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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Year B Psalter Week IV

27th May 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

THE TRINITY



On this Sunday, the week after Pentecost, we celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity in the Church. We have celebrated this particular weekend in the Church for more than 700 years. Depending on your age, you may recall St. Pope John XXIII who organized and oversaw Vatican II. Interestingly, it was Pope John XXII (1316-1364) who made this Celebration official in the Church.

We consider the Holy Trinity to be one of the great mysteries in the Church. It is the mystery of the identity of God. Who is God? God is one God in three Divine Persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Whether we are aware of this consciously or not, this is something each of us acknowledges in a number of ways, especially when we go to Mass. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we are making a statement about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

That statement is made often. At minimum it is made when the Celebrating priest opens Mass with a Sign of the Cross. Just prior to the Gospel Reading we do an older version of the Sign of the Cross by making a small Cross on our forehead, our lips, and our chest. The priest concludes the Mass with a Blessing, and we all make a Sign of the Cross.

There are so many other times before, during, and after Mass when we make the Sign or the Cross, and there may be other times in our daily lives when we do it. Pope Francis has said, "Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we draw closer to God." Perhaps we should do it even more often.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

Sunday 27th May

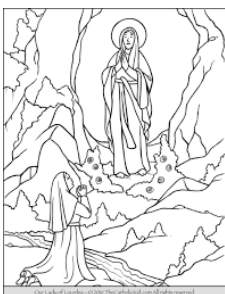
FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

	9.00 am	SB	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	SB	Mustafa Mahdavi RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	John Reilly RIP
Mon: 28th	BANK HOLIDAY: MASS AT ST BEDE: OFFICE CLOSED		
	10.00 am	SB	D.C. D'Oris RIP
Tues: 29th	No Mass		
Wed: 30th	9.30 am	HG	Jillian Sims RIP
Thurs: 31st	THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
	9.30 am	SB	Dec Mbrs Mahoney, O'Brien & Woodley Family
Friday: 1st June	ST JUSTIN		
9.30 am	HG	Barbara Grygier RIP	
	10—11 am	HG	Adoration
	12 noon	SB	Wedding
			Chris Louise Estrade/Peter Bevell
Sat: 2nd	9.30 am	SB	Denis Grehan RIP
Sunday 3rd June	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST		
	9.00 am	SB	Joseph McManus RIP
	11.00 am	SB	Yvonne Rutledge RIP
	6.30 pm	SB	People of the Parish

LOURDES 2018

Fr. Chris is leading a Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Sunday 10th June—15th June.

If you wish to send a petition to Our Lady in Lourdes, please write your petition, place it in an envelope, clearly marked 'Lourdes Petition' and leave in the Parish Office.... Please do not place any money in the envelopes.



SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS

Parents, when you apply for a place at our Catholic Primary School in January 2019, you will be required to complete a Supplementary Information Form stating how often you have attended Sunday Mass in the past year. You will need to ask Fr. Chris to verify that the information which you provided on the Supplementary Information Form regarding your Mass attendance is accurate. The card will be available in the Cloister Area for stamping next weekend 22nd April. This card needs stamping every time you attend Sunday Mass.

TEA AT 3

Tea at 3, will take place on Wednesday 30th May in St. Bede's Church hall. Why not join us for a cup of tea/coffee and a selection of delicious home made cakes for a donation to St. Michael's Hospice. Thank you to Joan and Cathy for organising this annual event.

BASINGSTOKE FOODBANK

Thank you for your continuing support for the food-bank. Despite reports that the period of austerity is over, the demand for emergency food is not showing any sign of diminishing.

Now Universal Credit (UC) is being introduced in Basingstoke to deal with benefit claims. Anecdotal evidence from areas which have switched over to UC, has been that in the early weeks, the demand for food has increased by upto 50%! So please keep donating food, leaving it in the boxes in the room off the cloister. Your support is very much appreciated.

ANVIL BASINGSTOKE

2018 marks the centenary of the end of the Great War, the war that was to end all wars. The War Requiem written by Benjamin Britten, a lifelong pacifist, weaves together the Latin Mass text of a traditional requiem with the devastating war poetry of Wilfred Owen. Basingstoke Choral Society, Southampton Philharmonic Choir, Southampton University Philharmonic Choir and the City of Southampton Orchestra combine forces for this unique performance, with the world-renowned London Mozart Players and the choir from The Pilgrims' School, Winchester. Over 300 singers, orchestral players and children congregating from across the county in Basingstoke's purpose built Concert Hall, The Anvil, 9th June 2018. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the People of Hampshire to remember and pay tribute to all those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Box Office: 01256 844244 or www.war-requiem2018.ukb

PARISH DIARY:

Sun 27th May:

Music: 9.00 am Choir: 11.00 am : Cantorg
6.30 pm: Piano
Repository after the 9.00 and 11 am Masses
Refreshments after 9 am & 11 am Masses
BAAC after 11 am Mass
Congratulations to Miley Isla Rose Attridge
who will be making her First Holy Communion
at the 6.30 pm Mass today

Wed: Choir 7.30 pm SB

SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2018

This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 30th June 2018**. It is a wonderful occasion to Celebrate and witness to Marriage. We have 6 couples from this Parish attending, are there any more? If you would like to attend, please contact Liz in the Parish Office.



WEDDING

Congratulations to Chris Louise Estrada and Peter Bevell who are getting married on Friday 1st June.

BIBLE STUDY

Next Bible Study will take place in Burgess Rd. Hall, on 11th June at 7.30 pm.

RCIA (Journey in Faith)

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith, or are you a Baptised Catholic wanting to be Confirmed? Our Parish Journey in Faith will be starting on Thurs 7th June in Burgess Road Hall at 7.30pm.

BISHOP CHALLONER

Bishop Challoner's PTA are hosting a Shopping Extravaganza at the school on the evening of Thursday 14th June from 6:30pm – 9:00pm. There will be amazing items on sale that you won't find on the High Street, so come along and pick up that special gift or simply treat yourself. Tickets are on sale from the School Office - £3.00 in advance or £3.50 on the night.

GDPR

The new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on 25th May 2018 and will impact every organisation which holds or processes personal data. The diocese in conjunction with parishes and curial offices are now in the process of revising processes to ensure that we are compliant. The Diocese is committed to ensuring high standards of information security, privacy and transparency.

THANKS

Thank you to the many people who helped make the First Holy Communion Saturday so special for our children. To the Catechists, Flower Arrangers, Church Cleaners, Altar Servers, Sacristan and those who do not wish to be named. *'Thank you'*

COLLECTION last weekend amounted to £2,835.96p.