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Confessions: Saturday 4:30 – 4:50pm

Newsletter

Trinity Sunday

June 15th, 2025

I hope this finds you and your families well and enjoying these early weeks of summer, even if the weather could be better! I offer the following words from Pope Francis for your reflection:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, which invites us to contemplate and worship the divine life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a life of communion and perfect love, origin and aim of all the universe and of every creature: God.

We also recognise in the Trinity the model of the Church, in which we are called to love each other as Jesus loved us. And love is the concrete sign that demonstrates faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And love is the badge of the Christian, as Jesus told us: *“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”* (Jn:13:35). It’s a contradiction to think of Christians who hate. It’s a contradiction. And the devil always seeks this: to make us hate, because he’s always a troublemaker; he doesn’t know love. God is love!

We are called to witness and proclaim the message that “God is love”, that God isn’t far and insensitive to our affairs. He is close to us, always beside us, walking with us to share our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and struggles. He loves us very much, and for that reason he became man. He came into the world not to condemn it, but so the world would be saved through Jesus (Jn 3:16-17). And this is the love of God in Jesus, this love that is so difficult to understand but that we feel when we draw close to Jesus. He always forgives us, he always awaits us, he loves us so much. And we feel the love of Jesus and the love of God.

The Holy Spirit, gift of the Risen Jesus, always conveys divine life to us and thus lets us enter the dynamism of the Trinity, which is the dynamism of love, of communion, of mutual service, of sharing. A person who loves others, for the very joy of love, is a reflection of the Trinity. A family in which each person loves and helps one another is a reflection of the Trinity. A parish in which each person loves and shares spiritual, and material effects, is a reflection of the Trinity.

God always seeks us first, loves us first. He is like the flower of the almond tree; thus says the prophet: *It blooms first* (Jer 1:11-12). In fact, Jesus speaks in this way: *“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life”* (Jn 3:16).

What is this eternal life? It is the immeasurable and freely given love of the Father, which Jesus gave on the Cross, offering his life for our salvation. And this love with the action of the Holy Spirit has shone a new light on the earth and into every heart that welcomes him, a light that reveals dark corners, the hardships that impede us from bearing the good fruits of charity and mercy.

May the Virgin Mary, perfect creation of the Trinity, help us to make our whole lives, in small gestures and more important choices, a homage to God, who is love. Pope Francis

I offer here the Schedule for the Daily Liturgy:

Monday June 16th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am; Confessions at 6.30pm; Novena at 7pm

Tuesday June 17th: Confirmation Mass at 7pm

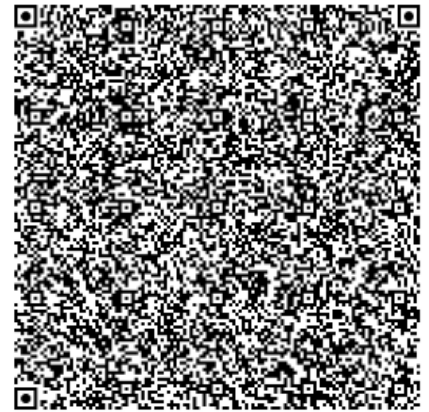
No 10am Mass

Wednesday June 18th: Mass at 10am

Rosary at 9.40am

Thursday June 19th: Mass at 10pm

Thanksgiving Mass with St. Mary's Primary



Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock and Co. Mayo, 7th September 2025, £899: price included flight from Edinburgh, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with dinner, bed and breakfast; full use of leisure facilities. All entertainment, excursions and transport included, Visit Knock Shrine, Galway Cathedral, Irish music night and much more. Contact 01268 762 278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Feast of Corpus Christi: an invitation is extended to all who wish to participate in the Blessed Sacrament Procession from St. Teresa's Parish Newarthill at 2.30pm, arriving at Carfin Grotto at 3pm, where Bishop Toal will preside at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; children who have made their First Holy Communion in recent weeks are especially welcome, and wearing their First Communion clothes if they so wish,

Credo, the parish faith sharing group, will now take a break during the summer months.

We welcome Bishop Toal to the parish on Tuesday to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with some of the pupils from St. Mary's.

Please remember Mrs. Ellen McCabe, who is very ill, in your prayers.

Recently Deceased: Nancy Henry, Charles Budd, Margaret Smith, Mary McVey, John Provan, John Woods, Fiona King, Catherine Boxall, Clare McCourt

Special Remembrance: Edward McGeary, May White, Cornelius (Neil) McMurray, Nessie Lynas, Mark Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and John Kane, Bishop Maurice Taylor and all our own deceased relatives and friends, and all the benefactors of our parish.