later built a church in their honour above their tomb and later had his mother St Helena buried there.</p>
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<b>SVP Social</b> <b>1 pm to 3 pm</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June St Charles Lwanga, St Joseph Mkassa and Companions</b> White Father missionaries arrived in central Africa in 1879 and made some progress. However, in Uganda they met resistance from a local ruler King Mwanga II, ruler of the Buganda tribe, a ritual paedophile who wanted to root out Christianity. A convert Joseph Mkassa who was a lay catechist, senior Catholic and member of his court, criticised his immoral behaviour and the execution of Anglican missionaries. Joseph was beheaded. His successor Charles Lwanga also a convert, was a member of the Buganda tribe and in charge of the royal pages in the court. He secretly baptised four of the young pages and others became Christians. Eventually Charles was also martyred with three other adult converts and seventeen young pages.</p>
<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	

<b>10 am Mass</b> <b>Rosa Vareed RIP</b>	<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> St Petroc</b> Born about 500 in Wales. Became a monk. Community moved to Ireland to study Celtic rites. Then moved to Cornwall near Padstow and founded a monastery. Started other monasteries. After 30 years Petroc went on pilgrimage to Rome and Jerusalem. Returned to Cornwall as a hermit on Bodmin Moor where he attracted followers. Built a chapel at Little Petherick near Padstow. Animals accepted his presence without fear. Died about 564. His skull is kept on display in Bodmin today. With St Piran and St Michael is patron saint of Cornwall.
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> St Boniface</b> Born in 675 in Devon. Joined Benedictine monastery and Minster at Nursling near Southampton. With Bede, who was born 2 years earlier, two famous Anglo-Saxon saints of the time. Declined the position of abbot at Nursling and left to be a missionary to the Frisians in the Netherlands following St Wilfred and St Willibrord. After a year war broke out and he returned to Nursling monastery. Refused to be abbot. Travelled to Rome to ask pope to make him missionary to Germany. Pope Gregory II named him "Boniface" after the 4 <sup>th</sup> century martyr "Boniface of Tarsus" and appointed him Bishop of Germania, a new diocese in central Germany. He opposed the worship of trees. Cut down oak tree dedicated to god Thor and used it to build a chapel. New Pope Gregory III made him Archbishop of Germany. Appealed to England for more missionaries and religious materials so he could start more monasteries and build churches. Never gave up the conversion of the Frisians and returned there at age 79. Was murdered by armed robbers as a martyr.
<b>6pm: Confessions</b> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> St Robert of Newminster</b> Born in about 1100 in North Yorkshire. Studied at University of Paris. Parish priest in his home village. Benedictine monk at Whitby Abbey. Joined monks expelled from St Mary's Abbey in York who wanted a stricter "Rule". They founded Fountains Abbey near Ripon in Yorkshire. Robert founded Newminster Abbey, a monastery of Cistercian monks north of Newcastle. Three new Cistercian monasteries were founded by his monks and Abbot Robert kept clear of all the political and religious disputes unlike the Abbot of Fountains Abbey. He ruled and directed the monks at Newminster Abbey for 21 years. He died there on 7 <sup>th</sup> June 1159. The small monastery of 17 Cistercian monks was one of the first to be dissolved in 1553 by Henry VIII.
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b>
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>	
<b>Your prayers are needed for the following people</b>	
Hazel Sale    Mary Light    Trevor Delves    Pat Sweeney    Phil Boulton    David Keates	

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Sad news of the death of Ann Drumgoole

Ann has been on the prayer list from just after the pandemic and lockdown. Her and her husband Owen were parishioners and sometimes attended the weekday socials organised by Renee and Pat. Ann was cared for at home 24/7 by Owen and visiting carers. Her coffin will be received into the church on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 4pm followed by a Requiem Mass at 10.30am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

#### Next SVP Social this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 1pm to 3 pm

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours, whatever suits you

**St Boniface Parish, Southampton** invites you to join an all-inclusive 3-night, 4-day pilgrimage to **Divine Mercy in Krakow, Poland**. Choose from two dates in August 2026: the 21st to 24th or the 25th to 28th. This is an all-inclusive, end-to-end tour covering return coach travel from Southampton, flight tickets hotel accommodation, a guided tour and daily breakfast and dinner. Pilgrimage Cost: £675 per adult; £575 per child (aged 2–11 years). Spaces are filling up fast. Please book at your earliest convenience. To reserve your place or for more details, kindly contact Diago George: 07393050555, 07727883287, 02380010800, 02081381655

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**St Edmunds Parish, Southampton** invites you to join an all-inclusive 1 night, 2 day pilgrimage to **Our Lady of Walsingham, United Kingdom**. Dates : 31st July to 1st August 2026. This is an all-inclusive, end-to-end tour covering return coach travel from St Edmunds Church Southampton, accommodation at the Pilgrimage Centre, daily breakfast and dinner. Pilgrimage Cost: Ensuite room with attached bathroom and toilet: £180 per adult; £150 per child (ages 2–11). Standard room with common bathroom and toilet: £150 per adult; £130 per child (aged 2–11 years). Spaces are filling up fast. Please book at your earliest convenience. To reserve your place or for more details, kindly contact Diago George at: 07393050555, 07727883287, 02380010800, or 02081381655.

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#### Prayers are still needed for David Keates who is now improving well.

David, husband of Shirley, has regained his speech and able to write and read on his way to full recovery. He is in the Neurological Rehabilitation Unit in Adelaide Western Community Hospital

#### Parish collection for last weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Candle Money	Gift Aid for last week	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£72	£18	£148	£242.54	£51.98	£532.52	£56.05			<b>£588.57</b>