



15 June 2025

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Year C)

Reflection on the Gospel

We can learn a little about the Trinity from this passage. Think of a perfect relationship between a father and a son: complete understanding between them - loving care from the father, loving obedience from the son; complete support from both sides. As soon as one has an idea, the other expresses it, to the perfect satisfaction of the first. As soon as one starts an action, the other has completed it, to the delight of the first. Then the son sends his own spirit, which is not himself, but represents himself fully, makes him present when he is not there and does his work exactly as he would do it.

Two other images: three men or women on a bench outside a pub, all three chatting in perfect harmony and understanding, with complete exchange of ideas and plenty of humour, laughter and warmth. Their friendship is so attractive that you would love to join them but don't dare. They are so welcoming that they seem to invite you to join them. They are so loving that you feel you have found happiness as never before.

These are rather poor images, straining to express the unity in diversity of the Trinity, but one must at least try to understand. Read the gospel again!

Can you think of an image for the Trinity, three Persons in one Nature?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, Ampleforth

Reflection on the 1st reading

How did we Christians come to see God as a Trinity of Persons? With a noble sense of reverence the Israelites saw God as so infinitely other than the world that it became difficult to understand how God could mix

with the world, even how God could 'dirty his fingers' by creating the world.

The solution was that God must have created the universe by his Wisdom, the 'master craftsman' by his side in the work of creation. God's Wisdom is in a way the same as God, but yet not exactly the same. But is God's Wisdom itself created?

It is not clear whether God 'created' or 'possessed' Wisdom, for the Hebrew word, is given both senses by different ancient translators. So there is in God something which both is God and is not the same as the Creator. The Wisdom of God is also similar to the Word of God by which God created ('He spoke and it came into being,' it says in the Creation Story in Genesis 1).

In the New Testament Jesus is known both as the Wisdom of God and as the Word of God. The first thing we know about God is that we cannot fully know God. Nevertheless, texts (like this one from Proverbs) indicate a groping towards the idea that there is diversity within God. Here we find something of the origins of our understanding of the Trinity.

'God is love.' But if God is totally other, what can this mean?

Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for the **intentions of Peter John Rogers and D S Howard.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for the **intentions of Sheila and Billy Doyle.**

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Parish office at Holy Name: Open Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am
to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

Baptisms: Our Lady & St Philomena each
Sunday at 11 am, Holy Name each Sunday at
12.15 pm. Not 5th Sunday of the month.

Confessions: Holy Name on Saturday from
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

Funerals and Marriages: By arrangement.

Rosary: Before each weekday Mass.

Novena: After Wednesday evening Mass at
Our Lady & St Philomena.

Exposition: Holy Name, Thursday at 9.15 am

Visits to sick and housebound: Please
contact the parish office.

Hospital visits: If you wish to see a priest,
please let the hospital staff know.

Mass requests: Complete a pre-printed
envelope and place in the Mass intention box.
Please specify the reason for the intention, i.e.
lately dead, anniversary etc. For a particular
day, please request early. The Mass may be
shared unless you request otherwise.

Newsletter notices: Please e-mail to
holyname@rcaol.org.uk or hand in to the
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

Repository: Open before and after Mass.



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Readings at Mass

Scan the QR code for the Mass readings.

1st reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

2nd reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15



Psalm response

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your
name through all the earth!

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £1,017.89

Baptism

Congratulations to Sonny James Taylor
who receives the sacrament of baptism at
Our Lady & St Philomena on Saturday 14
June.

Congratulations to Freya Catherine Carol
Murt who receives the sacrament of baptism
at Holy Name on Sunday 15 June.

Welcome

We welcome Poppy Norma Corlett,
Douglas George Corlett and Kenneth Marc
Corlett at Holy Name this weekend as they
will receive the sacrament of baptism on
Sunday 22 June.

Fr Patsy

As Fr Mark and Fr Anthony are
unavailable, Fr Patsy will be celebrating
weekday Mass at Holy Name this week.

Fr Mark's Jubilee Mass

Fr Mark celebrates 30 years as an ordained
priest on Wednesday 9 July. On this day,
there will be a celebration Mass at Holy
Name at 6 pm, followed by a reception at
Holy Name parish centre. All welcome.

Mass times in our family of parishes

Holy Name

Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 11 am

Our Lady & St Philomena

Sunday 9.30 am

Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4.30 pm and Sunday 10 am

Pope's intention - June

That the world might grow in compassion
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Day for Life

There will be a retiring collection this weekend on behalf of Day for Life.

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

Confirmation

Confirmation candidates from Holy Name and Our Lady & St Philomena are invited to an initial meeting and Mass at Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 3 July at 6 pm.

Wednesday evening

There is no evening Mass at Our Lady & St Philomena on Wednesday. There will be a Eucharistic service.

Woodlands Hospice

Woodlands Hospice have launched their annual 'Forget me not campaign'. You can remember a loved one by dedicating a 'Forget me not flower' and help Woodlands Hospice continue improving the lives of patients and supporting families.

For more information visit the hospice or go to <https://www.woodlandshospice.org>

Preloved items

If you are undertaking a house clearance or general tidy up, you can donate to the church preloved religious items such as statues, rosary beads, souvenirs from pilgrimages. These will then be made available to parishioners to enjoy at home.

Catholic Pic

The June edition of the Catholic Pic is available in church, on the parish website and Facebook page.

Family picnic, Ormskirk

On Saturday 28 June the Archdiocese is hosting a family picnic from 11 am to 3 pm at St Anne Church, Prescott Road, Ormskirk, L39 4TG.

All families are welcome to attend, we especially wish to invite those families with children who have recently been Baptised or are making their Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Mass will be celebrated at 12 pm. Families are encouraged to bring their own food. There will be games for younger children, children's liturgy, Animate Youth activities for teenagers and reflection time for adults.

Numbers galore

Numbers are 16 and 19. Rollover.

Installation Mass

Photographs from the Mass of Installation of John Sherrington as the 10th Archbishop of Liverpool are available on the parish website and Facebook page.

You can also rewatch the Mass and read Archbishop John's homily.

Castlerigg Manor, Keswick

Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic residential youth centre in the Lake District and is opening its doors to family groups and social groups in August.

There are single rooms, twin rooms and family rooms available. Guests have access to the grounds, chapel, games room and lounges, with Keswick and the lake only a short walk away.

For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or visit <https://castleriggmanor.com/open/>

Recruitment

The archdiocese is recruiting a lead officer for primary school improvement, parish administrator, parish cleaner and security officer at the Cathedral. To apply <https://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity			
Saturday 14th	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Jimmy Wafer, birthday remembrance
Sunday 15th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Rose Watts, RIP Thomas Kennedy, RIP
	9.30 am	Hospital	Special intention
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Delica family
Monday 16th			No service
Tuesday 17th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Natasha Byrne
Wednesday 18th	10.00 am	Holy Name	John Dixon, lately dead
	6.30 pm	<i>St Philomena</i>	<i>Confessions until 6.50 pm</i>
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Eucharistic service <i>Novena after Mass</i>
Thursday 19th	9.15 am	Holy Name	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	10.00 am	Holy Name	Bernadette Callery, lately dead
Friday 20th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Jimmy O'Donovan, RIP Winifred Hurst, RIP
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ			
Saturday 21st	5.30 pm	<i>Holy Name</i>	<i>Confessions until 5.50 pm</i>
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Alice Gillon, lately dead
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Collette Shudall, 6 th anniversary
	9.30 am	Hospital	Special intention
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Kelly Sturgeon, RIP, anniversary
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Chris Tyrell, Brian Derby, Jonathan Scott, Teresa Watling, Stephen Judge, Joseph Patrick Murphy May they rest in peace</p>			

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