

FAITH IN FOCUS:

If we thought we could adequately describe God, then we would surely be fooling ourselves since God is too great for our limited minds to be able to grasp and process. In fact, St Anselm's famous statement about God was that God is that being greater than which nothing can be imagined. If it takes you a while to work out what that means, then don't worry; you're not alone!

But we're still left with the problem of having to use some words to talk about God. What we tend to do is to use our daily human experience to try to come close to what God is really like.

The bible compares God to a parent, usually to a father but sometimes to a mother. Parents are the authors of life for their children. So to call God a father is to say that he is responsible for all that lives and breathes in our universe. He is our creator.

When we talk about Jesus as the Son, it does not mean that he is less important than the Father; it simply implies closeness of relationship. We speak of the Son as communicating what God is, as the loving embodiment of God who does not want to see us floundering in the ups and downs of life, but wants us to enjoy every moment of our God-given existence to the full. He is our redeemer.

The Holy Spirit is on a par with both Father and Son, and is the natural outflowing of their love. The Spirit is the daily presence of God among us, inspiring us to good, uplifting us to better things, leading us into the truth. He is our sustainer.

This is how we tend to talk about God, inductively; using our own life experiences as a measuring-stick for what God is and what God does. But it comes as no surprise to learn that each of the three persons in this Trinity is co-equal and that their activity overlaps. So if we want to be correct we cannot simply equate the Father with being the creator, because the Son and the Holy Spirit both create, the father and the Spirit redeem and the Son and the Father sustain!

Maybe what we can do on this feast of the Trinity is simply to thank God just for being our God and for bothering to have us as his sons and daughters. We may never understand God until we see him face to face. But that shouldn't stop us loving him.

St Anne's Catholic Church, Newsletter

12th June 2022

Holy Trinity Sunday Year C

(Prayer of the Church Week 3)



Sunday Masses

8:30am & 11:30am

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Sunday

8.30am, 11.30am Mass

We welcome **George Field and Rosie Burton**, through Baptism, into our faith community.

Monday

Anthony of Padua

9.30am Mass

Tuesday

9.30am Mass

Wednesday

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary Meeting in Savio Centre

Thursday

St. Richard of Chichester

10.30am Mass

Friday

10.30am Mass

Saturday

10.00am Mass

Next Sunday

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Year C.

Collection for Day for Life

Parish Film Night

At 7pm on Friday 24th June in the Savio Centre we will be showing the film, 'A Man for All Seasons' about the life and martyrdom of St. Thomas More, whose feast day is 22nd June. It was made in 1966 and won 6 academy awards including Best

Picture. It is just under 2 hours long. Everybody is very welcome.

There will be snacks available (donations to the Salesians' work for Ukraine).

Message from St. John Fisher parish, Shepperton

THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES ARE COMING TO SHEPPERTON! We are to host the Relics of St Bernadette as part of a National Tour. This will be an historic event in the life of our parish and is sure to bring many blessings. The Relics will arrive here for an all night vigil on Tuesday 6th September, leaving the parish around midday on Wednesday 7th September. The web site for the Tour is now live. You can view it here: www.stbernadette.org.uk

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

This course, which is for anyone interested in finding out more about their faith, begins again in the Diocese in the Autumn. For more information, please contact the Formation Adviser, Jon Harman E: jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk

theASCENT bookings are open!

This amazing project for teenagers in year 10, 11 or 12 will help them grow in faith and confidence, as they explore what it means to be Catholic with other likeminded

individuals. For more info contact our Diocesan Youth Adviser E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk or visit W: www.theascentuk.co.uk

BeCome: Diocesan Young Adults Group (18-35).

We are coming to the end of our online study of the Sycamore series but will be starting a new process of studying and praying with scriptures very soon. If you are interested in joining our community and diving deeper into the bible whilst forming new friendships, contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Radio Maria

Radio Maria is a catholic radio station that broadcasts in many countries. Radio Maria England was formed just before the start of the pandemic and is available as a DAB station and on line. For more details click link. <https://radiomariaengland.uk/>

Ukraine

The Salesians are working for the people of Ukraine in Ukraine and in Poland with the refugees. See the help being given in the report from Poland in the newsletter section of the website. Also <https://misjesalezjanie.pl/aid-for-ukraine/>. There is a just giving page which can be used. The page can be accessed at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/salesiangbrprovince>

Parish Council

We are nearing our annual Parish Council meeting and would love to have new Members for the council. We only meet 6 times a year and all that is required is a love of our church and to want to help it flourish.

If you are interested in becoming part of the team please let Fr Michael know. We hope to see many of you wanting to become council members.

Calling all Altar Servers – and those who would like to be.

We would like to reinstate altar servers at the 0830 and 1130 masses on Sundays.

If you were previously a server and would like to resume serving, or you want to start being an altar server please let **Fr Michael, Theresa Rudley or Joy Mowat** know.

Ministries in St. Anne's

These last two years have been a challenge for ministry in St. Anne's. Some ministries have come back to a semblance of normal. Other ministries have remained dormant. These ministries include catechists of any age group. For the benefit of the parish office and parish council, could I ask any active (or people who would like to be) ministers to give in their names either by email or post. This is very important for our parish and diocese. Many thanks.