



# The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

27th May 2018

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick  
Newsletter

**G**o, therefore,  
make disciples of all the nations;  
baptise them  
in the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:18

## Trinity Sunday

The Church's year begins in Advent; it tells the story of how God reveal himself to his people—the promise of the Messiah, the birth of Jesus, his life, death and resurrection. His Ascension to heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit in the Pentecost, brings the year to completion. So it is fitting that, having completed the cycle, we should celebrate the mystery that is the Godhead - the feast of the Holy Trinity.

Today's feast is ultimately about the grandeur of God, about his (or her) otherness. Anything we want to say about God we have to multiply by infinity and even then we are no closer to describing God.



Our liturgy invites us simply to stand in awe. For how can we begin to explain a God who has never not existed, who created everything that exists not from some sort of raw material but out of nothing? How can we start to shed light on a God who is "out there" but who came "down here" in the person of Jesus so that we could learn the true meaning of what life is really for? How can we describe the psychological complexity of Jesus who at one and the same time was God and yet a man? How can we cope with a cosmic God whose Spirit brings him as close to us as the beating of our hearts or the breath we take?

The answer is that we can't. Today is the feast of our ungraspable God. We worship God simply because he has shown that he loves us. Let us rejoice and be glad!

**Next Sunday** is one of our transferred Holy Days:

## The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi

Formerly known as **Corpus Christi**, today the Latin words for this feast is *Corpus and Sanguis Christi*.

We celebrate, contemplate and give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the Lord.



## FAITH IN FOCUS: ETERNAL TRIANGLE

Theology students have nightmares about the Trinity. That's because the books on theology try to explain the Trinity in complicated philosophical and theological terms that are based not so much on scripture as on the works of Greek philosophy and Latin scholars.

So we have to throw away the books and ask ourselves what our faith, based on God's revelation and the constant teaching of the Church, tells us about the type of God we have. And our faith generally has nothing to do with concepts of person, nature, divine processions, economic or immanent relations etc. Thank God!

Scripture invites us to see God as Father (and if we look closely, even as Mother). This is because God is the parent principle of life, the author of creation. And society has attributed a protective and loving role to parents. Parents look after their children and want the best for them. So does God.

Jesus, the Son, was sent by the Father. He is the great communicator whose role is to tell us about the type of God we have and what God expects of us. He shows us a pattern, a way of living that will bring us happiness and let us live life to the full, while respecting everyone else's right to live. And because we found it hard to respond to this way of life he showed us how to overcome sin, death, evil and all that would drag us down.

The Holy Spirit is the supreme enabler. It is he who animates us, who inspires us to go beyond our own limitations and who supports us constantly in all our endeavours. It is the Spirit who disposes our hearts to listen to the prompting of God's grace and to bring hope, harmony, justice and reconciliation to all the areas of our lives.

Each one of the three is God. The fact that we attribute different aspects to each of them does not imply that one is greater than the other.

When we adopt a parental role or are seen as people who bring life and light to any situation, then we are living the life of the Father. When we follow the way that Jesus set out for us, then we are living the life of the Son. When we bring hope and encouragement, wisdom and support to those around us, we are living the life of the Spirit.

When we do all three, we are living the life of the Trinity.

**Living Theology 2018** Loyola Metro are providing the annual course at SFX Church and Hope University Campus (Everton) from 13-15th July 2018. This year it will link with the preparations for *Adoremus* with the theme *Food for Thought* and will include reflections around the Eucharist. Full details on the notice board.

**CAFOD** Message from the local CAFOD rep: *Thank you so much for your kind support for the Lent Family Fast Day. We are delighted and grateful that this year, your £271.87 will be doubled too! Are you able to put your faith in to action to act against social injustice through prayer, campaigning in your parish? Please contact Colette on 0151 228 4028 [cbyrne@cafod.org.uk](mailto:cbyrne@cafod.org.uk)*

**Fundraising:**

**Sponsored Walk:** Bella Hunter is going to do a sponsored walk from Southport to OLMC church on Monday 11th June. The route is: along the coast to Altcar Training Camp and then inland on roads into Liverpool. distance is about 22 miles. Anyone who would like to join her is welcome! Sponsor sheets are available at the back of OLMC church.

**Bring and Buy**—St Patrick: Sunday 10th June straight after Mass.

**Carmelite Monastery Allerton** In preparation for *Adoremus* a series of services, Adoration, Evening Prayer and talk on the last Sunday of each month, next one 27th May, Talk given by Fr Tim Buckley.

**NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 22-24th June Liverpool, Hope University** This year's theme: *".....I am with you always; Yes, to the end of time."* Speakers: Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, Michelle Moran, Gary Stephens, Fr Pat Deegan . Enquiry line is 07543 800812. For day (all weekend) delegates contribution is £30.00, (Saturday only £15.00)

**World Meeting of Families: Dublin 21-26 August 2018**

Pope Francis will be present in Dublin for this event. He will attend the meeting of families at Croke Park on Saturday 25th August and celebrate an open air Mass in Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th August. For more details see the poster on the notice board or [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets?Tickets-Registration](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets?Tickets-Registration)

**Provision of Priests in Retirement** This has been a regular collection for several years and it recognises the important work our priests have done over many years. It goes towards the cost of their accommodation and upkeep.

**Congratulations—St Finbar's School** Two years ago *The Archdiocese of Liverpool School Awards* was launched to highlight and applaud the excellent work that goes on in our schools. This year 180 schools, both primary and secondary, put themselves forward and St Finbar's was in the final shortlist of three school in the category of *School of the Year*. The other two schools were All Hallows Catholic High School Lancashire and Our Lady & St Philomena's Liverpool (which won the title). This is a remarkable effort and the staff and parents are to be congratulated for achieving this.

John Southworth

**MASSES AND SERVICES**

**IN CHURCH THIS WEEK**

- No Mass Monday
- Funeral Services on Thursday & Friday. Usual Mass times not affected.

Sunday 27th May

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

Sat 5pm	Thomas Flannery	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Edward Peter Kirwin	OLMC

**8th Week in Ordinary Time**

Monday 28th May

10am	No Mass	OLMC
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Tuesday 29th May

7pm	Johanna Wood	OLMC
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Wednesday 30 May

10am	Susan O'Brien	St Patrick
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Thursday 31st May **Visitation of Our Lady**

9.15am	<b>Funeral Service:</b> David James Allen	OLMC
10am	Martin Battle	St Patrick

Friday 1st June **St Justin, Martyr**

9.15am	<b>Funeral Service:</b> Mary Bailey	OLMC
10am	Maria Murphy	OLMC

Sunday 7th June

**Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**

*Corpus Christi*

Sat 5pm	Eva Abernethy	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Aggie Marnell	OLMC

**Evening Service: Thursday 7pm**

To Honour Mary:

**Evening Prayer for the Feast of the Visitation** OLMC

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4-4.30pm OLMC

**Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick**

The bonus ball for Wednesday 23rd May was no 05  
Winners won £30 each

**Collections**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

Envelopes £123.45 Loose £277.79 Total £401.24

**St Patrick** Envelopes £0 Loose £113.42 Total £113.42

PTF £272.88 Box £9.00 Brick £5.00 *Many Thanks*

**Please Pray For.... Those who have died** Thomas Hyland, David James Allen, Mary Bailey

**The sick:** Irene Maloney, Betty Flannery, Tony Robinson, Carol Pickford, Betty Billingsley, Tommy Duffy, Audrey McKenna, Ian McCafferty, Betty Christian, Bernard Duffy, Helen Melarange, Jack Davies, Joan Higgins, Michael McNicholas, Billy Thompson, Freya Matheson, Rene Humphreys, Clifford Browne, Gary Hollinson, Jackie Heath-Anderson, Ted Cunningham, Anne Deuchar, Charlotte Rice, Irene Finneran, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Claire Kearney, Lyn Barton, Betty Devine, Kathleen Devine, Joseph Baxendale, Ann Chapman, Nadia Kent, Susan Roberts, Alex Sielski, Lee Foster, Denise King, John Dunning, Emily Rolands, Angela Kent, David Majoury, Donald Smith, Pius Laizer, Maria Jones, Mary O'Toole, Sally Wilkins, Michael Murphy, Margaret Chung, David Stevenson, Thomas & John Paul Conroy, Keith Holden, Kathleen Crown, Joanne Fairbrother, Eileen Edwards, Erin Caulfield, Lisa Ginley, Lillian O'Connor, Owen Hall, Anne Brannigan, Thelma Mainwaring, Cheryl and Lenny Hart, Sheila Chapman, Elaine Gorry, Alexandra Reid, Winifred Williamson, Kathryn Reid, Wally Williams, Chrissy White, Nicholas Maher, John Hodson, Terry Macklin, Muriel Minshull, Maureen Ryan, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks.