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Newsletter

Trinity Sunday

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My dear parishioners,

I hope this finds you and your families well and enjoying the beginning of summer and the opportunity to go at a different pace and to rejoice together in the beauty and abundance of nature. This week we celebrate another of the great liturgical solemnities which occur at this time of year: *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*. In a quiet moment you might like to reflect on these words from Pope Benedict:

“Jesus revealed to us that God is love, *‘not in the oneness of a single person, but in the Trinity of one substance’* (Preface). He is the Creator and merciful Father, he is the only begotten Son, eternal Wisdom incarnate, who died and rose for us; he is the Holy Spirit who moves all things, cosmos and history, toward their final, full recapitulation. Three persons who are One God because the Father is love, the Son is love, the Spirit is love. God is wholly and only love, the purest, infinite and eternal love. God does not live in splendid isolation, but rather is an inexhaustible source of life that is ceaselessly given and communicated.”

Pope Benedict XVI

I offer here the times of the liturgy in the days ahead:

Saturday June 11th

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday June 12th

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 13th June, Requiem for Mr. Thomas Bridges, St. Paul's at 10am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7pm

Tuesday 14th June: Requiem for Mr. Desmond Henaghen, St. Mary's at 9.30am

Wednesday 15th June, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Thursday 16th June: Requiem for Mrs. Evelyn McCluskey, St. Mary's at 10.30am

Saturday 18th June

Vigil at St. Paul's at 4pm

Vigil at St. Mary's at 5.30pm

Sunday 19th June

Mass at St. Paul's at 9.15am

Mass at St. Mary's at 10.30am

Monday 20th June, St. Mary's Primary School joining us at 10am

Tuesday 21st June, St. Paul's Primary School joining us at 10am

Wednesday 22nd June, Mass at St. Mary's at 10am

Sister Mary Thomas, a member of the Comboni Missionary Congregation will be with us next weekend to share something about the good work carried out in some very challenging places, and she will ask us to support that work. As we have seen now on numerous occasions, a little donation from each one goes a long way.

Children's Liturgy: some families have been asking if we can restore the special gathering for children during the liturgy of the Word at Mass. With the good help of Mrs Rona Honnett and friends we will be able to do this on the Sundays of June. Hopefully we will get some more volunteers to continue after the school holidays.
Please consider volunteering.

Music at St. Mary's and St. Paul's: so many people have remarked on how uplifting it is to have music again at the liturgy; very often music lifts our liturgical prayer to another level. In different areas of parish life there is a sense of beginning again after the challenges of the past two years. Would you consider joining the parish choir? *Please speak to Peter Lavery after the 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's.*

CREDO, the parish prayer group meets this Tuesday, June 14th in the parish meeting room, beginning at 1pm and concluding with some tea at 2.30pm. The group welcomes prayer requests from parishioners and a box is available at the back of the church for you to place such requests.

Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are ill: Rosemary Scanlan

Recently Deceased: Thomas Bridges, Desmond Henaghan, Evelyn McCluskey, Matthew Hoey, Jeannette McLean, Ilonka Baracscai, James McMorrow, Eileen Barrett, Michael Callaghan

Special Remembrance: George and Helen Connor, Bridie and Jimmy Dailly, deceased members of the Ellicott and Sweeney families, Elizabeth Kane, John and Helen Carney, Kevin Bryant, Ella and Joe Paterson, Vera Franchitti, Silvio and Lucia Ferri, Mr. and Mrs. Slawinski, and all our deceased relatives and friends and the benefactors of St. Mary's and St. Paul's, *requiescant in pace.*