

## The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 26 May</b> Vigil Mass for Trinity Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Carey &amp; Wilson families and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 27 May</b> The Most Holy Trinity	NO MASS	
<b>Monday 28 May</b> Monday of Ordinary Time 8	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 29 May</b> Tuesday of Ordinary Time 8	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday 30 May</b> Wednesday of Ordinary Time 8	9:30am	Communion Service
<b>Thursday 31 May</b> <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:30am	Mass: <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Friday 01 June</b> <i>St Justin, Martyr</i>	7:00am	Mass: <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Saturday 02 June</b> Vigil Mass for Corpus Christi Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Kathleen Caisley and pro populo</b>

### Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

#### MINISTRIES

##### Saturday 26 May

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
John & Irene Carey  
Kevin Boyle

#### Readers

Greg Mearman  
Brendan Payne

#### Children's Liturgy

Carol Bainbridge  
Angela Harmston

#### Welcomers

Angela Harmston  
Christine Tracey

#### Music

Greg Mearman & Choir

#### MINISTRIES

##### Saturday 02 June

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Helen Musham, Jane Smith  
Wilf Lavery

#### Readers

Maria Griffiths  
Angela Harmston

#### Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy this week due to First Holy Communion

#### Welcomers

Pat Middleton  
Mary Kitching

#### Music

TBA

Should you have any items for the bulletin or wish to have it emailed to you, please contact the parish via phone or email. Contact details are on the front of the bulletin. Items need to be submitted by 12:00noon on Thursday.

#### We pray for our beloved deceased, including....

CAREY & WILSON families  
Fr Paddy LAYDON (Rec. Dec.)  
Teresa MULHALL (Rec. Dec.)  
Jack WILKINSON  
David CROMPTON  
Joseph Alan WILKINSON  
George Michael JONES



Please remember in your prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish....

Doreen Carroll, Margaret Pouton,  
Tom Taylorson, Jack Tobin,  
Pat Harrison,  
Sylvia Kelly,  
Mary Spears  
and Rose Crick



The Most Holy Trinity



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## The Most Holy Trinity

27 May, 2018

### The Most Holy Trinity

LAST WEEKEND we celebrated the feast of Pentecost, often referred to as the feast of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is, of course, something we cannot see or touch, an invisible and intangible entity which is nonetheless very powerful and the source of motivation, strength and courage for our lives as Christian disciples. Quite simply, without the presence of this invisible reality there would be no active Christian faith. Though the Holy Spirit cannot be seen or touched, evidence of its existence is present in the loving and Christ-like words and actions of people we encounter and, hopefully, ourselves.

It is fitting then, that each year on the Sunday following Pentecost we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, which again, cannot be seen or touched. Like the Holy Spirit (which is, of course, one of the "persons" of the trinitarian God), the Trinity is made real to the world through the words and actions of a Godly people. Perhaps this is one of the most valuable lessons we can take from this feast, a feast which is focused on an understanding of God which, while it is the truth, is a struggle to grasp at more than a basic level.

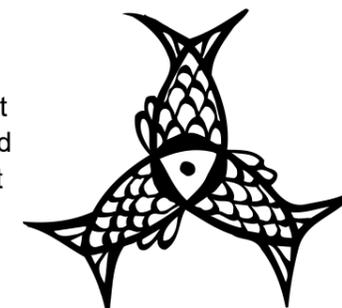
The Trinity is a concept of God which theologians have wrestled with and attempted to explain in a meaningful way for many centuries. Indeed, it took several centuries for an understanding of the Trinity to be formulated into the Creed which we know today as the Nicene Creed. This finally happened at the First Council of Constantinople in the year 381 after the main foundations for the Creed were laid at the Council of Nicea in 325. This is the Creed we will be saying at Mass over the next few months.

No matter how closely you look you will not find the word "Trinity" anywhere in the scriptures but that is not to say that God as Trinity is not there. Indeed, the presence of the Trinitarian God permeates the scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation. We get the most explicit reference, however, this weekend with Jesus commanding his disciples from the mountain in Galilee, just before his Ascension, to make disciples of all nations and baptise them "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This, of course, is the invocation of God as Trinity. But Jesus then went on to say that with this baptism the disciples are to "teach them to observe all the commands I gave you." What are they? Simply one commandment, in fact: to love as Jesus did.

If you wish to try to explain the Trinity to a non-Christian family member or friend you are welcome to try to do so using theological language such as "persons", "substance", "hypostatic union", "consubstantial" and so on. The likelihood is that you will achieve little more than a glazed look on the face of the other person and become tongue-tied and confused yourself. Whilst it is important that we attempt to understand as best we can the theological truth of the Trinity, we should not do so at the expense of conveying its real meaning through the manner in which we live, modelled for us by Jesus, with pure and unadulterated love.

Wishing you blessings during the week ahead,

Fr Robert



Feast of the Trinity



#### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid: £284 Loose Plate: £186

**TOTAL: £470**

Mass Attendance: 155

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## What's going on...?

**May Procession and Parish Family Picnic:** Thank you to all those involved in making our May Procession and picnic such a success last Sunday. The weather certainly smiled on us! It was great to see so many from the school community present and I want to thank those children and their families who were involved in the day, be it in the liturgy or helping with the picnic. Thank you to Mrs Burnside and Carol Bainbridge for all their hard work, as well as Bill Wilkinson and the choir and those who came along and helped with the set-up and clearing away of the picnic. Let's hope we can keep this tradition of honouring Mary each year!

**Sick & Retired Priests Collection:** We will take up a retiring collection **next weekend**, postponed from this weekend, for the Northern Brethren Fund which cares for the needs of sick and retired priests. Thanking you in anticipation of your generosity.

**First Communion:** Next Saturday evening, on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we will welcome to the parish our six young candidates for their first Eucharist along with their families and friends. Please make them welcome and continue to pray for them in the weeks and months ahead.

**Changes to Mass times:** Please note that there will be a couple of changes to the weekday Mass schedule this coming week as well as in early June. As always, please keep an eye on the schedule on the back of the bulletin each week.

**Ministers of Communion:** As next Sunday is Corpus Christi Sunday, all Ministers of Communion will renew their commitment to their ministry.

**Bishop Séamus:** Please remember to keep Bishop Séamus and his family in your prayers as he grieves the death of his brother, Tony, who died peacefully on 19 May.

**Ushaw Flower Festival:** Don't miss this wonderful event with over thirty stunning displays in the magnificent setting of Ushaw College, right on our doorstep. It is on from **12-17 June, 11:00am - 5:00pm**. See the poster on the noticeboard.

**Spirituality for the End of Life:** A day for those interested in this very important area on **Thursday, 31 May** in **Salford**. See noticeboard for a poster with more information.

**Diocesan Festival:** The sixth Diocesan Festival takes place on **23-24 June** at the Emmaus Youth Village in Consett. See the noticeboard for more details. There will be inspiring speakers for adults as well as activities for young people and children. The theme is **Encounter**.

**Fr Ejaz Report:** You will find a copy of the latest report on the activities of Fr Ejaz and his work in Pakistan on the noticeboard. Should you want a copy of this, please see Fr Robert. There is a financial update on the reverse side of the written report.

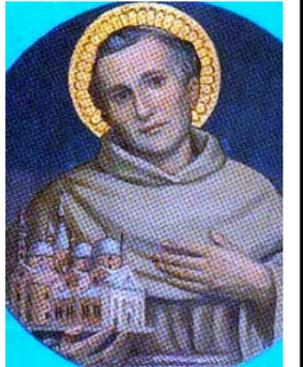
**Rosary Group:** Next meeting to pray the rosary after Mass on **Thursday, 31 May**. All are welcome!

**Ushaw College events:** There is plenty happening at Ushaw College in the coming weeks! Corpus Christi Procession on **Sunday 03 June at 2:00pm**, along with musical events at **7:30pm** on **03, 07, 08 and 09 June**. Go to the website for more detailed information at [www.usshaw.org](http://www.usshaw.org).

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St Luke Kirby - 30 May

Luke Kirby was born in the north of England about 1549, was brought up in the new (Church of England) faith and is said to have graduated MA, probably at Cambridge. Having been reconciled to the Catholic Church at Louvain, he entered Douai College in 1576, and was ordained priest at Cambrai in September the following year. He left Reims for England on 03 May, 1578, but very soon returned to the English College in Rome, where he took the college oath to serve on the English mission. In June 1580, he came to England, was immediately arrested and committed to the Gatehouse, Westminster. From there he was transferred to the Tower where he was tortured. He was condemned on 17 November, 1581, and from 02 April, 1582 till the day of his death on 30 May, 1582, he was kept in irons.



(Information taken from [Universalis](http://Universalis))

### ~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

#### Pope Francis' Mission Statement for June

**That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.**

*"I encourage everyone to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster hope and trust today."*



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#### **PRAYER GROUP & BIBLE STUDY**

Next **Bible Fellowship** meeting will be held at **St Andrew's Methodist Church, Brandon, Monday, 11 June**, from **3:30pm - 4:45pm**. Refreshments served beforehand.

Next **Prayer Group** meets at **St Patrick's, Langley Moor (Presbytery), Tuesday, 19 June**, from **9:30am**. Refreshments beforehand.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Statement to Live By

This week's statement was, 'I know when I need help and I know who to ask.' This is one of a group of statements, aimed at developing human wholeness.

### May Procession

Thank you to everyone who attended the annual May Procession on Sunday afternoon. Many thanks to Father Robert for leading us in the celebration and to all those who took on particular roles and responsibilities.

### First Holy Communicants - 5:00pm Mass, Saturday 02 June

Our six First Holy Communicants will receive the Eucharist for the first time, during Mass on Saturday 02 June. Please keep Cassidy, Christina, Harris, Imogen, Jim and Sara in your prayers. A gathering will be held in the school hall afterwards, when the children will be presented with certificates and enjoy a buffet and cake. Everyone is welcome!

### Blessing of Chapel - 10:15am - Wednesday 06 June

The chapel that we have been decorating and furnishing in school, will be blessed by Father Robert, at 10:15am, on Wednesday 06 June. Refreshments will be served after the blessing and everyone is very welcome!

### St Leonard's Chaplain

The Chaplain from St. Leonard's visited Year 5 and 6 pupils this week. In this year, dedicated by our diocese to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the pupils made rosary beads and learnt to sign the words to the 'Hail Mary'.

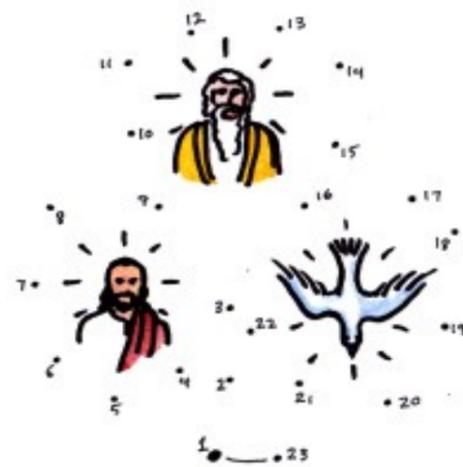
### Durham Cathedral

Year 6 visited Durham Cathedral on Friday morning. They were given a tour of both the cathedral and the 'Open Treasure' and saw the tomb of St. Cuthbert and his pectoral cross.



## The Kids' Bulletin

*Feast of the Most Holy Trinity  
Sunday May 27, 2018*



There are three Persons in God:  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
But there is still only one God!

Saint Patrick taught the Irish people about the **BLESSED TRINITY** by showing the people something else that is three-in-one. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!

### DID YOU KNOW...?

**...that the words we hear in the Gospel this weekend are, according to the Evangelist Matthew, the last words Jesus speaks on earth?**

Each of the Gospels provides a different angle on the same message and story of our salvation. In Matthew's Gospel, the words we hear today from Jesus are said from atop a mountain in Galilee just before he ascends to his Father. The fact that Matthew relates them as Jesus' last words on earth perhaps give us an additional reason to take them on board!



### "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"For the almighty truth of the Trinity is our Father, for he made us and keeps us in him. And the deep wisdom of the Trinity is our Mother, in whom we are enclosed. And the high goodness of the Trinity is our Lord, and in him we are enclosed and he in us."

**Julian of Norwich** (c.1342 - c.1416)  
English Mystic



**PLEASE PRAY...**for the following intentions throughout Ordinary Time: a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer....

