

FISHER HOUSE



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 30 MAY – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY 30	TRINITY SUNDAY	
	10.30am	Mass Sung English
Monday 31	8.20am	Mass <i>Visitation of Blessed Virgin</i>
	1.05pm	Mass
	5.30–6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 1 June	8.20am	Mass <i>St Justin, Martyr</i>
	1.05pm	Mass
	5.30–6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday 2	8.20am	Mass
	1.05pm	Mass
	5.30–6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday 3	8.20am	Mass <i>St Charles Lwanga, Martyr</i>
	1.05pm	Mass
	5.30–6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 4	8.20am	Mass
	1.05pm	Mass
	5.30–6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	7.30pm	Vespers
Saturday 5	10.00am	Extraordinary Form Mass
	1.05pm	Mass <i>St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr</i>
	4.30–5.30pm	Confession
	6.00pm	Mass Sung Latin (Vigil for Corpus Christi Sunday)
	7.30pm	All-night Vigil

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday 30	12.00pm	Fisher Friends Virtual Coffee. Join using this link or Meeting ID 977 0795 2460.
	5.30pm	The Dolphins football team will meet for training at the Chesterton Recreation Ground (CB4 1ED). No experience necessary. Contact Julia (jw735) if you have any questions.
Monday 31	11.00pm	Dolphins' football match with Oxford. Meet at Blackfriars at 11am. Kick-off, at the stadium in Court Place Farm, Marston, Oxford (OX3 0NQ) at 2.30pm. There may be places in the car for supporters; contact Julia if interested.
Wednesday 2	7.00pm	Post-doc Society will meet for Bible study on Zoom. Contact Kotryna Bloznelyte (kb449).
Friday 4	3pm to 5pm	Tea on the terrace, to relax, and enjoy tea and biscuits at the end of the working week
	7.30pm	Vespers will be prayed in the chapel, with a short reflection.
	8pm to 10pm	Black Swan Bar open in the Fisher Room. No booking required.
Saturday 5	9.00am	Walking Pilgrimage to Ely. Let Paul know if you would like to join.
	7.30pm	All Night Vigil for Corpus Christi. Sign-up here , and see notices for details.
Monday to Saturday	4.15pm	SVP Soup Run. Please see their website for details and to sign up.
Every day	9am to 9pm	Chapel open for private prayer. Please leave a kneeler on the floor when you leave, whether or not you have used one, so we know your space needs to be sanitised.
	9am to 9pm	Library and Fisher Room open for study. Please sign-up in advance for Week 5 and Week 6 .

NOTICES

CORPUS CHRISTI ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

There will be an all-night vigil of Eucharistic Adoration for the feast of Corpus Christi, from 19.30pm on 5th June to 7.30am on 6th June. Music and reflections will be offered hourly, and breakfast on the terrace will follow. Sign up for one or more half-hour slots [here](#). Please contact Sofia Carozza (sc2156) with any questions.

SVP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is looking for volunteer ‘Digital Champions’ to help manage safeguarding training Zoom calls. They would not need to deliver any content, but only help to run the chat and break-out rooms. Please contact Teresa Kehoe (teresak@svp.org.uk) for further details.

NEW LAY ASSISTANT

Fisher House is looking for a new lay assistant for the next academic year. This is a full-time role, lasting ten months, from September 2021 to July 2022. If you would like to apply, please send a CV to the current assistant, Paul Norris (pn303), who would be happy to answer any questions about the job. The deadline for applications is Monday 7th June.

REFLECTION

A True “Theory of Everything”

The Catholic author Stratford Caldecott writes the following words in the preface of his book “The Radiance of Being”:

The doctrine of the Trinity emerges as the overarching theme of this book. Year after year, Christian preachers get up in the pulpit and try to deliver a sermon on Trinity Sunday. Sometimes it is a lamentable failure. Occasionally it seems they are embarrassed about the wonderful doctrine of the Trinity. They certainly seem to struggle to put into words how one God can be three persons. Perhaps they feel a bit like quantum physicists, trying to explain to laymen how light can be a particle at the same time as being a wave. But the doctrine of the Trinity does not just make sense of a few experimental observations in a laboratory. It makes sense of human life as a whole. It is the key that opens every lock, an insight that reveals the centre of the universe. It shows us the pattern that underlies physics, history, psychology, economics, and the arts. It is the most beautiful, elegant, and simple doctrine in the world—a true “theory of everything.” That is why the central part of this book is my attempt to think through, as a Catholic layman, the doctrine of the Trinity and its implications for cosmology.

Sadly, Stratford Caldecott died in 2014, but these words of his are a wonderful testimony to his Catholic vision. If only every Catholic layman was as excited about Trinitarian theology as Stratford Caldecott was. And he certainly puts many of us preachers to shame. One of the dangers we face as preachers is thinking of Trinity Sunday as the one Sunday in the year when we should attempt to reveal the beauty and intelligibility of this deepest and most fundamental mystery of our Faith, when in fact this is something we should strive to do every Sunday.

But perhaps something we can do as preachers on Trinity Sunday is at least to draw people’s attention to the fact that meditating on Trinitarian theology is not just for professional theologians. It is for everyone. For all of us are called to enter into the mystery of the Trinity, as we indeed do in our baptism, when we are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. But it is only by reflecting on the Trinity, that we will know what to look out for in our sacramental lives. As Stratford Caldecott suggests, reflecting on the Trinity is not so much about figuring out how the things around us in our world can help us make sense of the Trinity, but rather it is more about figuring out how the Trinity can help us make sense of the world around us. And of all the things in the world that the Trinity helps us make sense of, first and foremost is our participation in the sacraments. For it is in the celebration of the sacraments that God’s Trinitarian presence is most perfectly manifested, and if we understand this, then our reflection on the Trinity will shape every aspect of our lives. Indeed, we will see the doctrine of the Trinity for what it really is: “the most beautiful, elegant, and simple doctrine in the world—a true “theory of everything.”

Fr Robert

MASS TEXTS

SUNDAY 30 MAY YEAR I — THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:32–34, 39–40

Moses said to the people: ‘Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?’

‘Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32 (33)

℟: Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

1. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.
2. By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and it came to be.
He commanded; it sprang into being.
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14–17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’ The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Revelation 1:8

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

Matthew 28:16–20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

THE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.