

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 7 June 2020

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

Revelation 1, 8

FATHER PATRICK would like to thank all those parishioners who were so generous to him on the occasion of Easter and to those who remembered him on the occasion of his birthday. He is also very grateful to those members of the parish community who responded to his request for suggestions regarding how we, as a parish family, might manage the relaxation of the lockdown restrictions [bearing in mind that the Archdiocese will be giving us a lead on this sensitive matter]. He will be in touch with them all again soon.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY.

Please pray especially for the repose of the soul of Claudina Rodrigues who died recently and whose funeral will take place at Henley Road on Friday 12th June.

We pray for all those who mourn her passing. 'Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. May they rest in peace and rise in glory'.

IN HOSPITAL DURING COVID-19

Priests are still willing and able to go to hospital to visit patients in an emergency. It is vital that family members let the staff know that their loved ones would like to see a Priest if they are in danger of death.

Tel: 01183225111

If you or a member of your family becomes ill, please ring Fr Patrick on the parish number to let him know.

FR GILES GOWARD, Parish Priest at Our Lady and St Anne from 2005-2013, has been appointed as Rector of St Mary's College Oscott and will take up his post on June 28th. We send him our congratulations and assure him of our prayers for this next stage in his ministry.

OFFICE OPENING

The office is open again from 9-5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the moment. Emails will be monitored daily.

FR PATRICK'S SUNDAY HOMILY

If you would like to listen to any of Fr Patrick's Sunday homilies again, they are available on the parish website.



ONE READING COMMUNITY HUB

<https://www.reading.gov.uk/coronavirussupport>

Do you or someone that you know have urgent welfare needs that can't be provided by family? Contact the hub online or on 0808 1894325 (freephone) from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturday. For **health** advice still use NHS 111.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Year A – Matthew): The God who emerges from the pages of the New Testament is precisely the same as the God who was self-described as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and who, through Moses established a covenant with his “chosen” people. The psalms, the prayers of the Jews of old, ascribe many qualities to the one, only God in whom the coreligionists of Jesus believed. The Jews held firm to their conviction that there was only one God and they persisted in their belief in the unique deity even in the Diaspora communities of the Greek and Roman world where people believed in a plurality of Gods. Christians are also monotheistic but we do believe that God has revealed himself to us as Father, as Son and as Spirit. It took the greatest minds of the early Christian generations three centuries of prayer, reflection, argument and experience to come to the conclusion that Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit were possessed of all the qualities their forefathers in the faith (from Abraham onwards) had ascribed to God. Today, with Eastertide and Pentecost behind us and that liturgical season we know as Ordinary Time before us, the Church asks us to celebrate the divinity of God, what it is in the deity, in the Trinity of three divine persons, that makes him divine. As we worship God, as we contemplate his glory, as we reflect on what it is we profess about him in the Creed, we give thanks that, through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Spirit, he makes us all his children.

First Reading (OT): Exodus 34, 4 – 6. 8 – 9: The defining moment in the relationship between the Jewish people and their God was their emancipation from slavery in Egypt and their being able to pass dry-shod through the Red Sea. This event they commemorate each year at Passover. It was some time before they got to know the other qualities this merciful God who set them free possessed. Moses felt God pass by and discovered he was close by and he was merciful. This realization motivated Moses to excuse the behaviour of his people and to ask God’s mercy and forgiveness, and to adopt them as his own heritage.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Corinthians 13, 11 – 13: Even if it was to be three centuries before the Church developed a full understanding of God as Trinity, this blessing with which Paul closes his letter to the early Christians of Corinth suggests that even at this very early stage both he and those to whom he was writing recognised the divine in the Father, the Son and the Spirit.

Gospel: John 3, 16 – 18: The love of God is a central theme in the gospel of John. The great mystery of the Word is outlined in the prologue to John’s account of the life and teaching of Jesus and that introductory chapter was to influence theological reflection from John’s day to ours. Here in the brief conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus the extent of God’s love for humanity is made clear. He loved the world so much he sent his only Son. The Church was later to understand that precisely that love which united Father and Son and vice versa was the Spirit. And, as we discovered at Pentecost, the Spirit is the energy, the dynamism which gives life to the Church.

[Sunday readings](#)

Masses and Intentions

Tenth week in Ordinary time. (Psalter Week 2)

Fr Patrick will celebrate these Masses on his own,
at the times and for the intentions shown.

Saturday 6 th June	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki
<i>Feria</i>	(Exposition)	
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity		Year A
Sunday 7 th June	10.00	People of the Parish
Monday 8 th June	12.00	Our Lady & St. Anne
<i>Feria</i>		
Tuesday 9 th June	09.15	André LOCHER
<i>Feria</i>		
Wednesday 10 th June	09.15	Staff & Children St. Anne's School
<i>Feria</i>		
Thursday 11 ^h June	08.00	Fr. Paul Martin's Intentions
<i>Memorial: St Barnabas</i>		
Friday 12 th June	12.30	Winnie CROWE
<i>Feria</i>		
Saturday 13 th June	10.00	Holy Souls
<i>Memorial: St Anthony of Padua</i>	(Exposition)	

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Year A

Sunday 14 th June	10.00	People of the Parish
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