

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH In NEW MILTON

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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Church opening hours 7:00am - 6.00pm



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY OF YEAR "C" 16TH JUNE 2019

We cannot fully understand but we Can explain the Trinity?

This briefly and clearly explains the Most Blessed Trinity

You and I live in a three-dimensional world. All physical objects have a certain height, width, and depth. One person can look like someone else, or behave like someone else, or even sound like someone else. But a person cannot actually be the same as another person. They are distinct individuals. God, however, lives without the limitations of a three-dimensional universe. He is spirit. And he is infinitely more complex than we are. That is why Jesus the Son can be different from the Father and, yet the same.

The Bible clearly speaks of: God the Son, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit. But emphasizes that there is only ONE God. If we were to use maths, it would not be, $1+1+1=3$. It would be $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$. God is a triune God. Thus the term: "Tri" meaning three, and "Unity" meaning one, Tri+Unity = Trinity. It is a way of acknowledging what the Bible reveals to us about God, that God is yet three "Persons" who have the same essence of deity.

But from the very beginning we see God as a Trinity. In the book of Genesis, the first book in the Bible, God says, "Let *us* make man in *our* image...male and female *he* created them." (Genesis 1:26,27). You see here a mixture of plural and singular pronouns.

When Moses asked God for his name, God replied, "I am" - eternally existing.

Jesus used the same phrase numerous times.

"I am the light of the world..."

"I am the bread of life..."

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Abraham is someone mentioned in Genesis, thousands of years before Jesus came to earth. Yet, Jesus said of himself, "Before Abraham was born, I am." The Jews understood fully what Jesus was saying because they picked up stones to kill him for "blasphemy" - claiming to be God.(John 8:56-59). Jesus has always existed.

This came up time and time again. Jesus was so clear about his unique relationship with the Father. This is why, "the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him. For he not only broke the Sabbath, he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God." (John 5:16-18). For all of eternity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have always been in relationship and communication with each other, yet not as three gods...as one God.

If Jesus is God, who was he praying to? On earth, Jesus continued to talk to the Father, and the Father and Spirit continued to communicate with him.

Though not a complete list, here are some other Scriptural texts that shows God is one, in Trinity:

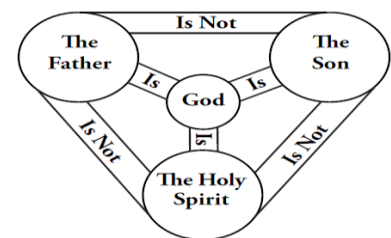
- "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!" (Deut. 6:4)
- "I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God." (Isa. 45:5)
- There is no God but one. (1Cor. 8:4)
- And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased." (Matt. 3:16-17)
- "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)
- Jesus said: "I and the Father are one." (John 10:30)
- "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (John 14:9)
- "He who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me." (John 12:45)
- If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. (Rom. 8:9)
- "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 1:20)
- And the angel answered and said to her [Mary], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:35)
- [Jesus speaking to His disciples] "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you." ... "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him." (John 14:16-17, 23)

The core of our Faith: The doctrine of the Trinity is the Christian belief that:
There is God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Other ways of referring to the Trinity are the *Triune God* and the *Three-in-One*. The Trinity is a controversial doctrine; many Christians admit they don't understand it, while many more Christians don't understand it but think they do. In fact, although they'd be horrified to hear it, many Christians sometimes behave as if they believe in three Gods and at other times as if they believe in one.

- ✓ There is exactly one God
- ✓ There are three really distinct Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- ✓ Each of the Persons is God

- The Father is God
- The Son is God
- The Holy Spirit is God
- The Father is not the Son and is not the Holy Spirit
- The Son is not the Father and is not the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit is not the Father and is not the Son.



The fact that there is One God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit means - There is exactly one God in three distinct Persons.

Common mistakes: The Trinity is not

- ✓ Three individuals who together make one God
- ✓ Three Gods joined together
- ✓ Three properties of God

A fundamental doctrine that relates us to God: The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the most difficult ideas in Christianity, but it's fundamental to Christians because it:

- States what Christians believe God is like and who he is
- Plays a central part in Christians' worship of an "unobjectifiable and incomprehensible God"
- Emphasises that God is very different from human beings
- Reflects the ways Christians believe God encounters them
- Is a central element of Christian identity
- Teaches Christians vital truths about relationship and community
- Reveals that God can be seen only as a spiritual experience whose mystery inspires awe and cannot be understood logically

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday the feast of the Body and blood of Lord Jesus Christ, All the Special Ministers of Holy Communion will renew their Commitment to this ministry during the 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Izabela, Hannah, Aliyah. Mia, Joshua, Daniel, Nathaniel, Andrea, Edel, William, Jayzack, Maria and Michelle have pleasure in inviting you to join them in their celebration in the Hall after their First Communion in Church this Sunday. This is the prayer they will be saying during Mass:

“Jesus, you are present in each one of us. You live in our hearts from the moment of our Baptism. You are our companion on the Journey. You are present in your word. We want to welcome your word and be taught by you. May your word make our hearts burn within us. Jesus, you are truly present here in the Eucharist. I do not see you, you are hidden. I do not hear you, you are silent. Yet you are here for us, in the Tabernacle. This I believe. Stay with us, Jesus. Listen to our prayer. Do not leave us. We worship you and we say THANK YOU! We want to love you as you have loved us. Give us hearts burning with love to tell everyone that you are risen!”

DAY FOR LIFE – Sunday 16th June - This year the Day for Life will focus on all those who are suffering or have survived domestic abuse. It provides an opportunity to pray, reflect and to choose the ways in which action, as well as practical and emotional support, can ensure the dignity of human life is upheld at every stage of a person’s life.

CATENIAN CELEBRATION Saturday 29th June - The New Forest Catenians invite parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes to a Social Evening on Saturday 29th June, starting at 7.15pm, after evening Mass. The event is to celebrate the appointment of Gerry Parsons, of New Milton parish, to be the President of the Catenians New Forest circle for the coming year. There will be a buffet and drinks. All are welcome and to help with catering, please call Gerry on 01425 291961 if you intend to come.

ORDINATION OF DEACON LAWRENCE – Saturday 22nd June The arrangements are now finalised for our trip to Cardiff Cathedral to join in the celebrations with Deacon Lawrence. The minibus will leave promptly from the church car park at 07.00 on the 22nd June. Our journey will take almost 4 hours (with a comfort stop). We will arrive back in New Milton at approximately 1930. The cost of the 16 seater minibus is £540.00 which was the best available ‘deal’ on the day. Therefore we are asking for a minimum donation of £25.00 per person to partially cover the cost. The balance will be, as stated previously, paid for from church funds. I will collect all monies, preferably cheques, or cash on the day of departure BUT please confirm with me which payment method you prefer. Cheques should be made payable to PRCDTR NEW MILTON. I will pass over cash given to me, to our Treasurer, Andy Thomas. My numbers are:- 01425 611643/mobile 07887 747493. Email katherine.dempster@btinternet.com Many thanks for your kind attention. I am sure we will all have a very

FIRE DRILL - We are intending to hold a Fire Drill at the end of Mass some time before the end of June. The Assembly Point is at the Grotto in the front garden.

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Saturday Vigil	15	June	Vigil Mass of THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	18.00 VIGIL MASS of THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – <i>Brigid Horan</i>	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass
Sunday morning	16	June	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Don & Agnes Campbell (RIP)</i>	
Monday	17	June			
Tuesday	18	June	Tuesday of 11 th Week in Ordinary Time	18.00 Exposition, 18.30 Rosary, 18.50 Benediction 19:00 Holy Mass - <i>Betty & Denis Bolland (RIP)</i>	
Wednesday	19	June	St. Romuald	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Dantis – God’s Blessing for Parents & Son Alexander’s Baptism</i>	Confession after Mass
Thursday	20	June	St. Alban	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Elza (RIP)</i>	
Friday	21	June	St. Aloysius Gonzaga	09.00 Exposition, 09.30 Rosary, 09.50 Benediction, 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Jack Garahee (RIP)</i>	Confession after Mass
Saturday	22	June	Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	09.30 Divine Mercy Devotion 10.00 Holy Mass – <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Saturday vigil Mass			Vigil of CORPUS CHRISTI	18.00 - Vigil Mass of CORPUS CHRISTI – <i>Celebration for the joyful Ordination of Fr Laurence Bryce</i>	Confession 5.30 pm
Sunday	23	June	CORPUS CHRISTI	10.00 Holy Mass. – <i>Fr. Laurence Bryce</i>	Coffee & Tea in the Hall after Mass

IMPORTANT – MASS OFFERINGS/INTENTIONS. If you would like Holy Mass said for your Intention(s), then please take one of the envelopes on the shelf by the Confessional and fill in your details, add an offering and place it into the general collection at one of the weekend Masses. The next available day will be booked in the diary. If you wish a specific date, please give plenty of notice and phone the office during opening times or call in to check the date is available. Thank You!

Collections 8/9 June		Sat. 15 June	Sun. 16 June	Sat. 22 June	Sun. 23 June
Loose	£358.66	Reader D.McCourts	S.Salinger	K.Dempster	P.Caffyn
envelopes	£217.40	T.Gearey	S.Ramsay	B.Dempster	P.Caffyn
		EMHC M.Newland	S.Salinger	C.d’Espagnac	M.Tanner
		M.Harwood	M.Buckland	F.Fallon	Joseph Kurian
		J.Thomas	J.Nichols	T.Gearey	A.Caneda

2nd Collection on Sunday 16th June – Day for Life

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Our Parish Live streaming: <http://churchservices.tv/newmilton> Website: www.nfwp.org.uk

Safeguarding Minister: Tony Harwood Tel: **01425 511 952** or email hughharwood314@hotmail.co.uk

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