

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel: John 3:16-18**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'



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### **SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

#### **First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9**

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56**

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

**To you glory and praise for evermore.**

Blest your glorious holy name.

**To you glory and praise for evermore.**

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

**To you glory and praise for evermore.**

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

**To you glory and praise for evermore.**

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

**To you glory and praise for evermore.**

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

**To you glory and praise for evermore.**

**Fr Philip writes:**

The English have always had a special fondness for the Holy Trinity, much more than other nations. Just look at the number of surviving medieval churches with that name. The parent body for the lighthouses started off as a guild of the Holy Trinity. St Thomas of Canterbury was ordained a bishop on Trinity Sunday. The medieval Catholics of England called the long series of Green Sundays after Eastertide “Sundays after Trinity”, when the rest of Europe called them Sundays after Pentecost.

Should we look at this very English Sunday as the feast of a doctrine of the Church? Well it is a doctrine of the Church, without which we cannot call ourselves Catholic Christians, but I find it much more helpful to think of this Sunday as the summary of all that God has been revealing to us through the Church year.

We saw God showing us that He is the Creator in the Book of Genesis. The Season of Advent revealed that this Creator had a strategy to bring erring human beings back to His original plan for them. We listened to the prophecies and read the stories of types and shadows of what was to come.

We saw the cloud of the Spirit come upon Moses, Saul and David, filling Solomon’s temple at its dedication. We saw the Temple as a sign of the one who would say, “Destroy this temple and in 3 days I will raise it up!”

We heard about a promised Messiah; a new lawgiver greater than Moses. We were told at the start of the New Testament, that the cloud of the Spirit would overshadow our Lady. At Christmas we saw the Messiah born into our world to begin the work of taking us home to heaven. We saw Him grow and talk about a Father, Who is not St Joseph. The accounts of the Incarnate Word, Jesus the Christ, culminate in His Passover from death to life, ascending back to heaven whence He came. To insure that the story would not come to an end with His return home, He sent the Holy Spirit from the Father to be with us for ever.

Thus, on the Sunday after Pentecost, we summarise this revelation of what God is like and celebrate our faith in the Holy and Undivided Trinity. Most foundations for buildings are four-square. Our faith and our Church are built on a foundation that stands “Three-Square”! We were baptised in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Since then, we have learned to start and end our prayers in that same Name. We begin and end Mass with the invocation of the Trinity. It is the bedrock on which we stand firm through thick and thin. AMEN.

We ask for your Prayers: for those who are sick in mind and body, in our parish family, our own family, the people of Cirencester and Tetbury. For those who have died recently especially of those we have known ourselves, those of the Corona virus and all whose anniversaries are at this time. In our Diocesan prayer link we remember the priest and parishioners of Frome and Mells

This week we celebrate the following:

Thursday: Memorial of St Barnabas, Apostle

Saturday: Memorial of St Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor of the Church

**Parish Finances:** Thank you to all those who continue to support our parishes through standing order; this is a great way to support your parish. If you don not currently donate this way; it is easy to do, whether you pay tax and ‘Gift Aid’ your contribution or not, please email the parish office and a form will be sent to you. A cheque made payable for your parish would also be most welcome. Make the cheque payable to the parish and put through the door of St Peter’s or the post box for St Michaels. Thank you for your continued support.

**Mass Obligation:** There is no Sunday or weekday Mass – the Sunday obligation has been lifted for the time being. We can still pray together and look after one another. We can take care of those around us who might be in need. We can build up a sense of community in the area in which we live and maybe we relearn the simple things of faith whilst we hunger for the Bread of Life in the Eucharist.

**Mass Livestreamed:** Several parishes throughout the country are livestreaming the Mass each day: Clifton Cathedral Sunday Mass is @ 9.30am; St John The Evangelist Church, Bath Sunday Mass is at 10.00am. Please check their website for weekday Mass times and also the Rosary and other services.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things, and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to you, now and forever. Amen

**Sunday Morning Coffee:** Rachel Moody is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Coffee after Mass Time: May 31, 2020 11:00 AM London Every week on Sun, until Jul 5, 2020, 6 occurrence(s) at 11.00am Join Zoom Meeting. Why not join us, catch up on the week’s news:

We can still be instruments of peace, of joy, of faith and love in so many ways. We are a community of hope and faith and love, and we can still be proclaimers of the Gospel even when our normal, everyday routine is upset. May God watch over each and every one of us, and remind us – always – that he is near.

**Please stay safe and well. God Bless**