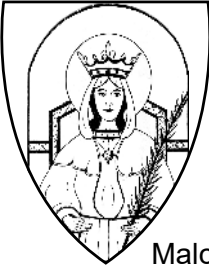


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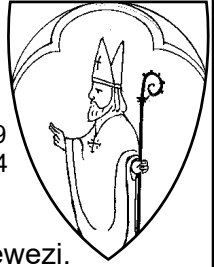
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Deacons:

Malcolm Fletcher, Chris Housbey and Justin Malewezi.

Safeguarding Representatives: Malcolm Fletcher and Catherine Housbey.



Ordinary Week 8

26th May 2024.

The Most Holy Trinity

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Psalm 32; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

Today we keep the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity when we acknowledge in a very special way that, while there is only one God, there are three persons in that one God – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. While we do not fully understand how this can be it is a cornerstone of our faith. Many have tried to explain it such as St Patrick with the shamrock, but understanding is not necessary for faith. The readings are also 'trinitarian' in that the first reading from Deuteronomy sees Moses speaking about God the Father, while in the second reading St Paul speaks about the Holy Spirit, and in the Gospel we have Jesus instructing his disciples. In his instruction Christ commissions all of us to spread the Good News and for people to be baptised in the name of the Trinity – a very clear indication that God is one but with three persons.

MUSIC AT THE MET 2024

During 2024 the Metropolitan Cathedral are celebrating the return of their restored grand organ with a series of concerts and events that will demonstrate the versatility of the instrument.

Monday 27 May, 11.15 Organ Recital by Matthew Walters,

Saturday 1 June, 19.30 - Two Cathedral Choirs with Ian Tracey,

Sunday 7 July, 15.00 - Summer Organ Recital by Peter Kwater,

For more information, please call 01517087283 or email music@metcathedral.org.uk

St Joan of Arc 30th May

Was a shepherdess, lived a quiet life with her family. Her homeland France was being overrun by British soldiers. As she prayed for the freedom of her homeland and the safety of the French soldiers, hearing Gods voice urging her to lead the fearful French soldiers on to victory. Doing this she also crowned Charles V11 King of France.

In 1431 jealous soldiers turned her to the enemy who burned her to death.

Saint Philip Neri 26th May



The Madonna
Appearing to
Saint Philip Neri

As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip's appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a group of layperson's won over by his audacious spirituality. Initially, they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and also served poor people in Rome. At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretences and illusions of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke. He arranged talks, discussions, and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church. He sometimes led "excursions" to other churches, often with music and a picnic on the way. Some of Philip's followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers. The Oratory was finally approved after suffering through a period of accusations of being an assembly of heretics, where layperson's preached and sang vernacular hymns! Philip's advice was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation, mainly for converting to personal holiness many of the influential people within the Church itself. His characteristic virtues were humility and gaiety. After spending a day hearing confessions and receiving visitors, Philip Neri suffered a haemorrhage and died on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1595. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622. Three centuries later, Cardinal John Henry Newman founded the first English-speaking house of the Oratory in London.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 31st



Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages. It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithins Catholic Church.

You Are All Invited

To Our May Procession This Sunday

Followed by a Tea Party in the Community Room.



*Congratulations to all
of Children from
Our Lady and St Swithins
Catholic Primary School
Who recently made their
First Holy Communion.
May God Bless You All*

*Congratulations to all
of Children from
Emmaus C Of E & Catholic
Primary School
Who recently made their
First Holy Communion.
May God Bless You All*



God Calling 27th May Roots and Fruits

Remember the lesson of the *seed* too in its sending a shoot down so that it may be rooted and grounded, while at the same time it sends a shoot up to be the plant and flower that shall gladden the world. The two growths are necessary. Without the strong root it would soon wither, as much activity fails for lack of growth in Me.

The higher the growth up the deeper must be the enrooting.

Many forget this and thus their work ceases to be permanent for Me.

Beware of the leaves and flowers without the strong root.

*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk ye in him; Rooted and built up in him. Colossians 2:6,7*

Expression of interest for new Extraordinary ministers.

There is still time to consider yourself for this live-giving role in our church community. Please add your name to the list in the church porch, or speak to a member of Clergy. NB: This is just for 'expressions of interest', rather than a firm commitment at the moment.

Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at www.churchservices.tv/croxteth

Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday 25th 6.00pm John Wilson (B'day Rem)
Sunday 26th 11.30am Mary Reid & Elizabeth Moore
Tuesday 28th 9.00am Eucharistic Service and Adoration
Saturday June 01st 6.00pm Sr. Kathleen Hamilton (Anniv) & Max Price (sick)
Sunday 02nd 11.30am Parishioners



BAPTISM

*Teddy William Bedson
and
Bowen George Sefton*



**Daily Masses will resume on Tuesday 11th June,
Requiems permitting.**

Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Kathy Fox
Marie Valance.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Sr. Kathleen Hamilton, Becky Quinn.

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

Chas Toni Dal Diane Bell Eileen Guy Peter Kelly Kathy Platt Bernie Boyde Angela Adlen David Holgate Margaret Lace	Liz Kelly Paul & Kate Joan Turner Julie Pearce John Murphy Joseph McVey Angela Gregory G., + MP., + TC., Maureen O'Connor Marie O'Shaunessy	Robbie Ross Peter Fraser Mary Wilson Ann Shreeve Moya Russell Colette Jones Vera O'Connell Kathleen Halliwell	Margaret & Joseph <u>Maloney</u> Vassilis <u>Alamaniotis</u> Joan, Andreas <u>Samaras</u> Christine & David <u>Fitzsimmons</u> Francine & Peter <u>Simpson</u>
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