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SUNDAY CYCLE: B (MARK)

WEEKDAYS CYCLE: II

26th MAY 2024 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, often described as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. They teach us about love, gratitude and hope. Let us turn our thoughts to the Most Holy Trinity, reflecting upon the goodness of God.



The Holy Trinity

TODAYS READINGS:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40: God rules in heaven and on Earth.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as His own.

Romans 8:14-17: The Spirit of God inspires us to be enthusiastic witnesses to God’s presence in our lives and in the world.

Matthew 28:16-20 : On a mountain in Galilee, Jesus calls on his followers to make disciples of, and baptise, all nations in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He promises to be with them to the end of time.

Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”

The so-called “Great Commission” in Matthew's Gospel is Christ's command to his disciples to baptise disciples in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. This summarises the three main themes of Matthew’s Gospel:

- (1) **Supreme and universal authority** has been given to Jesus by his heavenly Father; therefore, he far surpasses every other human being and deserves the exalted titles given to him.
- (2) The disciples have got to share their faith with **everyone**, including non-Jews. The promise of Jesus’ continuing presence with the disciples and their successors brings to fulfilment the name “Emmanuel” (“**God with us**”) given to Jesus at his conception Jesus reassured his disciples that he would sustain them in their mission to preach the gospel to all nations.



The Father and the Son are united in love, and this love is itself the divine life of the Spirit, who continues to guide and protect the Church until the end of time



MONDAY:	27 th MAY 2024 – BANK HOLIDAY – MASS WILL BE AT 10AM – NO 12:15 MASS.
WEDNESDAY:	29 th MAY 2024 – NO MASS – FRIARS AT THE FUNERAL OF FR AUSTIN McCORMACK, R.I.P.
SUNDAY	9 th JUNE 2024 – CELEBRATION MASS FOR THE FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN & FAMILIES – 10:15
TEA & COFFEE IN THE LARGE HALL AFTERWARDS.	

Pray for those who have died, and those whose Anniversaries occur around this time, also, please pray for the sick, also remember the People of Ukraine, and all countries where there is war. We also pray for peace in the Holy Land. Please also keep all the First Holy Communion & Confirmation Candidates, and their families, in your prayers.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

27TH MAY 2024

Mass will be at 10am -
there will be no 12:15 Mass.

NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY

29TH MAY 2024

There will be **NO MASS** on the 29th May,
as all the Friars will be attending the funeral of
Fr Austin McCormack, R.I.P.
Mass and Novena as usual, on Tuesday.

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" because the weeks are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the

English word *order*. In other words, Ordinary Time is the 'ordered' life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives, not with feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

We are twice in Ordinary Time. There's 5 weeks of Ordinary Time after Christmas and 28 weeks of Ordinary Time after Easter. But these do vary a bit depending on when Easter falls in any particular year. The actual number of weeks of Ordinary Time in any given year, can total 33 or 34.



THE NEW LECTIONARY

What is happening to the Lectionary and why?

The Lectionary, the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations.

What translation will the new Lectionary use?

The new Lectionary will use both the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter for the psalms. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, to reflect current biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive.

When are the changes taking place? The Lectionary will become mandatory for use in all Catholic parishes and Mass centres in England and Wales, and in Scotland from Advent 2024. The minimum our parish must order is the Four Volumes Ambo Edition of the Lectionary, from where readings will be proclaimed at Mass = £695.

9TH JUNE 2024

- CELEBRATION MASS -

The children who received their **First Holy Communion** this year, and their families, will be attending a **Celebration Mass** at 10:15am. Afterwards, there will be tea & coffee in the Large Hall

ALTAR LINEN

We need another volunteer to go on the Rota for laundering the Altar Linen. Please hand your name into the Parish Office to take part in this important work. Full instruction available



RIDE LONDON - SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2024

Various roads around Stratford will be closed most of the day - (4am – 7:30pm). Buses will be diverted and those walking, there will be marshalled road crossing points.

Grove Crescent Rd, Stratford, E15 1BJ
Masses

Monday to Friday 12:15. **Tuesday**, after Mass, St Anthony Novena.
Saturday: Morning Prayer: 9:40am Mass 10am followed by Holy Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:30am.
Confession: Saturday: 10:30am - 11:30am & 5pm - 5:45pm
Sunday: 6pm Saturday, 9am, 10:15am, 12 noon & 4:30pm (Ukrainian).

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