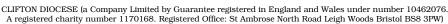


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7th June 2020 – Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity (Year A)

Mass Intentions this Week

During this week Fr Liam will say a daily private mass in St Peter's Church for the following intentions:

Sunday: People of the Parish.
Monday: Wallace Paget RIP.
Tuesday: Harold Chick RIP.
Wednesday: John Vinson Anniv
Thursday: Paul Montanaro RIP.
Friday: Intentions of Anne & Jimmy Nealy
Saturday: Intentions of Milvia Sepede

Church Closure

St Peter's Church and the Parish Office are closed until further notice.

This Week:

Week 10 in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 2 for the Prayer of the Church. Thursday is the Memorial of St Barnabas and Saturday the Memorial of St Anthony of Padua.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Catherine, Frome with St Catherine, Mells

Daily Live Streaming of Mass from Clifton Cathedral

Continues each day including Sundays at 9.30am and can be accessed through the diocesan website (cliftondiocese.com) or through churchservices.tv.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Joy Jones, Ian Cahill, Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michaele Hercules, Mary Wood, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Vera Watson, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Linda Northway, Rebecca Northway, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Mary Philomena Mayo, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Jennifer Morrissey, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Milvia Sepede, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Fr Liam Slattery, Christopher Browne.

Health update from Fr Liam

I am due to have the last of my 12 chemotherapy treatments this week. I will have a further scan in the coming weeks, the results of which will determine what if any further treatment will be need. The hope is that there will be no need for any apart from routing checks. I am well and am looking forward to being able to resume, in due course, pastoral duties limited though they may have to been for a while. I continue to be so grateful, supported and encouraged by all your prayers, thoughts and good wishes. Thank you!

Year of Communion - Sunday June 7th - Trinity Sunday

Rublev's icon of the Holy Trinity (see below) is a vivid portrayal of what it means to be in relationship. What is striking about the icon is this sense of unity, intimacy and mutual love. The dynamic of communion between the three flows from the icon as they gaze upon each other. No social distancing here! For weeks now our communities have been unable to gather physically. Being in isolation has been a strange and unusual experience. For some it has been a welcome time of reflection and creativity. For others it has been a time of trying to balance work with home schooling and for others coping with not being able to see those they love. Whatever our personal circumstances there have been highs and there have been lows. Yet in the mix of all this there has also been a genuine appreciation of our growing in communion with one another, albeit virtually, and of growing relationships as we reach out to those we know and, in particular, those we have never even met before. We cannot truly be in communion with Christ if we are not in communion with one another. Today's feast of the greatest 'communion' of all time – the Holy Trinity – is an opportunity for us to reflect and perhaps give thanks for each other.

A reflection for Trinity Sunday from Fr Liam

So many people begin and end their day acknowledging the mystery that is the Most Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. They do so by making the sign of the cross. The sign of the cross is not just something that is done to indicate the start or the end of a time of prayer. It is prayer itself, and an expression of faith in the mystery and wonder that is God and the life we are called to live in Him.

In making the sign of the cross we begin by saying 'In the name of...' Doing so at the beginning of the day is an expression of our desire, intentional or not, for the day ahead to be lived in the name of God who is love, who is relationship. For it is in Him *we live and move and have our being*. Through the waters of baptism we enter into this life of God for it is in the name of the Father, and of Son and of Holy Spirit that we are baptised. Our breath becomes the life of God, gifted to us, and no one takes that breath from us other than the One who gives it.

The Trinity is not a puzzle, to be solved, but rather a mystery, a relationship which is lived, never exhausted and only inadequately spoken of in words. This is true of any of the significant relationships in our lives and true, therefore, all the more so of God.

In making the sign of the cross, we do so with the utmost care and reverence, for it acknowledges the very essence of who God is, and the life we live in Him. All that we carry in mind, in heart and that weighs on our shoulders is carried in the grace, strength, love and peace of God, revealed in the Father, through the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Only in God

