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Most Holy Trinity Sunday 4th June 2023

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Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

John 3: 16-18

The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature, co-equal and co-eternal. Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that 1+1+1 = 1 and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus, Who is God, taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it, and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith.

The Importance of Holy Trinity in Christian life 1) All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. 2) All Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven, our marriage is blessed, and our Bishops, priests and deacons are ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. 3) When Church bells ring thrice daily, they remind us to give glory to the Holy Trinity for the Incarnation of Jesus and His Redemption of all of us. 4) We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the Name of the Holy Trinity.

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Philip Considine RIP (Kay's cousin)	Saturday 3rd St Marcellinus and St Peter 4 th century priest and ordained exorcist. Both suffered martyrdom by Roman Emperor Diocletian who was trying to eliminate Christianity and establish his pagan gods. Marcellinus was a priest in Rome who had built up a Christian community. Peter was a deacon in Rome who became famous for his powers of exorcism.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 4th June The Most Holy Trinity Alfred Baker RIP (80th Birthday)
First Communion Training 4.45 to 5.45 6.30pm Mass	Monday 5th St Boniface Born in 675 in Devon. Joined Benedictine monastery and Minster at Nursling near Southampton. With Bede, who was born 2 years earlier, two famous Anglo-Saxon saints of the time. Declined the position of abbot at Nursling and left to be a missionary to the Frisians in the Netherlands following St Wilfred and St Willibrord. After a year war broke out and he returned to Nursling monastery. Refused to be abbot. Travelled to Rome to ask pope to make him missionary to Germany. Pope Gregory II named him "Boniface" after the 4 th century martyr "Boniface of Tarsus" and appointed him Bishop of Germania, a new diocese in central Germany. He opposed the worship of trees. Cut down oak tree dedicated to god Thor and used it to build a chapel. The new Pope Gregory III made him Archbishop of Germany. Appealed to England for more missionaries and religious materials so he could start more monasteries and build churches. Never gave up the conversion of the Frisians and returned there at age 79. He was martyred by armed robbers.
10 am Mass Claudia Chitnis RIP	Tuesday 6th St Marcellin Champagnat Born in France in 1789, the year the French Revolution began. His parents owned a small farm. Had little education due to unrest but learnt skills in farming, carpentry and masonry. Became interested in the priesthood but had difficulties due to lack of education at the seminary. He then developed from timid, shy person to sociable and fun loving member of a group known as "Happy Gang" who visited taverns. Finally settled down to a sober life and eventually was ordained aged 27. His friend Fr Jean-Claude Courveille started the <i>Society of Mary</i> with 3 groups for priests, nuns and lay members. Fr Marcellin also wanted a teaching branch which was agreed. The 12 newly ordained priests of the <i>Society of Mary</i> then went off to their parishes not to all meet again for 20 years. Fr Marcellin was very popular and successful in his parish. Started to form a group of people who could teach the children and the founded the teaching branch of <i>The Society of Mary</i> . He called them <i>Marist Brothers</i> and their schools were very popular after the lack of education due to the French Revolution. Brothers quickly grew and expanded across France and eventually abroad. Fr Marcellin had a great devotion for Guardian Angels and directed that a picture of a Guardian Angel should be displayed in every classroom.

SVP Social 1pm to 3pm	Wednesday 7th St Robert of Newminster Born in about 1100 in North Yorkshire. Studied at University of Paris. Parish priest in his home village. Benedictine monk at Whitby Abbey. Joined monks expelled from St Mary's Abbey in York who wanted a stricter "Rule". They founded Fountains Abbey near Ripon in Yorkshire. Robert founded Newminster Abbey, a small monastery of 17 Cistercian monks north of Newcastle and was the abbot for 21 years. Three new Cistercian monasteries were founded by his monks and Abbot Robert kept clear of all the political and religious disputes unlike the Abbot of Fountains Abbey.
6.30 pm Mass	
10 am Mass	Thursday 8th St William of York Born in 1085 in York. His father was Chancellor for King Henry I and his uncle was Bishop of Winchester. Ordained a priest and became a monk in Winchester. Treasurer of York for the Archbishop of York and then appointed Archbishop of York influenced by his uncle the new King Stephen of England who seized the throne from Matilda, the daughter of Henry I, the true heir. Consecrated by his uncle the Bishop of Winchester without papal approval. Not recognised by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Eventually deposed by Cistercian Pope Eugene III. Replaced him by the Cistercian Abbot Murdoc of Fountains Abbey. William returned to monastery in Winchester for 6 years. When Archbishop Murdoc of York died, Pope Anastasius IV reappointed him Archbishop of York. Popular with people in York, some of who remembered from before.
NO MASS	Friday 9th St Columba of Iona Born about 521 in Ireland of royal birth. Educated at a variety of monastic schools. Became a monk. Ordained a priest. Spent 15 years travelling in Ireland preaching. Then settled in a monastery to study. Dispute with Irish King Diarmid over the right of monastic sanctuary of a Prince sought by the king. 3,000 died in the conflict and Columba promised to win the same number of souls for Christ. Founded a monastery on the island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland. Spent 30 years as a missionary developing the monastery as a school for missionaries. Influential in Scotland's politics. Built churches. Founded monasteries. Missionaries went out from Iona and his Celtic influence spread through Ireland, Scotland and northern England.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 10th St Margaret of Scotland Born in 1046 in Hungary to Prince Edward of England and Princess Agatha of Hungary. Her father, heir to the English throne, was in exile after the Danish Conquest. The family went to England in 1057 but her father died. Margaret, her mother, sister and brother entered the Anglo-Saxon court of her great uncle King Edward the Confessor. In 1066 her brother Edgar was heir to the throne but the powerful Harold Godwin was made King Harold II. Family fled to north to Northumbria at the Norman Conquest. Trying to return to the Continent a storm drove their ship to Scotland. They were given protection by King Malcolm III, a widower with two sons. Margaret eventually agreed to be his wife. Brought European and Anglo-Saxon culture to improve the Scottish royal court. Very happy pair who had eight children. She softened Malcolm's fiery nature and helped him become a virtuous King of Scotland. Helped the poor and with her example encouraged people to live a devout life. Had churches built and Iona Abbey restored after Viking raids. With her skills in reading and writing and promotion of the arts and education known as "Pearl of Scotland".
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 11th June Corpus Christi
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Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan		

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Next SVP Social this Wednesday 7th June – 1pm to 3 pm

There will another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along and bring your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you. Look forward to welcoming you. Renee and Pat.

Race for Life for Cancer Research by Liz Challand and her two daughters in memory of Michael

Liz, Chlöe and Olivia Challand would like to thank all those who supported their fundraiser for Cancer Research UK. They, with their team have raised a fantastic £1,010 for this very deserving cause. Check out their pages to see the winners which include a couple of people from St Vincent de Paul parish.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/elizabeths-race-for-life-327469445>

8 hours of adoration followed by Mass every third Friday of the month from 9 pm

The next session will be Friday 16th June from 9 pm to 5 am ending with Mass at about 4 am

Parish collection for last weekend 27th and 28th May

							SPECIAL COLLECTION		

Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other Money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£79	£19.75	£106.50	£242.54	£51.98	£499.77	----	----	----	£499.77