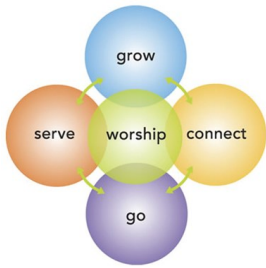


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**THE PARISH NEWSLETTER
 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
 SUNDAY 22nd May AD 2016**



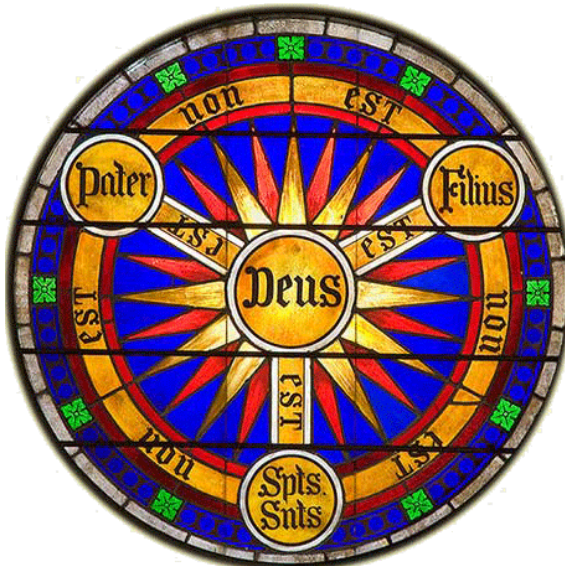
Welcome to the Parish Church where, after the example of the early church, we celebrate the Eucharist: the "apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42)

The Most Holy Trinity

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: *Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.*

Why is this feast celebrated at this particular time? It may be interpreted as a finale to all the preceding feasts. All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of redemption. The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world that he gave His only-begotten Son." The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist *par excellence* to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's Ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler. On solemn occasions a thanksgiving *Te Deum* rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's *Te Deum* of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honour of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Holy Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is *the* day of the Most Holy Trinity.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- TODAY: 9:30am** **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY PARISH MASS & Holy Baptism**
11:00am **FAMILY MASS at All Saints**
Pray for: Our Parish
- Monday: 9:30am** **Feria**
 'Squeals on Wheels' in Parish Hall
8:00pm Bell Ringing Practice
Pray for: The Sick, Housebound & Handicapped
- Tuesday: 10:30am** **Feria**
Mass at All Saints + 'Elevenses'
Pray for: Local Public Servants
- Wednesday 6:00pm** **St Bede the Venerable, Priest, Doctor Rogation Day**
 Rector in the Parish Office
6:30pm Handbell Ringing Practice at SMSG School
7:15pm The Band - Practice at SMSG School
7:30pm **Mass at St Mary & St Giles**
Pray for: For all Church Historians
- Thursday: 7:30pm** **CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI PARISH MASS, Procession and Benediction at St Mary & St Giles**
Pray for: Devotion to Christ in the Eucharist
- Friday: 8:00am** **St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Mass at St Mary & St Giles School**
1:00pm Funeral Rite of Audrey Lambert R.I.P. in St Mary & St Giles Church
7:30pm Parish Singers Rehearsal
Pray for: The Archbishop of Canterbury
- Saturday: 1:00pm** **Feria**
 Marriage Rite at St Mary & St Giles
4:00pm Confessions in St Mary & St Giles
4:30pm Evening Prayer in St Mary & St Giles
Pray for: Visitors to our Parish Churches
- Next Sunday: 9th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:30am **PARISH MASS at St Mary & St Giles**
11:00am **FAMILY MASS at All Saints**
Pray for: Our Parish
- READINGS NEXT SUNDAY 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 1st Reading: Acts 7: 55-60
 Psalm: 97 (part)
 2nd Reading: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20
 Gospel: John 17: 20-26

- Readers:** at SMSG: Oliver Williams & Rita Oakley
 at All Saints: Diane West
- Intercessor:** Sister Janet
- Sidesmen:** Team 4 Altar Servers Team 1
- Offertory:** Prayer Group
- Cleaning:** Team 4 Gardening Team 4

*Worshipping Numbers last Sunday: 200
 Weekday Worshipping Numbers (w/e 14th May): 109*

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Thursday 26th May
CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI
7:30pm Parish Mass at SMSG
Celebrant: Fr Victor Bullock SSC
Homilist: The Rector

Sunday 29th May
3:00pm Family Organ Recital
at St Mary & St Giles

Thursday 2nd June
7:30pm Milton Keynes
Deanery Synod

Saturday 4th June
7:30pm Violin & Cello Concert
in St Mary & St Giles

Sunday, 5th June
2.30-4.30pm
Piano & Vocal Duets
Tea and cake served throughout

Wednesday 8th June
4:00pm Handbells & Band
Concert in SMSG Church

**Friday 10th -
Sunday 11th June**
**National Celebrations for
HM The Queen's
90th Birthday**
Flower Festival
at St Mary & St Giles
with Refreshments

+ Cream Teas and The Band
in Concert from 2:30pm
on the Sunday afternoon

Tuesday 15th June
The Rector & Sister Janet have
been invited to attend Even-
song at Westminster Abbey to
mark the 50th Anniversary of
the founding of the Anglican
Centre in Rome.

Wednesday 15th June
9:30am Mass followed by
The Fellowship Breakfast

Thursday 16th June
12:30pm Lunchtime Concert
in St Mary & St Giles

Saturday 2nd July
7:30pm Milton Keynes Sinfonia
Concert with the Pipe Organ
in St Mary & St Giles

Tues 5th/Weds 6th July
Ebbsfleet Council of Priests
at Douai Abbey

Wednesday 6th July
7:30pm Mass of Confirmation
at Hanslope,
St James the Great

they will help our Church School obtain sports equip-
ment. If the person in front of you in the queue declines
them...please don't be shy in speaking up and saying that
you know of a school that would appreciate them and
asking if they mind letting you have them. *Thank you.*

Audrey Lambert R.I.P. Audrey's funeral rite will be held in
St Mary & St Giles Church on Friday 27th May at 1:00pm.
Please pray for the repose of her soul. *Jesu, mercy, Mary,
pray.*

Posters: There are posters on the oak table at the rear of
the Nave at St Mary & St Giles for the upcoming Flower
Festival and some concerts. Please do take a copy and
display prominently if you are able to. There are also fly-
ers available with details of concerts for those who are
interested in knowing more and to give to those you
know who may be interested.

Flower Festival at St Mary & St Giles to celebrate the HM Queen's 90th Birthday

Thank you to everyone who has already generously do-
nated towards the Festival in June and those who sup-
ported the Lunch last week. A significant amount has al-
ready been raised. Some Arrangements are being spon-
sored in memory of a loved one, if you would like to
sponsor a specific display please see Sue or Lesley.
Please place any donations in an envelope marked
'Flower Festival'. Many thanks.

'The Year of Mercy' - a Celebration in Oxford Cathedral:

As you will no doubt know, the wider church is celebrat-
ing a Year of Mercy. Bishop Jonathan has been talking
with the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church Cathedral
and they have welcomed the possibility of a celebration
to mark the Holy Year on Saturday 17 September. The
basic idea will be an opportunity to celebrate the Mass at
Christ Church at 11 am followed by a picnic lunch and an
early afternoon session of teaching and fellowship.

The Bishop's Office will be sending out more formal
announcements and publicity in due course, but hopes
that this informal announcement will enable his parishes
to make preparatory plans for joining the celebration at
ChristChurch Cathedral. This gathering would be a fort-
night before the installation of the new Diocesan Bishop,
and will give us an opportunity also to pray for him in the
cathedral.

I would be most grateful if someone would volun-
teer to organise a coach for us to travel to Oxford and
back. Please see me if you would be willing to take on the
organisation of this trip. *Thank you. Fr Ross*

'The Servant Queen and the King she serves': all 200 of
the copies of this marvellous booklet from our initial order
have been taken. We can order more, if there is a need.
Please let the Rector know if you would like to order
more and how many you would like: either in writing, by
'phone or email. The aim will be to place a further order, if
needed, at the end of May.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

Altar Linen: Our Sacristan at St Mary & St Giles, John, asks
if there are any among us who would be willing to join the
monthly rota for washing and ironing the small altar linen.
It isn't a particularly onerous task and our former Sacristan,
Mary Saggars, kindly wrote some notes to help those
who join the rota to understand the care that needs taking
when rinsing the linen before washing, and some tips for
ironing linen. Please see John if you wish to know more.
Also: the purificators do not seem to last as long as they
once did. A supplier of good quality Irish Linen has been
found as we shall need to purchase more purificators very
soon - due to the high number of those we have had to
discard due to the deterioration of much of our last sup-
ply. The cost per purificator is £14 and we use at least 6
per week - and, of course we need far more than that as
the used ones are with the volunteers who wash and iron
them, and if this is done fortnightly - as it sometimes is
due to holidays and other commitments - then we can
easily run short of them. If anyone wishes to donate mon-
ies towards this please place your donations in an enve-
lope marked "Small Altar Linen" and place in the collec-
tion baskets. Don't forget that, if you are a tax payer, you
can increase the value of your gift by using a Gift Aid En-
velope and completing the details. *Thank you.*

Sainsbury's 'Active Kids' Vouchers: If you shop regularly
at Sainsbury's then please do collect the 'Active Kids'
vouchers and hand them to Kieran or Lesley Salter as

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