

GO! BAPTISE! TEACH!

(MATTHEW 28:16-20)

Stained glass in the Church of Tervuren, Belgium, depicting the Holy Trinity

Today's Gospel reading tells us of Jesus' revealing himself to the disciples in Galilee after his resurrection. Normally in the appearance stories, there is an element of non-recognition which alerts us to the message that Jesus is now different from how the disciples remembered him.

In some ways, this passage functions as a summary of the main themes in Matthew's account: Jesus is the risen Lord, whom the disciples approach in an attitude of worship as they "fell down before him"; Jesus has been presented as the teacher, and now commissions his disciples to carry on his teaching mission; the Son of Man has been given all authority, like the figure in the book of Daniel; the Gentiles, "all the nations", are to be baptised, something very important to Matthew's mainly Jewish-Christian community; the Emmanuel theme, revealed to Joseph in the Infancy Narrative, returns with Jesus' declaration that "I am with you". The disciples also are no longer referred to as being "of little faith"; they are now entrusted with carrying on the work of Jesus, helped by his presence, which is Matthew's equivalent of the Holy Spirit. Thus the First Gospel, as it is commonly known, ends on a high note, with the Gospel reaching out to the ends of the earth. ■

SAY

Holy! Holy! Holy!
God in three persons,
blessed Trinity!
(Reginald Heber – adapted)

DO

Make the Sign of the Cross slowly; pronounce carefully the names of the persons of the Trinity.

LEARN

Augustine of Hippo (354-430) was a bishop in North Africa and has been a great influence on Christian thought in the Western Church.

He was baptised by St Ambrose in Milan in the year 387.

A mystery is a truth of our faith that we can explore, but never fully understand.



The statue of Augustine of Hippo on the Charles Bridge in Prague

REFLECT

The Easter season came to an end on the feast of Pentecost. Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Trinity, one God in three equal persons. Many preachers and catechists take comfort in the story concerning St Augustine, which tells of the great theologian walking along the beach, wrestling with the problem of how to understand the mystery of the Trinity. He came upon a little child, who had dug a hole in the sand and was going to and from the sea, filling a bucket and emptying the contents into the cavity. "What are you doing?" asked the

scholar. "I'm going to empty the sea into this hole," replied the child. Augustine smiled and said, "You'll never manage to do that!" to which the other retorted, "I'll empty the sea into this hole before you manage to understand the Holy Trinity!" Out of the mouth of babes...?

The discussions on the relationship of the persons of the Trinity began after the New Testament was completed. It may seem like avoiding difficult questions to say that, in the end, we have to admit that it is a mystery. However, mystery, in this sense, is not a puzzle that we cannot

work out: it is, rather, something so deep that we will never fully comprehend it, but that is no excuse for not trying as best we can to understand what it means.

The doctrines of our faith do not simply tell us something about God: they tell us something about ourselves as well. In the Trinity, we celebrate God: Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. These are all aspects of God's love for the world and ourselves, something we will never fully comprehend – at least not in this life. ■



St Joseph's Catholic Church, Kilmarnock

THE SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 30th May 2021

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LITURGY AND OUTREACH FROM SUNDAY 30th MAY - SUNDAY 6th JUNE 2021

The Masses this week will be streamed as indicated below on the "St Joseph's Church, Kilmarnock" YouTube channel and are offered for the following intentions.

Date	Time	Gathering	Mass Intention
Saturday 29th	5.30-5.45 pm.....	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the sacristy	
	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass (not livestreamed)	<i>Paul Gilius (RIP)</i>
Sunday 30th	11.00 am.....	Mass (also livestreamed)	<i>Kevin McCudden (RIP)</i>
Monday 31st	10.00 am.....	Mass (also livestreamed)	<i>Rita McCaw (RIP)</i>
Tuesday 1st	10.00 am.....	Mass (also livestreamed)	<i>Helen McMahan (RIP)</i>
	After Mass.....	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.45 am	
Wednesday 2nd	10.00 am.....	Rosary (also livestreamed)	
		No Mass in St Joseph's today	
	11.00 am.....	Food bank open in the hall (until 12 noon)	
Thursday 3rd	6.00 pm.....	Mass (also livestreamed)	<i>Patricia Dourish (Ann)</i>
Friday 4th	10.00 am.....	Mass (also livestreamed)	<i>Maureen Moran (RIP)</i>
Saturday 5th	6.00 pm.....	Vigil Mass (not livestreamed)	<i>Matt Cairns (RIP)</i>
Sunday 6th	11.00 am.....	Mass (also livestreamed)	<i>Edward Kelly (RIP)</i>

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION: In preparation for the children receiving First Holy Communion in June, the 1st of three times of reflection will take place on Saturday 30th May at 11 am in the church. We will finish by 12 noon. Attendance is important. Thank you.

RETURNING TO MASS IN PERSON: What will be the pace of our emerging from this pandemic remains as yet unclear. What is clear is the challenge we face of bringing our communities and the practice of the faith to a still greater expression and strength.

Being able to pray Mass by livestream has, for many, been the best possible option when public worship was suspended. This is not, however, the same as gathering in person to celebrate what Jesus asked us to do in memory of him and to receive him in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

There are valid reasons why some people are still wary about returning to Mass in person and gathering in an enclosed space. However, if a person has just got out of the habit of

attending, now may be the time to make an effort to return to Mass.

Communion can be brought to the homes of those who are unable to attend Mass in person for reasons of health. Please contact Fr Stephen if you wish to receive communion.

BOOKING FOR MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S. Weekend Mass: Online booking is preferred. You can book a place at Mass on the parish website at <http://www.rckilmarnock.org.uk/st-josephs-mass-booking/>. Booking for the following weekend opens the previous **Sunday at 6 pm and closes on Wednesday at 12 noon.**

Telephone bookings for the following Sunday may be made by calling 01563 521832 on **Wednesday between 11.00 am and 12 noon.** Confirmation of a place at Mass will be given by email or telephone by Friday.

Weekday Mass: There is no need to book a place for weekday Mass – just come along.

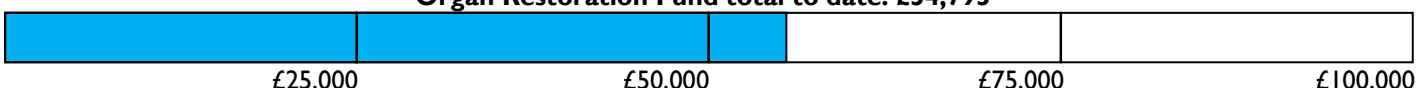
Hall bookings: suspended until further notice.

Safeguarding co-ordinator: Margaret McGrath (01563 542130)

Crosshouse and Ayr Hospitals: Ask hospital staff to page on-call priest chaplain.

Standing orders: £795.69. **Weekly collection:** £736.03. **Communications:** £28.45. **Building Fund:** £55. **SVDP:** £250. **Apostolate of Life:** £10. **Holy Places:** £5. **Student Fund:** £5. **SCIAF:** £70. **Justice & Peace:** £5. **Organ Restoration Fund:** £4,050 (4 x £1,000, and £50).

Organ Restoration Fund total to date: £54,795



Thank you for your generous support of the parish and to all who have set up standing orders.

APOSTOLATE OF LIFE: There will be a special collection this weekend for the Apostolate of Life which supports the Scottish Church's work of championing the dignity of life from conception until natural death. You can put your special collection envelope in either box or place a donation in the special collection box at the exit from the church.

JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSIONER: The diocesan representative on the Scottish Justice and Peace Commission has retired. The Commission members meet four times a year, on a Saturday from 11 am – 3 pm in Glasgow, although meetings just now are taking place online. The members set the priorities of the Justice and Peace Commission and also exchange updates of what is happening in each diocese.

Ideally each diocese should have a Commissioner and an Alternate Commissioner who can substitute for the Commissioner when required. If you are interested in these voluntary posts, please let Fr Stephen know. Justice and Peace is concerned about poverty, peacebuilding, refugees, environment and other issues.

PRAM/CAR SEAT/BUGGY: A pram and car/seat which doubles as a buggy are available to a good home. Please contact Fr Stephen.

FOOD PARCELS: Thank you to everyone who has donated food parcels over the last few weeks. We now have adequate stock for a while, so more bags are not required at this time.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DELIVERY BY POST: Since March 2020, the weekly newsletter has been posted to those who haven't the resources to view it online. Now that public worship has been restored, anyone who regularly attends weekend Mass and can take away a paper copy of the newsletter is asked to contact Fr Stephen if they feel they can be removed from the postal mailing list. Similarly, if you view the newsletter online and don't need a copy posted to you, please let Fr Stephen know.

The posted newsletter has been successful in maintaining community contact during the pandemic. For this reason, we continue to post a copy who do not have internet access.

UPDATE ON THE ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT: During the last three and a half years, the Organ Restoration Committee has been active. Condition surveys

were obtained, including from the organ's builder Harrison & Harrison to indicate the way forward.

The organ is not holding its tuning well, and other problems are occurring. A significant amount of dirt has built up over the years and we are approaching the time for the organ to be thoroughly restored before it becomes unplayable. Funding has been obtained from grant funding bodies and donations towards the project have been gratefully received.

The instrument has been recognised as of significant historic interest by the British Institute of Organ Studies. Generations of parishioners have delighted in the organ's unique sound. £100,000 will be required to



restore the Harrison & Harrison organ at St Joseph's and the good news is that a substantial £54,795 has already been raised. As custodians of this treasured piece of St Joseph's heritage, we have a responsibility to future generations that they be inspired by the instrument as we have been inspired.

Recitals, lectures and demonstrations are also planned when Covid relaxations allow, and these will raise the profile of the instrument. The delayed Organ Recital Series will be relaunched on Friday 24th September, with recitals in October and November and more in 2022. The organ's 118th birthday is on 9th August.

When the fundraising is complete, the organ will be taken to the Harrison & Harrison workshop in Durham for full restoration. The Building Fund donations are now being directed towards the organ restoration. A Sponsor a Pipe fundraising campaign will be launched in the summer.

All donations to the Organ Restoration Fund will be gratefully received. Cheques can be made payable to "St Joseph's Church". If you are a taxpayer, gift aid (25% of your donation) can be reclaimed from the Inland Revenue – please state this at the time of giving. Thank you.

MINISTRY ROTAS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK

	Stewards	Cleaning Team between Masses	Writer of Bidding Prayers
Saturday 29 May 6.00 pm	Clare Power, Helena Rameckers, Danny and Anne Gorman	Clare Power, Helena Rameckers, Danny and Anne Gorman	Margaret McGrath
Sunday 30 May 11.00 am	Emma Wood, Dennis Graham, Alan and Theresa Kerr, Paul and Elizabeth Nicholson	Emma Wood, Dennis Graham, Alan and Theresa Kerr, Daniel, Michael and Marilyn Ogbunubi	Margaret McGrath
Monday 1 June 10.00 am	Clare Power, Roberta Murphy, Margaret and Michael McGrath	Clare Power, Roberta Murphy, Margaret and Michael McGrath	
Tuesday 2 June 10.00 am	Helena Rameckers, Margaret McGrath, Alan and Theresa Kerr	Helena Rameckers, Margaret McGrath, Alan and Theresa Kerr	
Wednesday 3 June 10.00 am Rosary	Eileen Cunningham, Anne Power, Margaret McGrath, Clare Power	Eileen Cunningham, Anne Power, Margaret McGrath, Clare Power	
Thursday 4 June 6.00 pm	Paul and Elizabeth Nicholson, Anne and Michael Timmons	Paul and Elizabeth Nicholson, Anne and Michael Timmons Margaret McGrath	
Friday 5 June 10.00 am	Margaret and Michael McGrath Danny and Anne Gorman	Margaret and Michael McGrath Danny and Anne Gorman	
Saturday 6 June 6.00 pm	Clare Power, Helena Rameckers, Danny and Anne Gorman	Clare Power, Helena Rameckers, Danny and Anne Gorman	Hugh Matthews
Sunday 7 June 11.00 am	Emma Wood, Dennis Graham, Alan and Theresa Kerr, Paul and Elizabeth Nicholson	Emma Wood, Dennis Graham, Alan and Theresa Kerr, Daniel, Michael and Marilyn Ogbunubi	Hugh Matthews

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. Moses said to the people: "Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?"

"Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 32

Response:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. the Lord is our help and our shield. may your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
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.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,
bring us health of body and soul,
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Behold O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in your sight while with deep affection and grief of soul I mentally contemplate your five most precious wounds, having before my eyes the words that David the prophet spoke about you, most sweet Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and feet, and I can count everyone of my bones."

Traditional prayer before a crucifix to be said after Communion.