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The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 12th June 2022

Puzzle or Mystery?

The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life, "the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them" (CCC 234). It is one of the mysteries of faith "that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God" (CCC 237, quoting *Dei Filius* 4). And once this mystery is revealed to us in God's divine goodness, even though it seems an impenetrable paradox — one God in three Persons — we recognise that the reality of the Triune God is exactly what we need, what we were made for.

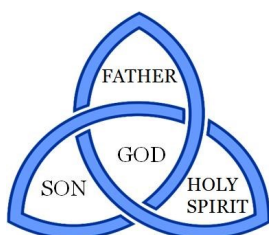


Often we are tempted to approach the Holy Trinity as a puzzle that needs to be solved. Countless analogies have been used to make sense of the one in three and three in one, like the analogy of water, ice, and vapor, or the three-leaf clover. The problem is that these analogies more often lead us astray in one way or another and give us an inadequate grasp of the Triune God.

We can also lose the true beauty of the Trinity when we only focus on trying to "solve the puzzle." Look again at our verse from First John, "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." John is not trying to help us solve a puzzle; instead, he wants us to see that the Triune God has created us so that we might share in his love, that we might abide in God and God in us.

It may be helpful to approach the Trinity similarly to how we would a beautiful painting. When you first encounter a beautiful work of art, you are drawn in by it. The beauty of the work itself is enough to keep you there, delighting in it. As you continue to look at it, its beauty and detail unfold before you, generating in you love and admiration for the work.

Only after the experience of the painting's beauty would you then begin to study how it was made, how it works, and what inspired the painter. Exploring these questions helps us return to the painting with a deeper understanding, delighting even more in its beauty. So it is with the Holy Trinity. First, we are drawn to delight in and love God as he has revealed himself to us; only then do we seek out to make sense of the Holy Trinity, but as we work through those questions, they draw us deeper again into the delight and love of God.



*I believe in You, I hope in You, I adore You,
O Blessed Trinity, One God.*

*Have mercy on me now and at the hour
of my death, and save me. Amen.*



A Vote of Thanks

Over the past few weeks, as the weather has improved and the nights have got longer, it has been wonderful to feel the buzz around St Mary's; to see people coming and going, saying their prayers at the Calvary shrine, and talking with others who pass. The past few weeks have really made me feel the luckiest priest in the Diocese, to be serving the parishioners of St Mary's, and I would like to take this opportunity to express a short word of thanks.

From the moment you enter St Mary's campus you are immediately impressed by the grounds, and in particular the well-kept lawn and the flowers around the Calvary shrine. I would like to thank the Gardening Group for all their efforts in making the grounds look so beautiful. We have people attending the gardens everyday, making sure the grass is cut and the flowers are planted and watered, and it is to the benefit of us all. Thank you so much for your skills and talents, and most importantly for the many hours you spend keeping the grounds looking so pristine.

When you enter St Mary's you are presented with a clean and tidy church. I would like to thank the Church Cleaners for looking after our church, and for dedicating time every second Wednesday to make sure our church is clean and tidy. I would also like to thank those who clean the floors weekly. A clean church is something many of us take for granted, but thank you to those who do this for us, and make our church shine.

At weekends when we enter the church we receive a warm welcome from the Passkeepers, again volunteers who offer their time and talents to the parish. This is such an important ministry, especially with the many visitors we receive in Lanark. Thank you for making everyone feel so welcome and included in our church.

The Piety Stall in the narthex is opened everyday, and those who assist are always welcoming, kind and patient. Thank you for using your people skills to build up our parish.

The church is always adorned with beautiful flowers, and I would just like to thank Mari and the florists for the wonderful work they do in making our church look so beautiful. A special thank you also goes to Grace for organising the Flower Fund and to the many benefactors who donate towards our flowers. Thank you for using your artistic skills to help raise our hearts to heaven through the beauty of the flowers.

When Mass begins we welcome the beautiful singing from the Choir. We are so blessed in our parish to have such a fantastic choir, and two talented and dedicated organists. A special thank you to Mary Margaret, David and the Choir for leading us with their beautiful singing, and for the many hours you spend rehearsing each week. You truly do lift our spirits! Thank you for all you do in our parish, and for your beautiful voices.

It is important at this point to recognise those who participate in a special way within the Liturgy. To the Sacristans who put everything out for Mass and oversee everything, to the Linen Sacristan who prepares the altar cloths, altar frontals and linens so beautifully; to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who help distribute the Eucharist so worthily; to the Readers who proclaim the Word of God to us with such passion. Thank you very much for using your gifts and talents to benefit our parish, and for fulfilling your ministry with dignity and respect.

A special thank you goes to Dominic, Anna, Luke and Rebecca for serving at the altar. Four wonderful servers who enhance our Liturgy and assist us in our praise of God.

We are also so blessed in the parish to have such a great number of Volunteers who assist with the Clubrooms, again people who offer their time and talents to help build up the social side of our parish. A special mention to the fantastic girls on the Social Committee who are relentless with their volunteering and who offer so much to our parish. Thank you all for giving of yourself for our parish.

Unfortunately some people are less fortunate, but here in St Mary's we have such a committed SVDP who are supported wonderfully by parishioners, and they are able to offer support when required.

I am very conscious of those who are not part of the groups listed above, and who do so much in our church, and I thank you for quietly going about your duties, and dedicating so much of your time to our parish.

From the bottom of my heart I offer a very sincere thank you to everyone who helps in our parish, no matter how small you think your input. Thank you to everyone for using your gifts and talents in building up our parish here in Lanark.

Fr John-Paul



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Cesarina Coia Kilncadzow
Michael Callaghan (Bothwell); Jim Welsh; Sr Barbara DC; Anna Kane (Cleland); Pat McGlaughlin.

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Michael & Kirsty Maxwell Stuart; Margaret Reilly; Margaret McAllister; Veronica McKenna (Carfin); Walter McEwan; Charlotte Kelly; May Kelly.

Funeral Arrangements: Cesarina Coia Requiem Mass: Tuesday 14th June 12noon

*May the angels lead you into paradise
May the Lord enfold you in his mercy
May you find eternal rest*

Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,261.00
Standing Orders: £ 672.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 70.00
Standing Orders: £ 185.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

St Marys Mission RCDM 80-17-02 00265809

Parish of St Isidore's 83-16-11 00235026

Sleeping St Joseph

While asleep, St Joseph received messages from God, who warned him about the danger posed by King Herod and entrusted him with loving and protecting Mary and the Baby Jesus. It is because of this Pope Francis started the *Sleeping St Joseph Devotion*, where he places all his worries and prayer petitions under the statue of Sleeping St Joseph and asks him to present them to God. We now have our own Sleeping St Joseph in the parish, and Mass will be celebrated for all petitions placed under St Joseph on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Diocesan Mass for Families in Motherwell Cathedral

Bishop Toal will celebrate Holy Mass in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, on **Sunday 26th June, at 3pm**, for all families in our Diocese. This Mass is to coincide with the World Meeting of Families, taking place in Rome that same week.

The Bishop has asked each parish to send two families to this Mass. If you would like to attend this Mass, and represent our parish, please speak to Fr John-Paul.

Michael Maxwell Stuart

Thank you very much to the Maxwell Stuart family who have donated £15,000 to the parish of St Isidore's in memory of their Father, Michael. When Michael's wife Kirsty died, a few years ago, Michael donated money to buy the statue of St Isidore which is now situated at the ambo.

After discussions with the family, the money donated in memory of Michael will be used to repair the stained glass window of St Isidore and will cover the cost of having the window reframed, in order to make it double glazed, and will prepare the window for our new church. The remainder of the donation will be used as fundraising towards the building costs of our new church. Please remember Michael and Kirsty in your prayers.

St Mary's Sound System

A very sincere thank you to the parishioner who donated £1,000 towards the cost of the new sound system in St Mary's. God bless your generosity.

Second Collection

Our next Second Collection will be taken up at all Masses on weekend 25th/26th June, for Peter's Pence.

The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

300 Club: May Winners

Week 1st May: **94** Week 8th May: **164**
Week 15th May: **214** Week 22nd May: **157**
Week 29th May: **297**

Congratulations to all our winners!!

Weekly Parish Schedule

Sunday 12th June *St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm*

10.30am Holy Mass for Trinity Sunday (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for Trinity Sunday (St Isidore's)

5.00pm Holy Mass for Trinity Sunday (St Mary's)

Monday 13th June

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass (St Isidore's)

Tuesday 14th June

10.30am Holy Mass (St Isidore's)

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am (St Mary's)

12noon Angelus & Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Cesarina Coia (St Mary's)

Wednesday 15th June

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Thursday 16th June

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

10.00am Holy Mass St Catherine's (Sisters Only)

Friday 17th June

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 18th June *St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm*

9.00am Confessions until 9.25am (St Mary's)

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm (St Mary's)

5.00pm Holy Mass for Corpus Christi Sunday (St Mary's)

Sunday 19th June *St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm*

10.30am Holy Mass for Corpus Christi Sunday (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for Corpus Christi Sunday (St Isidore's)

5.00pm Holy Mass for Corpus Christi Sunday (St Mary's)

*Daily Mass from St Mary's is Livestreamed on the parish Facebook Page
and broadcast on the parish YouTube Channel.*

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

11th/12th June

5.00pm E. Haetzman

10.30am P. Roberts

5.00pm M. Davis

25th/26th June

5.00pm R. McConnell

10.30am S. Watson

5.00pm M. Davis

18th/19th June

5.00pm L. Moynagh

10.30am E. McCabe

5.00pm S. Casserly

2nd/3rd July

5.00pm G. Abernethy

10.30am R. Colpitts

5.00pm S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

11th/12th June

5.00pm P. Freel

J. McEwan

10.30am J. McAlavey

M. Keenan

25th/26th June

5.00pm T. Mullen

C. McClafferty

10.30am G. Duddy

T. Mullen

18th/19th June

5.00pm M. Keenan

P. Stewart

10.30am J. Wilson

C. Duddy

2nd/3rd July

5.00pm P. Freel

J. McEwan

10.30am P. Cunningham

A. Cruickshank