

TRINITY SUNDAY



The Mystery of the Trinity

BY FR. JIM

Happy Feast Day!

We are living through times that we could never have imagined.

There are many different analogies that are used to help us to understand the Holy Trinity - a Shamrock leaf; a Snickers bar(!); an Egg, water (frozen, liquid, steam). It is a good thing to try and grapple with the mystery that there is ONE God in THREE Persons.

Not surprisingly, studies about the Trinity were part of our Theology Course. The professor that taught us the Trinity, Fr John O'Donnell sj, was one of the most intelligent people I have ever met. As well as the Trinity course, I did two seminars with him and was always amazed at his ability to answer a question with great clarity and footnotes! He could always give references for further reading even for questions that came out of the blue.

On the Monday after Trinity Sunday, instead of a lecture he have a "homily" because he wanted to underline that while studies were important, contemplating the mystery of God was important too!

God For Us, we call You
Father,
God Alongside Us, we
call You Jesus,
God Within Us, we call
You Holy Spirit.
You are the Eternal
Mystery
That enables, enfolds,
and enlivens all things,
Even us, and even me.
Every name falls short
of your
Goodness and
Greatness.
We can only see who
You are in what is.
We ask for such perfect
seeing.
As it was in the
beginning, is now,
and ever shall be.
Amen.
- Richard Rohr, OFM



Thank You!

I wish to continue to offer thanks for all the financial donations that we have received over these past weeks and months. They are much appreciated. Although some costs have gone down, others have gone up - especially with what we are doing online and now also in getting what we need to prepare for opening.

Standing Order Forms are available online but must be sent into here to be completed, there is also online giving option on our website now. Boxes of Envelopes are available from the Church House if I am in. Please call to check if you are planning to pick them up.

Preparation

As mentioned last week we are beginning to prepare for when the Government considers it to be safe to have a limited reopening. Obviously with social distancing, things will be very different for quite some time. Numbers will be very limited. As you can see from the yellow markers, the front quarter of the Church which has a capacity of 70 will only be able to take 6 people. So we estimate that when we open for Mass in Phase 3 with the current social distancing of 2 m, we would have a maximum of 50 people at each Mass.

That might be disappointing and things will feel strange - for example, by being at Mass with a mask on. But it will be worth it because when you can be at Mass you will be able to receive Jesus, the most precious gift that God has given us.

To help us prepare we still need more volunteers. Thanks to all who have already applied. We need

- Volunteers to greet and guide parishioners/visitors in coming in and out of the building
- Volunteers to clean and sanitise the Church so that we can maintain a safe environment for all

Please check the health notice use the flocknote link to apply for volunteering

St. Charles' Flocknote Page



Volunteers should be well and under 65 years of age. You should **NOT** volunteer if: you have any current symptoms of Covid-19 (Cough / Temp / Loss of Smell / Taste); you have a current condition requiring you to Shield from Covid-19; you currently taking immunosuppressant medications; you have asthma/ COPD or any chronic respiratory condition; you suffer from any chronic liver / kidney diseases?; you are currently taking medication for heart disease or stroke prevention. Pregnant women should be cautious regarding volunteering.