

## Parish Newsletter

Sunday 3 June 2012 – Most Holy Trinity

### Trinity Sunday

Today the Church recalls the heartbeat of Christian faith – that Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the name of God we trust and believe to be with us in our journey through life. It is the unique name we as Christians address to God, only knowable because Jesus revealed his way of relating to God. He addressed God as Father, indicating to those with faith the possibility of perceiving him as Son of God. He also revealed that an “Advocate” (Holy Spirit) would continue to be involved with our faith journey. Jesus revealed his relationship with God to secure that the unique relationship enjoyed by Him could be enjoyed by us – though in a different way. This different way to my mind could be called “indwelling”. Though we are not the Incarnate Word (God become flesh), we have been gifted with the unique manner by which God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) communicates. Jesus revealed the gifted capacity in us to relate to the love being expressed by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit when he prised open the door of prayer that was different. “*Our Father*” is how he taught us to pray. The Lord’s Prayer helps us access this indwelling exchange taking place within us. Don’t take my word for this either:

*It is there, right in the depths, in the Heaven of my soul, that I love to find Him since He never leaves me, “God in me, I in Him”, oh! That is my life.... Elizabeth of the Trinity. (Carmelite Nun).*

The key for Elizabeth is her awareness that within us God dwells and continues to converse, to exchange love – to live love. It is true that “love makes the world go round” in the sense that God’s love sustains, keeps things in being – and with us even the cessation of life here is not ended but enters life eternal. That life begins the moment we are conceived. Something that Elizabeth perceived at such a young age and which naturally led her to sense the calling to reveal to us the indwelling nature of God. It is no wonder she would go on to say:-

#### June

#### Feasts/Memorials

Tuesday	5	St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
Wednesday	6	St Norbert, Bishop
Thursday	7	Blessed Anne of St Bartholomew, Virgin - Carmelite
Saturday	9	St Columba, Abbot/St Ephraem, Deacon & Doctor/ Saturday Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### ‘Spirit in the City’ Festival, 7-9 June

This annual Catholic Festival in London’s West End will run from **Thursday afternoon 7 June until the evening of Saturday 9 June**. The Opening Ceremony on Thursday 7 will take place at St Patrick’s Church, Soho Square, beginning with Prayers at 12 Noon, followed by Opening Mass at 12.45pm and a full programme for the remainder of the day follows.

During this year’s ‘**Spirit in the City**’, the **Community of Sant’Egidio** and the **Carmelite Church** will create a time dedicated to the Gospel, the prayer and the service to the poor - open to everyone. These appointments are: **Prayer**, Thursday 7 June: between 6.30 and 7.00pm, and Friday 8 June: between 5.30 and 6.00pm. **Service to the poor in the Neighbourhood**: Saturday 9 June, between 3.30 and 4.45pm .

Weekday Masses:	8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm
Saturday Masses:	8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm ( <i>Vigil for Sunday</i> )
Sunday Masses:	8.30am, 10.00am ( <i>with Choir</i> ) 11.00am (some Latin) 12.15pm, 6.00pm <b>Young Adults Choir</b>
Holy Day Masses	8.00am, 12.15pm, 6.00pm
Bank Holiday Masses:	9.00am, 12.15pm (no 6.00pm Mass)
Weekday Confessions:	5.30-5.50pm - Priest on duty except 12 Noon-3pm
Saturday Confessions:	10.30-11.45am, 3.30-5.50pm
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*“Let us live with God as with a friend, let us make our faith a living faith in order to be in communion with Him through everything, for that is what makes saints. We possess our heaven within us, since He who satisfies the hunger of the glorified in the light of vision – gives Himself to us in faith and mystery, it is the Same one!”*

Her image of the Trinity teaches us to appreciate that God entrusts himself to us and does not want His Presence to remain a secret. She let prayer draw her into the conversation taking place within and touched the Presence needed to live an authentic Christian life, if only to become another Christ to others to keep awareness that God entrusts himself to us.

*(Fr Prior)*

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### ***Prayer for Her Majesty***

This Sunday we are encouraged to celebrate a Mass with prayers to commemorate the **Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II**. I am making this prayer available in the Newsletter and have decided to have it recited at all Masses this Sunday 3 June, as is only fitting for such an occasion:

Priest: O Lord, save Elizabeth, our Queen.  
People: And hear us on the day we call upon you.  
Priest: O Lord, hear my prayer.  
People: And let my cry come before you.  
Priest: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray that your servant Elizabeth, our Queen, who, by your providence, has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue that, imbued with your heavenly grace, she may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour may, with her Consort and the Royal Family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### **Diamond Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass**

On Tuesday next 5 June, Archbishop Vincent Nichols will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Westminster Cathedral at 5.00pm for **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee**. All are most welcome to attend. This will provide an opportunity to unite us with gratitude on Queen Elizabeth's long reign, and to pray for Her Majesty that God may continue to guide her.

### **Children's First Holy Communion**

On Sunday next 10 June, Feast of Corpus Christi, and Sunday 17 June, at the 10.00am Mass, a group of children from this Parish will receive **First Holy Communion** in our Church. You are all invited to be present at the Mass and we ask you please to pray for these children on this special day in their lives, and to pray also for their families.

**Our Catechists:** On behalf of all the Parish, we wish to thank those who have taught catechism to the children of the parish during this year. Their dedication, faith and care has been a tremendous source of blessing. We pray that they in turn will be deeply blessed. (Fr Iain)

### **Confirmation**

On Saturday 23 June at 3.00pm, in our Church, groups of young people from our parish and others will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Do please keep them in your prayers on this very important occasion in their lives.

### **Ordination of Br Alex Ezechukwu**

On Saturday 30 June, at the 12.15 Mass, **Br Alex Ezechukwu will be ordained a Carmelite priest here at Kensington**. You are all invited to the Ordination. *Please keep Br Alex in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination to the priestly ministry.*

### ***Bank Holidays***

Tomorrow Monday 4 June and Tuesday 5 June are **Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Bank Holidays**. Masses in our Church will be at 9.00am and 12.15pm. There will be **no** 6.00pm Mass. The Church will close at 1.00pm.