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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

15th/16th June 2019

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year C, Volume 2: Page 81: Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Next Week: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: Page: 83: Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 109;

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17



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Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm

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Dear Friends,

I understand there have been a few films, a couple of books and a video game with the title "*Hidden in Plain Sight*". However, the underlying theme is always the same, that is, something that is hidden is in fact always there, all we have to do is find it.

I remember that during my formation for the Diaconate I received a very helpful piece of advice about trying to understand the Blessed Trinity. Quite simply I was advised "Don't over complicate your thoughts, let their meaning find you."

Ironically, it is easy to be searching so hard that you miss what's already in front of you.

So with that sound advice, I suggest that if you want to understand just how creative God can be look no further than this Sunday's readings. Today is of course "Trinity Sunday" when our minds are challenged to comprehend something which is quite frankly incomprehensible (One God in Three Persons). In this mystery God is at his Creative best. God's creativeness far exceeds our own and his love overwhelms us. He is a God that loves us so much that he created us as God the Father, He is a God that loves us so much that he became one of us as God the Son, and he loves us so much that he remains with us as God the Holy Spirit. Abiding with us and continuing with us in the astonishing ways of our creation.

Today's reading from Proverbs sets the scene as the wisdom of God, The Holy Spirit speaks of the joy of being present at the beginning of the world "When the Lord established the heavens I was there". "I was beside him as his craftsman and I found a light in the Human Race". I love the image that is conjured up (a joyful happy craftsman - a bit like St Joseph working as a carpenter in Nazareth).

God always finds delight in us, despite the painful truth that we are often less than delightful, we are often disappointing, and our human nature can be prone to hatred and selfishness and greed. Incredibly, God loves us anyway. He is a God that loves us so much he cannot contain himself. Everything that the Father has is mine Jesus declares in John's Gospel, explaining that the Holy Spirit will also share that with his disciples.

God wants to share himself with us to give us all that he has. He is a God so generous that he gave himself in the flesh to suffer with us and to die for us. He is a God so generous that he continues to give us himself through the appearance of bread and wine every time we attend Mass. He is a God so generous he shares with us gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Understanding, Piety and fear of the Lord.

Here is a God who loves us beyond our wildest imagination. Three distinct persons but with limitless possibilities and he wants us to discover and celebrate these truths. He is constantly calling out to us (but not always with words). So, please take some time during the coming week to look around you and give God a chance to reveal Himself, but don't look too hard you might miss Him.

Have a blessed week

Deacon Colin

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION

The next preparation session for Group 2 will be on **Thursday 20th June** at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

A warm welcome to Kaelyn and Troy Velasquez, Emily Quinzo and Scarlett Ruttley who were baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

PARISH NOTICES

UCM

The UCM will enjoy a talk given by Fr Peter describing his life in Brazil on **Monday 17th June** at 7.30pm. Hoping all members will come and hear a very interesting account of the missions in another part of the world.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Next weekend **22/23 June** we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). There will be an outdoor Eucharistic Procession of Witness around the school playground after the 11am Mass next Sunday.

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to renew their commitment at any of the Masses next weekend. There will be a sign up list in the sacristy.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK, IRELAND

There will be meeting on **Saturday 22nd June** in the Parish Centre at 12.30pm for all those signed up to go on the pilgrimage to Knock from 6th-9th September 2019.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY

The Mass this month will be on **Saturday 29th June** at 3.00pm

MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA ANNUAL APPEAL

Fr John Gerrard will be making an appeal at all Masses the weekend of **29th/30th June** on behalf of the Missionaries of Africa (also known as the White Fathers), speaking about their work in Africa. There will be a collection at the end of all the weekend Masses.

COFFEE MORNING/TABLE TOP SALE

There will be a Coffee Morning and Table Top sale on **Sunday 30th June** after the 9am and 11am Masses. Donations of cakes would be welcome. Please speak to Annie Burke.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a training morning for new Altar Servers on **Saturday 29th June and 6th July, from 10am to 11am** in Church. All children who have made their First Holy Communion this year are very welcome to join St Lawrence's serving team. You need attend only one of the training mornings.

MASS & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK

Our Annual Mass of Healing and Anointing for the Sick will take place on **Saturday 6th July** at 12.00noon followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

There are lists at the back of Church for those who would like to attend, helpers, offers of lifts for those with no transport. We need offers of help to bring people to Church and take them back.

QUIZ NIGHT

The West London Goans are having a Quiz Night with a Fish & Chips Supper on **Saturday 6th July** from 7pm to 10.30pm. Tickets: Adults: £10 for fish/chips or chicken/chips; Children: £5 chicken nuggets/chips. Contact Mary D'Souza for further information. Please bring your own drinks.

RIVERSIDE VINEYARD STOREHOUSE

Thank you for your continued support of food and clothes for the Storehouse. The Storehouse has too many clothes and bedding items at the moment and do not need any for a while. Therefore, please do not put any clothing items in the Storehouse box.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

This eight-week Bible Study evening is well underway but you are welcome to join the sessions. Wednesdays from 7.30pm-9.00pm in the Parish Centre. Registration is free. The workbook is £15.99. Please contact Jordan for further information. See poster in porch.

Just in case you missed a session there will be a recap video shown on **Friday 21st June from 10.15am-11.15am**

PLANT SALE THANK YOU

Thanks to Luis and Marinha for the plant sale and for all who bought plants. £59.21 was raised for the Parish Centre.

MOVIE AFTERNOON – EVAN ALMIGHTY



The Confirmation Group are hosting a Movie evening showing **Evan**

Almighty to raise funds for the Parish Centre Building Fund. **Date & Time: Sunday 23rd June 6.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Tickets £5.00. There will also

be refreshments and raffles. Come along and support them.

BALKAN DANCE GROUP

The Balkan Dance Group are meeting on **Friday 21st June** in the Parish Centre at 8pm.

CAFOD – MASS LOBBY AT WESTMINSTER

Date: Wednesday 26th June at 1.00pm. This is our chance to discuss Climate Change with our MP. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Miriam McEaney at miriam.mceneaney@hotmail.com. It would be great to get a group together.

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REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Rafael Sabino RIP and Bernie Driscoll RIP who died recently.

RAFAEL SABINO RIP – Rafael's body will be received into Church at 3.00pm on **Monday 24th June** and there will be a Mass at 6pm with Fr Cirino, the Filipino Chaplain. His Requiem Mass will take place here on **Tuesday 25th June** at 9.30am.

The car park will be closed for the funeral on Tuesday 25th, only immediate family will be allowed to park.

BERNIE DRISCOLL RIP – His Requiem will take place at St. Michael's Church, Ashford on **Monday 24th June** at 11am

Please also remember in your prayers their families and friends who mourn them.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 15	11.00 12.00 <u>14.00</u> 17.00 18.00	No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass Baptisms of Emily Quinzo, Troy & Kaelyn Velasquez and Scarlett Ruttley Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 16	09.00 11.00 13.00 15.00 18.00	Emita & Aquino Pereira in Thanksgiving Christopher Maple in Thanksgiving Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass in Malayalam Nathalie Gnamien and Family in Thanksgiving
Mon 17	9.30	For the intentions of the Crawley Family
Tues 18	09.30	Florina Conceicao Lourenco RIP (Second Anniversary)
Wed 19	09.30	Ann Franklin RIP
Thurs 20	09.30	Francisca Do Rosario RIP
Fri 21	09.30	Trevor Mackrodt RIP
Sat 22	11.00 11.00 12.00 12.45 17.00 18.00 19.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sacrament of Reconciliation Wilson Family Intentions Baptisms of Abigail Cela and Magdalena Kabat Sacrament of Reconciliation Victor Fernandes in Thanksgiving Mass in Ukrainian
Sun 23	09.00 11.00 13.00 14.30 18.00	For the intention of Deacon Colin Macken John, Kathleen & Peter Hamill RIP Mass in Polish (Msza sw.) Mass led by the African Community People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp: Bridget D'Souza RIP		

Thank you for your generosity in the Easter and last week's collections:

8-9 June: Envelopes £713.97 Loose £1,114.01

Standing Orders £769.00 **Total £2,596.98**

