



Our Lady Help of Christians & St Helens

Sunday 11th June 2017

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Reflection for The Most Holy Trinity

By Fr Adrian Graffy - Year A

Gospel reading: John 3:16-18

Other readings: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9, Corinthians 13:11-13

The Easter season has come to an end, and we might have expected that the Sunday after Pentecost would be simply one of those Sundays of the year 'in ordinary time'. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Trinity Sunday, gives us the opportunity to reflect on the mystery of God, the God who has been revealed to us above all in the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God, and in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In our gospel reading Jesus teaches Nicodemus, who is searching for the truth, about the basic motivation of God in sending us his only Son.

This motivation is love. In creating us God also makes it possible for us to accept the love of God with complete freedom, for we can refuse this love. Believing in 'the name of God's only Son' means acknowledging the reality of the love of God for each of us. We are challenged to allow the love of God into our lives again and again in the daily decisions we must make to embrace what is good and to shun what is evil. If we reject goodness, it is not God who condemns us. We condemn ourselves.

The essence of God's attitude towards human beings is clear already in the first reading from the Book of Exodus, when the Lord is revealed as a 'God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, and rich in kindness and faithfulness'. These qualities of God are illustrated as the story of salvation progresses and most fully when, in the fullness of time, God sends the incarnate Son to live and die for us, and pours out the Holy Spirit to be the constant presence of God's love in the world.

St Paul's final greeting to the people of Corinth in the second reading sums up our prayer on this feast: 'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.'

Have I accepted in my heart that God is 'a God of compassion'?

Do I understand that faith is essentially trusting in God who loves and saves me?

Pray for a renewed sense of the awesomeness of God.

Pray for those who struggle with the notion of a God who loves them.

MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Holy Trinity - Be united and live in peace

In today's readings, God is revealed as full of compassion, tenderness and love for His people.

Through the sacrament of marriage, we are called to reflect these qualities through our relationship with each other.

When we are irritated and react angrily, it is important that we look at ourselves together, trying to recognise why, and seek to correct the causes.

Please pray for the sick especially; Vincent MacCormac, Adam Skeats, Joe Nagle and Anna Craik



A Big Thank You to all those who contributed so generously to the Tomato Plant Sale. £156 was collected for the Transport Fund

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 11th June – The Most Holy Trinity

9.30am Emmanuel Aformale – Thanksgiving

11.15am C.W.L. – Member's Intentions

6pm People of Parish

Monday 12th June

9.15am Dick, John (Snr & Jnr) Connolly RIP

Tuesday 13th June - St Anthony of Padua

9.15am Philomena Green RIP (C.W.L.)

Wednesday 14th June

9.15am Ellen Mara RIP

Thursday 15th June

10am Mass @ Nazareth House

Friday 16th June

10am Mass @ Nazareth House

{11.45am Mass @ St Bernard' School: Donor's Ints}

1-4pm Exposition in the Adoration Chapel

Saturday 17th June

10am Mass @ Nazareth House

{10am Mass @ Abbotswick: Day Retreat : Ethna Hopper RIP}

No Confessions

6pm Polish Mass

Sunday 18th June – The Most Holy Blood of Christ (Day for Life)

9.30am Mary Wilkinson (English) RIP

11.15am Mavis Vaarmaak RIP

6pm Parish Community

Second Collection Next Week 18th June is for Sick Clergy

PARISH DIARY

Friday 16th June

5.30pm – 7pm – Baptism Course (Session 2)

Saturday 17th June

10am – Mass @ Abbotswick followed by a Day of Recollection as organised by Legion of Mary (until 4pm)

St Helen's Catholic Church Building & Restoration Fund

For the 2 weeks to 28th May, £87.80 was received from envelopes and cash. When grossed up for gift aid this comes to £108 against a 2 weekly target of £300. For the week to 4th June, £130 was received from envelopes, cash and postal orders. When grossed up for gift aid this comes to £135 against a weekly target of £150.

The cumulative position for the 5 weeks since the relaunch is that £448 (including gift aid tax relief) has been collected against a 5 week target of £750 and an annual target of £8,000.

We can only maintain St Helen's with your help, the Collection box is at the back of church, (right hand side by the foot of the stairs to choir loft). For tax payers Gift Aid envelopes are available for you to gift aid your donation. Thank you, Fr Joseph & Parish Finance Team



Holy Water from Lourdes

Lourdes Holy Water is available from the Sacristy
Bring your own bottle or buy one brought back from the Parish Pilgrimage. Price £1

St Helen's Notices & Events

ST HELEN'S PARISH MINIBUS

To keep the new parish minibus on the road, the Catholic Women's League help to fund raise the cost of the insurance which is approximately £1,000 each year.

In order to help with this you are invited to become a member of the PARISH 100 CLUB.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE FOR THE COMING YEAR

If you would like to join or renew your subscription, forms are available at the back of church, please place in an envelope with £12 per 12 month share and mark it clearly with your name, email or postal address, telephone number and "100 club subscription".

Please leave it in the parish office by **Wednesday 14th June**. Any cheques should be made payable to St Helen's Church. Prizes are £20, £15, and £10 with £30 bonus draw Christmas and Easter
The next draw takes place on Sunday 25 June. WE NEED YOU!!!

Volunteer drivers for the new Minibus.

1) Ray Newman has a team of Sunday-morning drivers who collect parishioners from around the local area. We do need to find a few extra drivers to lessen the load on the existing ones. It involves a few hours in total but it means so much to people who otherwise would find it very difficult to come to mass. We know Sundays are precious, but we hope it would only amount to maybe once every 4/5 weeks. Full training would be given.

If you would like to help but don't feel you want to drive, we do also need escorts to assist the driver loading etc.

2) Steve Jones is asking for someone to drive the minibus to Stanstead airport with some disabled people who are going to Lourdes (Steve is accompanying them), and then pick them up again the following week. The dates are; to drop off, Friday 14th July; to be at the airport between 7am and 8am. Sorry about the early start. The collection day is Friday 21st July and that is usually around 4pm

There are three wheelchairs and another two who can manage mostly on their own. Steve and a nurse will be going. Steve can lead or assist with loading etc. This is really important as the disabled have no other way of getting to Lourdes.

Your help would be greatly appreciated. Can you please send your contact details to the parish office westcliff@dioceseofbrentwood.org or ring the office 342324 and Ray or Steve will get back to you.

Saturday 17th June – Day of Recollection @

Abbotswick - Legion of Mary are inviting all those who wish to join them for a day of recollection at Abbotswick, near Brentwood led by Fr Joseph. The day will begin at 10am with Mass and end at 4pm. Bring packed lunch. Please contact Danielle Speirs for more information and booking - daniellespeirs@blueyonder.co.uk

Saturday 1 JULY 2017 - The Two Elizabeth's ELIZABETH DUNLOP & ELIZABETH UPSHER & Pupils PRESENT: A SUMMER AFTERNOON CONCERT IN AID OF HAVENS HOSPICES

Tickets cost £10.00 (inc cake and tea) 5.00pm.
In St Helen's Parish Hall, St Helen's Road, Westcliff SS0 7JP
Please ring Elizabeth 01702 347369 to book your seats.
(Please do book in advance for catering purposes)
All profits go to Havens Hospices
We look forward to seeing you there!!!!

10th – 15th October 2017 – Pilgrimage to Fatima & The Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem 1917 - 2017:

Centenary £760 per person sharing. Transfer from Parish St Helen 6 nights, 6 days breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
There are still places available!!
For more information Contact Salvatore: 07753 203129 or Patricia: 01702 432458 or 07946 687623

Cleaning in Church – Help Urgently Needed!!

If you are able to help clean the church on Friday mornings from 9.15am for one hour a week or once a month, please contact Julie in the office on 01702 342324 or email julie@shwos.co.uk
office hours are: 9am – 1pm (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Friday)

Deanery & Diocesan Notices

Saturday 17th June – The Friends of Nazareth, 'coffee morning and nearly- new sale' 11am to 12.30. All proceeds go to the Sisters of Nazareth House for the benefit of the residents.

The Friends of Nazareth need new members, contact Edward Hayden edwardhayden77@gmail.com or text 07434 190135

Sunday 18th June - Brentwood Cathedral Choir has commissioned a new Missa Brevis, from the composer Diana Burrell, for the Diocesan Centenary. The Missa Brevis will receive its first performance at the 11.30am Mass in Brentwood, Parishioners from the diocese are invited to this celebration of the Diocesan Centenary.
www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/music-cathedral-parish-diocese

Saturday 24th June – The Deanery Orchestra Presents: Music for a Summer Evening, 7.30pm @ The New Mazenod Hall, St Peter's RC Church, Eastwood Road North, SS9 4BX. Tickets £5 (16 and under free) For tickets please call or text Penny on 07810 707910 or visit <http://thedeaneryorchestra.weebly.com/> Concert-goers are asked to bring and enjoy their own food and drink at the candlelit tables.

Saturday 24th - 25th June – Brightlights with BCYS
Venue: Alton Castle in Solihull, Brightlights is an opportunity for young Catholics to come together - have fun, listen to awesome speakers, take part in workshops. For more info visit www.brightlights.org.uk or www.bcys.net. Coaches leaving the evening of Friday 23rd. The cost for the weekend at Brightlights with BCYS £65, or for £90 the price will also include a trip to Alton Towers! Email info@bcys.net for more info & an application form!

Saturday 1st July– The 2017 annual Knight of St Columba (KSC) sponsored seafront walk in aid of the BCCS. Starts at St Helen's at 10am Mass followed by a walk with Father Joseph to the hall at St George's for refreshments.
Please contact Damian on 07887 678741 for more info to take part.

8th July 2017 - 30th Anniversary Celebration Abbotswick Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood 11.30am - 4.30pm Please join us for this wonderful event. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 2pm by Bishop Alan Williams and Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. Bring a packed lunch. Cake and refreshments will be provided. For further info call 01277 373959 or visit our website www.abbotswick.org.

Sunday 16th July Carmelite Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Holy Mass at 12.00 noon. Coach from bus stop opposite Nazareth House at 9.00 am. Fare £12.00. To book a seat on the coach telephone Bernadette Lane 01702 421891 or 07963 300518. Please bring a packed lunch. All welcome

Saturday 22nd July Diocesan - Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Join Bishop Alan and other parishes in Walsingham to celebrate the Centenary of Brentwood Diocese. The Diocese will be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Mass on the site of the Holy House. If you are interested in going by coach there are still places available, (leaving St Georges, Shoeburyness at 6am). A stop will be made at Westcliff if people wish to go from here. Seats are £18 each. Please contact Sharon the Parish Administrator on 01702 292726 or email stgeorgesrcchurch@btinternet.com

Diocese of Brentwood: Centenary Lectures

Venue: Cathedral Parish Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT
Time: 7.30pm Admission Free, Bookstall available.

Wednesday 14th June: Canon Brian O'Shea, Parish Priest of Grays: 'The development of the Diocese, 1951-1979 (Bishops Beck, Wall and Casey).'

Wednesday 21st June: Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral: 'The Diocese today: A Reflection'
Wednesday 28th June: Dr Paul Doherty, Headteacher, Trinity Catholic School, Woodford Green: 'The Patron Saints of the Diocese of Brentwood (SS. Cedd, Erconwald & Edmund of Canterbury).'

Further details: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/centenary or archives@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Meeting the Living God Seminar Series 2017

Venue for all seminars: Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Time for all seminars: 10.30 am—12.00 pm

Seminar 4: Saturday 17th June 2017

"The Beautiful will save us: beauty in the thought of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI" Fr. Martin Boland Dean of Brentwood Cathedral.

Seminar 5: Saturday 24th June 2017

'God has a dream for each one of us.'

Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon, Former Bishop of Brentwood

Seminar 6: Saturday 15th July 2017

'Contemplative Prayer—is it for me?'

Bishop Alan Williams, SM, Bishop of Brentwood.

For further info contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel: 01277 265285