



Most Holy Trinity

From everlasting
I was firmly set,
from the beginning,
before earth came into being.
(Proverbs 8:23)

Our limited minds can never grasp the reality of God. God is the author of everything that came into being. Yet God is not so aloof that the ups and downs of our daily lives are beyond his concern. We have a God who cares passionately about each of us and has made us little less than gods.

Trinity Sunday

The Church's year, From Advent to Christmas, through Lent and Easter to Pentecost, brings about the revelation of God—the promise of the Messiah, the birth of Jesus who reveals to us God as Father and finally the sending of the Spirit in the Pentecost event. So it is fitting that, having completely the cycle, we should celebrate the mystery that is the Godhead: God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

SYNOD PRAYER

Father, we thank you
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
We thank you for the gift of the Church,
through which you show us
that you are always with us
and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020
help us become the Church
That you are calling us to be.
May your Holy Spirit
be powerfully at work among us.
Strengthen each of us and guide Francis,
our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond
to the challenges of our times in new ways
to bring your love
to all our sisters and brothers.
We make this prayer
through Jesus Christ Our Lord
AMEN

FAITH IN FOCUS: FATHOMING GOD

Dear Sons and Daughters,

I thought I'd drop you a brief line today since, after all, Trinity is my special feast. Though perhaps I should remember that your finite minds would find it easier on Trinity Sunday if I say "our" feast. The other two agree with me on this!

You know, of course, I am the only one with a total grasp on reality. That's because I exist infinitely; I had no beginning and will have no end, unlike you who are limited to time and space. One day, of course, you will join me in this never-ending happiness. I'm really looking forward to that day. Well, actually, it's already arrived for me but that would take too long to explain.

It pleases me that you are trying to be holy. It doesn't matter whether you achieve it or not, because it's the trying that's important. What you are really doing is trying to become more like me. That's because I possess the only real holiness: it comes naturally to me. And when you love, too, you are like a kitchen towel that blots up my love and passes it on to others.

One of the pleasures of being God is watching how much progress you are making on earth. DNA, space probes, computers, health cures: it's all very impressive but sometimes I wonder what took you so long. And I have a good laugh when you try to take the credit for it all. It's the same when you talk about the origins of life and of the universe. Big bangs, gases, planetary collisions. Well, yes, it's all pretty close to the mark, but who do you think made the gases in the first place? Yes, I know it's rude to boast.

Still, don't think just because I am the one you're all trying to catch up with, without really knowing it, that I am too busy or important to be bothered about your own individual cares and concerns. I have always loved you, even before you were born, and that's why I came down to earth. And even when people talk about me as if I were a thing from the past, and behave in ways that contradict all I've ever said, I won't stop loving. But that's probably hard for you to understand, even though I've made you little less than gods. In the meantime I send you my blessing.

Best wishes from your loving Father.
PS The other two send their regards.

Newsletter of the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

This Sunday Retiring Collection - Day for Life 2019

One in four women and about one in six men suffer from domestic abuse in their lifetime. Two women are killed every week in England by a partner or ex-partner.

We acknowledge that men, women and children suffer domestic abuse at the hands of husbands, wives, parents and other family members. Violence of this kind should never be tolerated or justified. It is an offence against the dignity of the human person.

The Church is recognising the hurt done to those who have experienced domestic abuse. Pope Francis writes: 'Unacceptable customs still need to be eliminated. I think particularly of the shameful ill-treatment to which women are sometimes subjected, domestic violence and various forms of enslavement which, rather than a show of masculine power, are craven acts of cowardice. The verbal, physical, and sexual violence that women endure in some marriages contradicts the very nature of the conjugal union.' (Amoris Laetitia 54)

Thank you to Fr Stephen Lee and the White Fathers from St Vincent's who have said Mass this weekend. Fr Silviu will be back for Corpus Christi. We keep him and his family in our prayers.

WORKS: We are delighted that the trustees have approved funding for much needed works at St Patrick's – we are looking forward to growing our parish family in the future and establishing a community that actively reaches out to those around us. Works will be starting soon at OLMC – we are now waiting for instructions from English Heritage and then will begin the painting!

Corpus Christi Mass & Procession: All our children who recently made their First Holy Communion and their families are invited to our Corpus Christi Mass & Procession in OLMC at 11.15am on Sunday 23rd June 2019. The children can either wear their First Communion clothes or we can lend them an altar server's alb. We look forward to welcoming all into our one parish family at OLMC & St Patrick's.

Pastoral Associate Update: As we celebrate Trinity Sunday, I am drawn to an understanding of the Trinity that helps me enter into the mystery that is Father, Son and Holy Spirit namely 'Abba', 'Emmanuel' (God is with us), and 'Paraclete'. We welcomed those who recently joined our Catholic family during Mass at LACE last week and encourage them to enrich our own faith journeys as we recognise God in three persons within each one and every of us. Baptism and First Communion Catechists do join us for the *Summer Gathering* if you are able: a chance to share ideas and thank you for all you do! A Pope Francis tweet: "*The feast of the Holy Trinity invites us to be a leaven of communion, consolation and mercy*" God Bless, Helen

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome to God's family and our parish community Nova Lea Downer Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- Requiem on Tuesday
- Funeral Services on Tuesday and Friday
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Sunday 16th June

Feast of the Holy Trinity

Sat 5pm	Joe O'Toole	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Tony & Betty McDonough	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Monday 17th June

9am	No Mass	OLMC
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Tuesday 18th June

12noon	Funeral Service: Louisa Connell	OLMC
1pm	Requiem: Rosaline Walker	OLMC

Wednesday 19th June

10am	No Mass	St Patrick
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Thursday 20th June

10am	No Mass	St Patrick
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Friday 21st June

1pm	Funeral Service: Joan Higgins	OLMC
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Sunday 22nd June

Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Sat 5pm	Thomas Flannery (Snr & Jnr)	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Maria McNamee	OLMC

Evening Service

Adoration 6-7pm	OLMC
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30pm	OLMC
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Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday was no 50
Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Envelopes £156.10 Loose £192.85

St Patrick Loose £135.11
Tea/Coffee £93.00

Please Pray For.... Those who have died Loiusa Connell, Rosaline Walker, Joan Higgins and Kevin McDonough.

The sick: Michael McNicholas, Jayne O'Toole, Michelle Baxendale, Tommy Fletcher, Bernadette McGee, Michael Foley, Maureen Rossario, Joe Schofield, Doris Kelly, Edie Turner, Daniel Crawford, Caroline Flannery, Bernadette Fennell, Edna Tate, Jimmy Tierney, Betty Flannery, Tony Robinson, Carol Pickford, Betty Billingsley, Tommy Duffy, Audrey McKenna, Ian McCafferty, Betty Christian, Bernard Duffy, Helen Melarange, Jack Davies, Joan Higgins, Billy Thompson, Freya Matheson, Rene Humphreys, Clifford Browne, Gary Hollinson, 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, 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 Crownly, 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, Muriel Minshull, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks.