

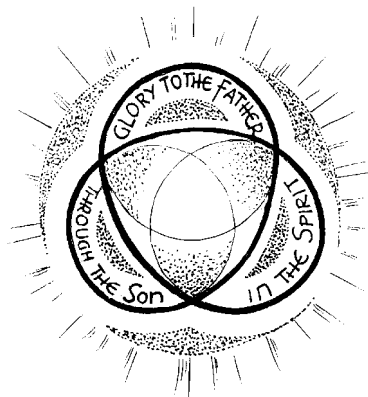
## Gospel Reflection

We are introduced to the idea of God as Trinity. In one breath Jesus speaks of Father, Son and Holy Spirit; a Union that give Christians a deep assuredness of God's presence in all of their lives.

For the Jewish disciples, committed to a belief in one God, this seems the opposite of everything they were taught to believe in. No wonder it had made no sense; that Jesus regarded God as intimately as a son would love a human father was enough of a challenge. And now, the Holy Spirit – sent from both the Father and the Son to be our guardian and guide

As Christians, we call on this wraparound of God's presence with every Sign of the Cross. A Unity and a Tri-unity of loving invitation and promise. Our lives will be anything but easy if we leave the world's claim on us and try to follow our brother Jesus as servants of compassion.

The peace he offers us is not one of avoidance or retreat; it is the peace of living in God's light. Walking in Jesus' footsteps, we can rest in the holding of the Father embrace and the watchfulness of the Holy Spirit. A peace that assures all of us that we too are part of this Family of Love.



### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning..

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm.that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

## NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united  
 in love, with a common purpose  
 and a common mind"  
 Philippians 2:2

### **21st MAY 2017** **6th SUNDAY OF EASTER (CYCLE A)** **MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

Saturday 20th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mary Godfrey RIP
Sunday 21st May	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Elizabeth O'Connor RIP
Monday 22nd May	9:30am 7:30pm	Mass – William & Mary Cannon RIP Scripture Group
Tuesday 23rd May	9:30am 10:30am 7:30pm	Mass - Maureen Humphries RIP Coffee Morning <b>40th Anniversary Planning Meeting</b>
Wednesday 24th May	Noon	Mass – Robert Deighton RIP
Thursday 25th May	9:30am	Mass – Bernard & Vincent Cannon RIP
Friday 26th May		No Service
Saturday 27th May	4:45pm 5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Kathleen Harrison RIP
Sunday 28th May	9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Cecilia & George Latham RIP

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

### 200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize  
This week – Mr G Chilton

### WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

### FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Flowers for the church were donated  
by Mrs M Rimmer

If you would like to make a donation for  
the flowers please add your name to  
the list in the porch and place your  
donation into the wall box.

#### COFFEE MORNING:

Our next one is on Tuesday 23rd May at 10.30 am. Come along and enjoy refreshments, Bingo, Raffle, etc.

**40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** There will be a preliminary meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. If you are willing to help with the planning and/or have ideas for the weekend itself please come along to the meeting.

**PARISH RETREAT – NOVEMBER;** Sadly there has been insufficient interest shown in this and so we have had to cancel the event.

**PRIZE BINGO:** Our next Bingo night will take place on Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Tea & coffee available - Raffle. £1 Admission. We would appreciate Prizes for the Bingo and Raffle – please leave them in the sacristy.

#### PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function,  
please contact Derek on- 01606 889048

#### Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish  
and grant us a new vision of your glory,  
a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word  
and a new consecration to your service,  
that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come,  
through Christ our Lord.

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St Joseph pray for us

### Gospel Reading John 14

Jesus said to his disciples. "If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you. I will talk to the Father and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can't take him in because it doesn't have eyes to see him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be *in* you!"

"I will not leave you orphaned. I'm coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you're going to see me because I am alive and you're about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I'm in my Father, and you're in me, and I'm in you.

"The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that's who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him."

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi



We would like to invite any young person, who is in Year 8 or above now and will be in Year 9 or above come September, to take part in the parish preparation for Confirmation. You need to have celebrated your Baptism and First Holy Communion and if this is not the case please see Fr Simon. Otherwise please come along (young person plus an adult) to the information evening, in church, on Monday 19th June at 6.00pm

Tony Montgomery is running in this year's Manchester 10K, on Sunday 28th May, to raise money for **St. Luke's Hospice** and would be grateful for any sponsors. There is a sponsor form in the porch – please support him for this good cause.