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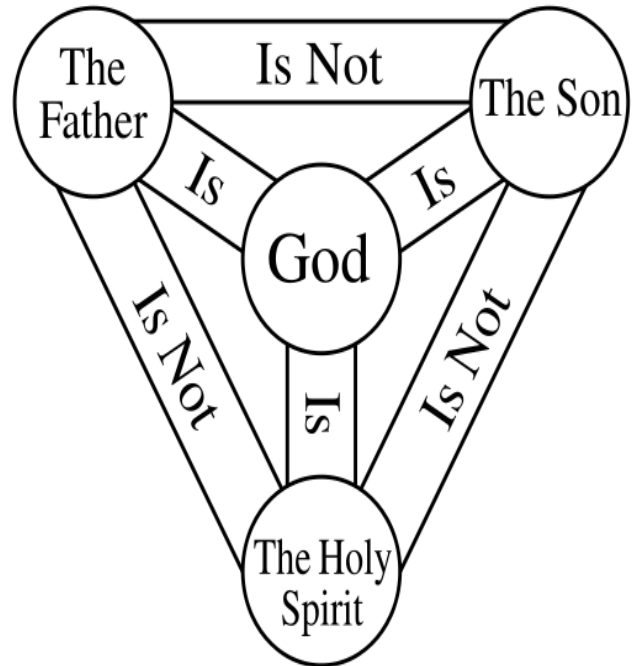
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### The Most Holy Trinity

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### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY UNITY AND LOVE OUR MODEL OF FAITH.



The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith and the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith'. The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to us and reconciles and unites with and to himself those who turn away from sin. Christians are baptized 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' [ cf. Mt 28:19.] not in their names, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity. Before receiving the sacrament of Baptism, they respond to a three-part question when asked to confess the Father, the Son and the Spirit: 'I do.' The faith of all Christians rests on the Trinity.

Perhaps the deepest, the most profound of all mysteries is the mystery of the Trinity. The Church teaches us that although there is only one God, yet, somehow, there are three Persons in God. The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, yet we do not speak of three Gods, but only one God. They have the same nature, substance, and being.

We came to know this immense mystery because Christ revealed it to us. Just before ascending He told them: "Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). We know that these Three are not just different ways of looking at one person. For at the Last Supper, Jesus told us: "I came forth from the Father." So He is different from the Father. But He also promised: "If I go, I will send the Paraclete] to you. . . . He will guide you to all truth" (John 16:28, 7, 13). So the Holy Spirit is also different.

Even though the Three Persons are One God, yet they are distinct: for the Father has no origin, He came from no one. But the Son is begotten; He comes from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit comes or proceeds from both the Father and the Son. These different relations of origin tell us there are three distinct Persons, who have one and the same divine nature.

Even though everything the Three Persons do outside the Divine nature is done by all Three, yet it is suitable that we attribute some works specially to one or the other Person. So we speak of the Father especially as the power of creation, of the Son as the wisdom of the Father, of the Holy Spirit as goodness and sanctification.

The two doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation are the foundation of Christian life and worship. By becoming man, God the Son offered us a share in the inner life of the Trinity. By grace, we are brought into the perfect communion of life and love which is God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This sharing in the life of the Trinity is meant to culminate in heaven, where we will see the three Persons face to face, united to them in unspeakable love.

The Trinity is the manner in which Catholics believe God is revealed to the world. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, "The mystery of the Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and of the Christian life." (CCC, #261)

The Church shows that because God is "mystery," we are unable to know *everything* there is to know about God. God has tried to communicate to us just who He is. Traditionally, the Church expressed this as, God being revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three expressions or "persons" of one divine essence. The Trinity is one. Catholics do not believe in three Gods but rather one God in a unity of three persons with one divine nature. *One analogy that could be helpful is to think of the different states of matter: solid, liquid and gas. Ice can become water and water can become steam. All of these are the same essence and contain equal amounts of hydrogen and oxygen but they appear in different forms.*

**GOD THE FATHER:** The church uses the image of the Father, the Creator from which everything flows and has its being, to express the first person of the Trinity. While the Son and the Holy Spirit are not "lesser gods" they do proceed from the Father as God's own self-gift to humanity.

**GOD THE SON:** The second person of the Trinity is the Son, Jesus himself, the God become man. Catholics believe that God freely chooses to come into human history in the person of Jesus. God becomes like us and dies our human death for us. But because Jesus is God, He cannot be held by death and rises to a new life, supremely better than human experience.

**GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT:** The third person of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from both the Father and the Son. Jesus announces that His Father will send the Holy Spirit to be with and in the disciples, to teach and guide them. The Spirit is God's real presence living within all of us, which brings us inspiration (which literally means "to draw in the Spirit").

God is three "persons" but one "essence." The Father is just as much "God" as the Son and neither are "more God" than the Spirit. The Trinity can be thought of in these three expressions:

1. God is "beyond us." - We can never really fathom what God is, but we know that He is far beyond our limited human nature or anything we can come to know in that human experience. God is the ultimate mystery, the question that we never fully answer. This is God the Father the creator, the one who is beyond all understanding.
2. God is also "among us." - We come to know God in the person of Jesus. God takes on our human nature and becomes "one of us." We Catholics also believe that this human experience of God continues in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. God the Son is among us.
3. God is also "within us." - God is the "divine spark" that awakens us to the fact that we are alive. God imbues us with our creativity, our gifts and talents, and our limitations as well. As we come to know ourselves as people, we also come to know God, who knows us better than we know ourselves. This is the experience of God the Holy Spirit.

God is all these things and more. We don't know all that God is but this is how God has been revealed to us throughout the course of our history — how we have come to best express God. We thus have a confluence or a meeting point of two mysteries, of the Trinity in heaven and of liberty on earth. The Trinity is the pattern for our liberty therefore if we use our freedom to love others as we should, modelled on the Triune God, we shall reach that God in eternity. This is our hope, based on our faith, and conditioned by our love.

Fr George Ngwa

Sunday 11 June	<b>Most Holy Trinity</b>	6pm Vigil Mass- <b>10.00 Holy Mass-</b>	Coffee and tea in Hall after Mass
Monday 12 June		11.00 Funeral Mass of Winefride McQueen-Peterson	
Tuesday 13 June	<b>MASS</b>	<b>CANCELLED</b>	
Wednesday 14 June	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 Rosary, 10.00 Holy Mass-	Rosary intentions for the sick of the Parish.
Thursday 15 June	<b>Feria</b>	9.30 Rosary, 10.00 Holy Mass –	Rosary intentions for Peace in the world
Friday 16 June	<b>St Richard of Chichester or Feria</b>	9.00 Exposition 9.30 Rosary 9.50 Benediction 10.00 Holy Mass-	First Confession Classes at 5pm in hall
Saturday 17 June	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>  <b>Corpus Christi</b>	9.30 Divine Mercy Chaplet and veneration of the relic of Sister Faustina 10.00 Holy Mass- 6pm Vigil Mass –	.
Sunday 18 June	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>10.00 Holy Mass- First Holy Communion for the Children</b>	Coffee and tea in hall after Mass

**Prayer to St Michael, said at the end of Masses.** St Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

For enquires about **Baptisms** please contact the office for forms, and for funerals please discuss dates first with the funeral directors and meet the parish priest with a date. Enquiries about weddings please email the office with your details. Copies of Baptism certificate £5

**COLLECTIONS for 4/5 June 2017. Loose £ tba Gift aid envelopes £115.00.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**After Wednesday and Saturday morning Mass and before Sat Vigil Mass at 5.45pm and on request**

Readers 17/18 June

Sat: P Thorpe, M Hobbs

Sun: G Mambo, M Tanner

EMoHC:

Sat: J Coyne, M Newland, B Coyne

Sun: G Mambo, Akhil Joseph, J Nichols

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**Thank you.**

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