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12th June 2022 – Holy Trinity, Year C

POPE FRANCIS – ANGELUS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY 2021

On this feast day in which we celebrate God: the mystery of the one God. And this God is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Three persons, but God is one! The Father is God; the Son is God; the Spirit is God. But they are not three gods: it is one God in three Persons. It is a mystery that Jesus Christ revealed to us: the Holy Trinity. Today we pause to celebrate this mystery, because the Persons are not adjectives of God, no. They are real, diverse, different Persons; they are not — as that philosopher used to say — ‘emanations of God’, no, no! They are Persons. There is the Father to whom I pray with the Our Father; there is the Son, who gave me redemption, justification; there is the Holy Spirit who abides in us and inhabits the Church. And this speaks to our heart because we find it encompassed in that expression of Saint John which summarises all of Revelation: “God is love” (1 Jn 4:8-16). The Father is love; the Son is love; the Holy Spirit is love. And inasmuch as he is love, God, while being one alone, is not solitude but communion, among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Because love is essentially a gift of self, and in its original and infinite reality it is the Father who gives himself by generating his Son, who in turn gives himself to the Father, and their mutual love is the Holy Spirit, the bond of their unity. It is not easy to understand, but we can live this mystery, all of us, we can live it a great deal.

This mystery of the Trinity was revealed to us by Jesus himself. He showed us the face of God as merciful Father; he presented Himself, true man, as the Son of God and Word of the Father, the Saviour who gives his life for us; and he spoke of the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son, the Spirit of Truth, the Paraclete Spirit — we spoke last Sunday about this word, ‘Paraclete’ — meaning Consoler and Advocate. And when Jesus appeared to the Apostles after the Resurrection, Jesus invited them to evangelise “all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19).

Today’s celebration, therefore, makes us contemplate this marvellous mystery of love and of light from which we come and toward which our earthly journey is guided. In the message of the Gospel and in every form of Christian mission, one cannot overlook this unity among us to which Jesus calls, following the unity of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: one cannot overlook this unity. The beauty of the Gospel asks to be lived — unity — and witnessed in the harmony among us, who are so diverse! And this unity, I dare say, is essential to Christians: it is not an attitude, a manner of speaking, no; it is essential, because it is the unity that arises from love, from the mercy of God, from the justification of Jesus Christ and from the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK				
Sunday	Holy Trinity	9:30am	Frank Furber (R.I.P.)	SP
		11am	People of the Parish	OL
<i>Tea & Coffee after both Sunday Masses</i>				
Monday	<i>St Anthony</i>	9am	Stephen Walsh (R.I.P.)	OL
Tuesday	<i>Ferial</i>			
Wednesday	<i>Ferial</i>	9am	Miss Alima D'Costa	OL
<i>Access to Our Lady's for weekday Mass is through the entrance to the right side of the church</i>				
Thursday	Ferial			
Friday	<i>Ferial</i>	9:15am	Special Intention (SC)	SP
Saturday	<i>Ferial</i>			
Sunday	Body and Blood of Christ	9:30am	Magdalin Hughes (R.I.P.)	SP
		11am	People of the Parish	OL

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick

*Fr Paul Hughes, Richie & Lily Baker, Joan Jones, Margaret Walsh, Christopher Browne,
George Perry, Louisa Tower & Vin Roper*

Those who have died

Mgr Christopher Lightbound

OUR PARISH VISION & MISSION

We are a warm & welcoming community of faith rooted in the love of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Belonging is at the heart of what we do as members of the body of Christ. We believe worship is not just found in prayer, it's something expressed in everything we do.

SAINT JOSEPH LAMP

This week the lamp burns for a Special Intention (Catherine) at Our Lady's & Sean Henry at Saint Paul's. Envelopes are at the back of each church for requests. A £5 donation is requested for an intention.

NEW DEACON

Please pray for Sean Henry who will be ordained as a Deacon on Wednesday morning at the Pontifical Bede College in Rome. Sean spent last summer in Wallasey; we look forward to welcoming him back to the Diocese.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MGR CHRISTOPHER LIGHTBOUND

Vigil Mass – Wednesday 22nd June, 7pm in Christ the King, Bromborough

Requiem Mass with Bishop Mark – Thursday 23rd June, 12:30pm in Christ the King, Bromborough

Parking is limited at Christ the King so please consider using public transport.

THINKING OF BECOMING A PERMANENT DEACON?

The Church is the pilgrim people of God, and the programme of diaconal formation should itself be seen as a journey in faith. *'The history of every Christian vocation is the history of an inexplicable dialogue between God and human beings, between the love of God who calls and the freedom of individuals who respond lovingly to him.'* The diaconate formation team is holding a time of reflection for men who are thinking about the call to the ministry of service on Sunday 26th June 2022 at St Anne's Church, Nantwich at 2pm. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, to reflect and to pray for vocations to the permanent diaconate. For more information please contact:

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PARISH

PARISH VISION MEETING – Our next meeting will be *Tuesday 21st June* (next week) at 7pm when we will be reflecting on chapter 6 of James Mallon's book, Divine Renovation.

PRIMARY PLACES REVIEW The consultation regarding the proposal to amalgamate Saint Paul's school with Saint Peter's school is now live and can be accessed at <https://haveyoursay.wirral.gov.uk/pupil-place-planning>. There is a survey to complete if you wish or you can also email your comments to schoolsconsultation@wirral.gov.uk Thank you for your support for the school. It is imperative that you add your thoughts to the consultation so that it is understood by all how important Saint Paul's Catholic Primary School is to the Beechwood Community.

STATEMENT BY THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES – The bishops, after their recent meeting, have produced a statement about the return of the Sunday obligation from Pentecost Sunday. This was included with your newsletters a few weeks ago. Please do have a read of it. There is also a good article reflecting on the statement written by Joseph Kelly in the online Catholic publication, The Catholic Network. <https://www.thecatholicnetwork.co.uk/from-the-rising-of-the-sun-to-its-setting-the-celebration-of-the-mass-is-our-bridge-to-god-says-joseph-kelly/>

PIZZA & PRAYER (CONFIRMATION 2023/2024) – We are beginning our Youth Group which will include preparation for Confirmation with an initial meeting on Monday 4th July at 6:30pm. This is open to any young person who is currently in Year 6 or above, particularly those who live in North Birkenhead but friends from elsewhere can be accepted as well. Parents are welcome to join us at 7:30pm to conclude our session together.

DBS FORM RENEWAL – many people's DBS form currently need renewing. Please see our parish safeguarding representative Marie Wallace after 11am Mass on Sunday or she can be contacted through the parish office.

EASY FUNDRAISING – Please support our Parish on Easyfundraising – you can raise **FREE** donations when you shop online at over 6000 retailers (inc car & home insurance). It's simple & takes 2 minutes to sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> then search for Holy Cross, Our Lady & Saint Paul.

Thank you to everyone who uses the Easy Fundraising site to raise donations for us. We have just been paid £60.19 because of your generosity. Please do continue to use the site including for things such as your home or car insurance!

JOB VANCANCIES – Team member for the Youth Mission Team. The role is based in Stockport, delivering to parishes and schools throughout the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The job description is on the Diocese of Shrewsbury website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies Please send your CV to Pauline McCulloch at recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Full time IT In-House Support member at the Diocese of Shrewsbury Curial Office in Birkenhead. For more information, please see our website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> Completed CV's to be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 17 June 2022.

CATENIANS – The Birkenhead circle meets each month at Prenton Golf club to enjoy each other's company & to support one another & our families. Membership is open to Catholic men who are aged 18 & over. If you would like to know more, please contact p.davenport.123@btinternet.com.

PARISH FINANCE

Offertory £479.95 Eye Fund/CAFOD/Zambia £33

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

CHARITY

WIRRAL FOODBANK – Wirral Foodbank is fully operational again. With the increased cost of living, many more households are relying on services such as the Foodbank. Donations can be left at the back of Saint Paul's or outside the Saint Joseph chapel in Our Lady's.

UKRAINE – Please pray for peace across our world, for the people caught up in warfare or violence & for all those seeking to promote justice & alleviate suffering. You can make donations either to CAFOD directly through the Disasters Emergency Committee or through Aid to the Church in Need. CAFOD is working with local Caritas international partners such as Caritas Ukraine on the ground to get supplies to those who need them when & where they can.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Our hospital continues to face unprecedented pressures; many people are who clinically safe could be discharged but face barriers to returning home safely. Faith groups and organisations as part of the community, voluntary and faith sector within Wirral are being asked to support our Hospital Trust to safely and quickly discharge patients from hospital and overcome some of the current issues within the system. Age UK Wirral will take responsibility for identifying patients in the hospital that could be discharged with the assistance of DBS checked volunteers. **If you are a volunteer with a DBS check and would like to get involved or find out more please email ema@neocommunity.org.uk to register your interest. Please say which organisation you are part of, the type of help you could offer & in which local areas.**

GLASSES – thank you to all those who support the Eye Fund charity through their weekly white envelope donation. Another easy way to support the work of the eye fund is to donate any old glasses which you have via the box at the back of Our Lady's church. These are given to help the work of the Wirral Society of the Blind & partially sighted based at Ashville Lodge on the edge of the park.

STAMPS – The stamps are sent off to the RNIB to support their work with those suffering sight loss. There is a box at the back of church for any used stamps you have.