

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

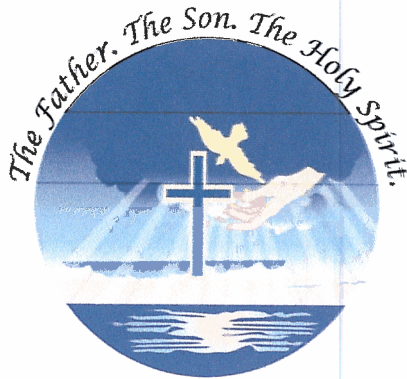
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Noticeboard

Sunday Masses

First Mass of Sunday (Vigil) Saturday, 6 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass 10.30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday, Mass at 5 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon (Funeral Mass)
Other Weekdays, 10.15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday:
9.45 to 10 a.m.
4 to 4.30 p.m.
5.30 to 5.45 p.m.

May Devotions:

Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, 6.30 p.m.)

Thursday is the Feast of the Visitation; Friday, the Memorial of St. Justin.

Our **First Holy Communions** will take place next Sunday morning, Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. While the externals of First Holy Communion are important and an important part of the celebration, they cannot distract us from the moment when Jesus gives himself to a young heart. From all eternity, he has known and loved these children. Let them have their space, some moments of peace as they welcome their Lord. And let the adults around them share in that sacred moment by their own example of silent prayer. At the end of Mass, our First Communicants will receive gifts from the parish: the *Illustrated Family Bible* and rosaries from the Holy Land.

Thursday is the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady and the Church's **Day for Life**. This year, the focus is on human trafficking. Baskets will be left at the back of the church next weekend for a special collection in aid of the Catholic Church's work in the defence of human life.

Cathie's Cameron's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday at 12 noon. We remember the Faithful Departed whose memories we bless at this time: **Elizabeth Laird, Bridget Keenan, Molly O'Shea, Moira Jones, John MacLaren, Ian Wynne, George O'Neill and Joan Bremner**. May they all rest in the peace of their Saviour.

Our sincere thanks to those who cleaned the church so thoroughly on Thursday morning!

Holy Communion will be taken to the housebound in the course of this week.

Don't forget our **May Devotions!**



Sans Paroles

You, *Eternal Trinity*, are my Creator, and I am the work of Your hands, and I know through the new creation which You have given me in the blood of Your Son, that You are enamoured of the beauty of Your workmanship. (*St. Catherine of Siena*)

The Christian response is contained in these two fundamental dogmas: that of the Trinity and that of the Incarnation. In the Trinitarian dogma God is one, good, true, and beautiful because he is essentially Love, and Love supposes the one, the other, and their unity. (*Hans Urs von Balthasar*)

Fear, ignorance, and hatred - these are the trinity of malice. (*Debasish Mridha*)

But simple as the Sign of the Cross is, it carries a brave weight: it names the Trinity, celebrates the Creator, and brings home all the power of faith to the brush of fingers on skin and bone and belly. So do we, sometimes well and sometimes ill, labour to bring home our belief in God's love to the stuff of our daily lives, the skin and bone of this world — and the Sign of the Cross helps us to remember that we have a Companion on the road. (*Brian Doyle*)

The only way to engage God is to meet one of the three in time. We meet the Father as Creator, the Son as Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit as the dispenser of God's grace. (*Tobin Wilson*)

The modern holy trinity is money, sex and celebrity. (*P. D. James , Crime Writer*)

The devil would have Christ prove Himself to be God, by turning stones into bread; but the Holy Spirit shows His Godhead by turning stones into flesh. (*Thomas Watson*)

The "name" of the Most Holy Trinity is in a certain way impressed upon everything that exists, because everything that exists, down to the least particle, is a being in relation, and thus God-relation shines forth, ultimately creative Love shines forth. All comes from love, tends toward love, and is moved by love, naturally, according to different grades of consciousness and freedom... The strongest proof that we are made in the image of the Trinity is this: only love makes us happy, because we live in relation, and we live to love and be loved. (*Pope Benedict XVI*)

Abortion is inherently different from other medical procedures because no other procedure involves the purposeful termination of a potential life. (*Potter Stewart*)

Abortion is an attack on the family and the humanity that unites us all. (*Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King*)

The role of matriarch and patriarch are distinct, and in the King family, we have been blessed with strong examples of both. (*Alveda King*)

The right to life is the first human right. Abortion is killing someone that cannot defend himself. (*Pope Francis*)

Abortion is without a doubt one of the greatest moral evils within modernity. As the "Advocate of Christian Memory," a Pope must take up the mantle of defending the culture of life - a defence the Early Church held against the pagans of Rome. (*Pope Francis*)

Hastiness and superficiality are the psychic diseases of the 20th century, and more than anywhere else this disease is reflected in the press. (*Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn*)

I think media has lost its way. We must recognize that the proprietors of these organizations have put on a form of censorship. Basically, they're more interested in celebrity, narcissism, rich people, good-looking people, and successful sportsmen. (*Don McCullin*)

Everybody wants to get enlightened, but nobody wants to change. (*Andrew Cohen*)

Love without sacrifice is like theft. (*Nassim Nicholas Taleb*)

Kindness can become its own motive. We are made kind by being kind. (*Eric Hoffer*)

If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself. (*Saint Augustine*)