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PARISH MOTTO - 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

4th June 2023



Dear Parishioners and Friends of our parish, we are so happy that you could join us today to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

Today we celebrate what we can easily call the central mystery at the core of our Christian beliefs, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. It is one of those mysteries that we were probably told we wouldn't be able to comprehend anyway, so we would simply have to take it on faith. But it is not a lack of faith which causes us to ask questions. We have a sacred obligation to ask good questions, to read, pray, and ponder the possibilities--all

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the Glory who is, who was, and who is to come.

in our quest to know God more deeply. In fact, the study of theology is defined as "faith seeking understanding." The most important thing is not HOW Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist as One—but WHY their life as One is crucial to OUR life.

Because the Holy Trinity is the model of all love which exists in the world as we know it, and in the world beyond. Not a clinging, weak, dependent love... not a one-sided, temporary, or troubled love, like so many of the "loves" we have all experienced in our lives... but the richest, strongest, most glorious explosion and implosion of energy that has ever existed. Often the relationships we call "love" are not worthy of the name.

We are all burdened and blinded by the presence of evil in the world, so we mistake all kinds of phony things for love. Therefore every year on this feast of the Holy Trinity, we are reminded of the mystery of community and friendship. Both of these great gifts in our lives come from a reflection on the nature of the Trinity – three persons, one God, each giving and receiving love from the other. These relationships between the three Persons of the Trinity are the most intimate, most intense, most loving that anyone could ever imagine.

This is the picture that we have of our God. What could be more awe inspiring or mysterious than that? Our God is a community of persons and yet still only one God. This is a mystery that we cannot even begin to understand, and yet in our own lives we know in a kind of intuitive way that, yes, this must be true. God must be somehow a community because our own deepest needs are always calling us to love and friendship. We, who are made in the image of God, are called to love and be loved. That is the deepest truth inside the heart of each one here today. This means that the work of building community and friendship is a sacred work. It is one that

we safely give ourselves to without thinking that when we spend our time building relationships that somehow we are not carrying out God's will.

Of course, as in all things in life, we need to strike a balance. We can't be doing nothing else but working on our marriage or our friendships. However, for most of us that is not the problem. There isn't a crisis in so many relationships because people are spending too much time on them--many failed relationships come about because the marriage or friendship has not been properly cared for – not fed as it needs to be fed.

"Brothers and sisters, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss." (second reading). These words from St. Paul assure us that if we live in peace, then the God of love and peace will be with us. And so loving is the first way that we grow in the image of God. It's so important to convince ourselves that loving is the most important thing that we can do. If we hold it up as the one thing that we all must be about, then perhaps we will be able to gain some balance in our lives, not putting work or efficiency, or possessions or play ahead of it.

St. Augustine said that, "God loves each one of us as if we were only one to love." And Jesus says, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son". Today's feast is really a love feast – the three persons of the Trinity each loving one another, God loving us and we, in turn, returning that love to God by loving one another.

Have a great week—stay well and enjoy the gifts and blessings God has given us. May God bless you always,

Fr Bogdan SDS

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose
the soul of Ben Geratty and
of all whose anniversaries
occur about this time.

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

Thank You

We thank you for your spectacular generosity. Your generous support of our Parish and your help with the needs of our community is greatly appreciated!

Sunday 28th May 2023 – £712.50.

Second Collection

for: 'Day for Life' – £166.00.

Votive Candles - £47.00

Priest's musing

One afternoon a little boy was playing outdoors. He used his mother's broom as a horse and had a wonderful time until it was getting dark. He left the broom on the back porch. His mother was cleaning up the kitchen when she realized that her broom was missing. She asked the little boy about the broom and he told her where it was.

She then asked him to please go get it. The little boy informed his mom that he was afraid of the dark and didn't want to go out to get the broom. His mother smiled and said, "The Lord is out there too. Don't be afraid." The little boy opened the back door a little and said, "Lord if you're out there, please hand me the broom."

Pilgrimage to Scalan

The Annual Pilgrimage to Scalan takes place on Sunday 2nd July with Mass outdoors at The Scalan beginning promptly at 4.00pm. Scalan can be found a mile beyond Chapeltown of Glenlivet. An approximate postcode is AB37 9JS. Coaches need to stop half a mile beyond Chapeltown. Cars and minibuses can park very near and are usually willing to take anyone needing a lift. Fr Michael Briody

St John's school show Annie

Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th June at 7pm in St John's Assembly Hall. Tickets: £7 for adult and £4 for concessions (school aged children and over 65s). These can be purchased from the school reception at the North Inch campus. Annie is a show that has everything: well-known songs, dancing, colourful costumes, a poignant and uplifting story, and lots of fun and laughter. The pupils and staff of St John's have been working very hard to put everything together and would be delighted to welcome you along. Please support us if you can.



The Mystery...

Perhaps nobody can explain the mystery of how one God can be three persons. Some have attempted to illustrate it by pointing to three-in-one objects in nature. Legend claims that St. Patrick used a three-leafed clover, a shamrock, to illustrate the Trinity (one clover, three leaves). This is part of walking by faith: We trust God and believe Him to be who He says He is, even when we do not fully understand it. I believe it would be more appropriate to call it super-rational or super-logical: It exceeds our ability to comprehend. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. We serve a God who is beyond our comprehension, and that gives us even more reason to worship and praise Him with awe. (Fr Bogdan)

This is something that I place great value on personally, inspired by Jesus' Gospel message of love."

NORMAL MASS SCHEDULES

Monday
No public Mass

Tuesday – Saturday
9am

Friday
7pm (Polish)

Sunday
8.30am (Polish)
10am (English)
12noon (Polish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
9:30am (after Mass)
or call to make an appointment.

SAINTS DAYS and SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

Monday 5th June
Memorial of St Boniface,
bishop and martyr

Tuesday 6th June
9th Week of the Year

Wednesday 7th June
9th Week of the Year

Thursday 8th June
9th Week of the Year

Friday 9th June
Feast of St Columba

Saturday 10 June
9th Week of the Year

Dunkeld News

The latest edition of Dunkeld News is available from the church porch after Mass - copies are FREE - please take on home

DUNKELD NEWS

Diocesan Newsletter No. 31 June 2023
Parish News, School News, Lay Associations, Papal Medals, Jubilees, Pro-Life, Obituaries

Bishop Stephen retires

After a period of falling health, Bishop Stephen Robson announced his retirement on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, 28th December 2023. He was the 9th Bishop of Dunkeld since the restoration of the hierarchy in Scotland in 1878.

He was heavily influenced by the local Jesuit community while studying in Edinburgh and he joined the seminary to pursue his vocation to become a priest. He was ordained a priest in 1979 and served in Kilscoy, Edinburgh, Dumfries and Galloway, Dunbar, East Calder, North Berwick and Brechin.

Bishop Stephen served previously as an Auxiliary Bishop in St Andrews and Edinburgh. Both his priesthood and episcopacy have been marked by his dedication to the service of God and the community, and his efforts to promote the teaching of the Church.

He also taught at St Mary's College, Milan, 1991-96, and he spent over a year living at Ampleforth Abbey while discerning a vocation to monastic life.

From 1998 to 2006 he was the Special Director of the Pontifical Scots College in Rome and, on returning to Scotland, he became Chancellor of the Archdiocese of St Andrews and Edinburgh.

Bishop Stephen was born in the year 1951 in Castle. He was baptised in the Anglican Church, converting to Catholicism in his teenage years. AF

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Fr Bogdan after Mass