

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 18th MAY

Sunday, 18 May – TRINITY SUNDAY – White

5.30 pm (Saturday)	BERYL LIND, R.I.P.	Ray Lind
10 am inc. Children's Liturgy	AYLINE MACAULAY 90 th BIRTHDAY	Ruth O'Sullivan

Monday, 19 May – St. Dunstan of Canterbury – White

St. Dunstan born AD 909 in Somerset. After living for a time at the Court of King Aethelstan, he became a monk at Glastonbury. Later he became chief councillor to King Edmund who made him Abbot of Glastonbury. He continued as a diplomat at the courts of later Kings and was made chief minister by Edgar the Peacemaker. In AD 960 became Archbishop of Canterbury. His death occurred at Canterbury on 19th May AD 988. He was the most popular saint in England for nearly two centuries, having gained fame for the many stories of his greatness. Adding to Dunstan's myth was his legendary cunning in dealing with the Devil.

8 am EILLEN DRISCOL 80TH BIRTHDAY Sr. Mary Ita

Tuesday, 20 May – Feria – Green

9 am EXPOSITION

9.30 am HELEN HOUSE, R.I.P. Ruth O'Sullivan

Wednesday, 21 May – Feria – Green

10 am PAUL QUICKFALL, R.I.P. Frances Tunney & Family

Thursday, 22 May – Feria – Green

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am PAUL QUICKFALL, R.I.P. Rosemary & Gordon Traynor

Friday, 23 May – Feria – Green

10 am PAUL QUICKFALL, R.I.P. Colleen

Saturday, 24 May – Our Lady – White

10 am FRANCES & PERCY TURNER, R.I.P. Frances Tunney

10.30 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 25 May – CORPUS CHRISTI – White

5.30 pm (Saturday) CAROLINE BAILY'S INTENTION

10 am inc. Children's Liturgy PAUL QUICKFALL, R.I.P. S.V.P.

Anniversaries this week:

Eileen Walsh (1995), Henry Davies (1999), Bridget Kennedy (2001)

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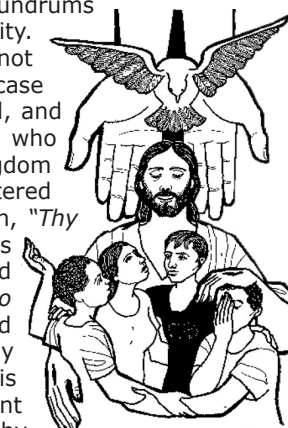
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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A) – 18th May, 2008

Today we encounter one of the most difficult theological conundrums which we as followers of Christ can meet. The Holy Trinity. One God yet three entities, three persons. Scripture does not specifically mention the word Trinity – doesn't state the case which is so central to our belief: that there is just one God, and that there are three beings in that one God. A single God who resides in His heavenly Kingdom. We daily ask for that kingdom to be with us in the Lord's Prayer, the prayer Our Saviour uttered in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before His death, "Thy Kingdom come". Just last week in the readings we heard Jesus talking to the Apostles saying "as the Father sent me". And again today in the Gospel Christ says: "God loved the world so much He sent His only Son". So here we have Jesus, who died for us, establishing that while He was conducting His earthly ministry there was a God in Heaven – that this God was His Father. That He, Jesus, had been sent to save the world, sent by the Father; a world to be saved through Jesus Christ, not by a message from Him but through Him, through His teachings, His suffering, His death, his resurrection and ascension; for as long as those who heard and listened believed in Him they would have eternal life, that goes for us too. Over the last two weekends we have Christ our Saviour scripturally passing on the baton of the Godhead, or maybe more appropriately the "torch", in a sort of spiritual relay as, after He had breathed on the disciples then ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit came down. We remember that Christ had said as he breathed on his followers: "receive the Holy Spirit". That it was from Christ the Spirit was first given to His chosen ones, and that same Spirit was to enliven, rekindle the followers on the day of Pentecost; the day the force of the Holy Spirit manifested itself in the courage shown by the disciples as they began their mission, their ministry to the world – their mission and ministry that we too have to fulfil, the baton we have to take up. So where does the idea of 'Trinity' come from? Is it just a conceptual theory which ties Jesus in to the one god philosophy? No it isn't, for while the word 'Trinity' doesn't get a mention in Scripture Jesus, throughout his teachings, reveals to us His divinity and His unity with the Father; from the readings of the fifth Sunday after Easter He said to the doubting Philip: "To have seen me is to have seen the father" he goes on later, "it is the Father, living in me" and again, "I am in the father and the Father is in me." In the readings of the Ascension Day Mass this year Matthew tells us that during Christ final words to the chosen ones He said: "baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the name of, singular; not in the names of. Neither did He say: of the Father or the Son or the Holy Spirit – there were no options who to believe in, whose name to be baptised in – just the one God, but within that baptismal prayer we are shown the three facets of our God.



Fr. John writes:

Our celebration today is a song of praise to God who has taken us up to share in the very life of the Trinity. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit is with us all.

What a joy last weekend was with the Celebration of Pentecost, plus the added celebration of the four children who received Holy Communion for the first time at the 10 am Mass; and then, in the afternoon, the Deanery Confirmation Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Broadstairs, where nine of our young people had the Sacrament conferred upon them by Bishop John our Auxiliary Bishop.

On Tuesday of last week we celebrated the 44th Anniversary of the opening of this Church, (transferred from Sunday) and during the Mass celebrated at 6.30 pm we welcomed Geoffrey Donald Aldous into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. From now on he will be joining his wife, Kate, in receiving Holy Communion.

Surely we have been blessed with a week full of the Holy Spirit and His work on earth, His work here in Westgate.

■ SHARING TOGETHER

We were especially please to see Bob Woods, minister of URC's Christ Church in Westgate, at our celebratory Mass to mark the 44th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church in this current building.

■ FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN GET TOGETHER Sunday, 22 June, 3 pm

Thanet Deanery are having a special celebration Mass for all the children who have received Holy Communion for the first time. The Mass will be in the Ursuline Chapel at 3 pm. The children are asked to wear their Holy Communion outfits. They will receive a 'picnic box' after Mass. Cream teas will be served for Family and Friends. Do come and support our children and others from our neighbouring parishes.

■ SUMMER FÊTE SATURDAY, 12 JULY

Seven weeks to go. There is a list at the back of the church with the planned stall and side-shows. The committee are keen to get volunteers to man the stalls, so if you can help out please put your name against the stall you want to serve on. There is a need for all sorts of goods to go on the various stalls: from bottles of alcohol to food stuff, to toys, to raffle prizes. Put your contributions in the fete box in the porch. The committee want to express their thanks to Grand Master Andrew together with his colleagues, Louis and Miles of the Knights of St. Columba who have joined us to assist both in the planning and on the day of our fete.

■ INTER-FAITH IN THANET

29 May in Margate

Following on from the success of the talks given over the last two years by various faith/religious groups here in Thanet, the original driving force was our own Canon William Clements. It was decided at the final meeting to form an 'Inter-Faith Council'. The inaugural meeting takes place on Thursday, 29 May, at Margate Media Centre, 11-13 King Street, Margate, starting at 7.30pm. For more information call 01843 581583.

The current MP for Thanet South, Steve Ladyman, and one of his planned opponents at the next election, Laura Sandys, have both said they hope to attend the inaugural meeting.

■ SVP IN WESTGATE

With the death of Paul Quickfall our parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society has lost a key worker in this apostolate to the less fortunate in our local neighbourhood. Why not come along to one of our meetings and see how you can help them in their work. Please contact Eunice O'Neill on 832774. More information on the UK organisations website: www.svp.org.uk

■ COFFEE MORNING

11 June in Minnis Bay

Women's World Day of Prayer, an ecumenical movement, are holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 11th June, from 10.30 am to midday. The event will be at St. Thomas Church, Minnis Bay. There will be a 'Bring & Buy' and a Cake Stall. They ask as many women as possible to come along and join them and help raise funds for the Women's World Day of Prayer Organisation – which does 'what it says on the tin' organises a day when women of all nations pray together in churches all across the globe.

■ BAR-B-CUE TOGETHER!

Churches Together Locally, the ecumenical grouping of the Christian Churches in Westgate, Westbrook and Garlinge are holding a Bar-B-Cue in the garden of St. Saviour's Vicarage, Thanet Road, Westgate, on Monday, 16 June at 12.30 pm. Bring along your own burgers, sausages or veggie items for Barbecuing. Other refreshments will be available. Telephone Fred or Marion on 832604 to let them know you are going.

■ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

14th & 28th June at 10.30 am

There will be two special days for Eucharistic Ministers at Stella Maris Convent, North Foreland, Broadstairs. These days are set aside for rededicating yourself in this ministry. Please see Fr. John for application forms.

■ 100 CLUB MAY WINNERS

£10 Teresa Jones (65), £5 Phillip Kearney (43), £5 Yvonne Kearney (41).

■ FR. JOHN ON HOLIDAY

On Wednesday, 21 May, Fr. John is going to take his holiday. He will be back on Tuesday, 5 June. Fr. Sylvester, a senior priest from Nigeria will be staying at the Presbytery until 2 June, please give him a warm welcome and support.

Your Prayers are asked for:

Geoff who was received into full communion with the Church last Tuesday.

For those who are sick: Pat Whaley, Canon William Clements, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage and Alan & Myra Taylor. Also Fr. Barry in Burgess Hill, West Sussex.

Sr. Bernadette (DoJ) who died on Friday.

Students sitting their A level and G.C.S.E. exams.

Remember the recently dead: George Martin, Mietek Kiersz, Paul Quickfall, Gianna Thirlwall and Sr. Dorothea. May they rest in peace.

For Andy, Toby's father, who has suspected meningitis.

For Jimmy Mizen the 16 year old murdered at a shop in Lee, South London. And for his courageous mother that her Catholic faith continues to support her.

For the victims of the earthquake in China and the disaster unfolding in Burma

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions on Saturdays from approx. 10.30am until 11am and 4.45pm until 5.15pm. Other times by appointment.

HOLY COMMUNION

We warmly welcome all non-Catholic to our services. It is not permitted, however, to receive Holy Communion until a person is received into full membership of the Catholic Church. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Fr. John.

TEA & COFFEE after the 10am Mass on Sunday in the Hall