

ST BONS NEWSLETTER - 15th June 2025

DEACON BART'S MESSAGE

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity. How to explain the Trinity?

One wise man wrote: „Just remember that you cannot fully explain what love is, and since God is love, you can't fully explain the Trinity. What we know is, that when we know we are loved, we feel better and act better.”

If you can guess who this wise author is, I'll buy you a chocolate bar of your choice. Maybe even a pint. First come first serve, though!

The very first person of the Trinity is God, the Father. This Sunday we also happen to celebrate the Father's Day. Statistically speaking, our modern-day society is characterised by so called „absent fathers”. There is a growing number of households with kids being raised by single mothers. This issue affects pretty much everything since family is the basis and foundation of society.

But there are many wonderful fathers that man up and take the responsibility. This requires fortitude, resilience, wisdom etc. In other words, submission to the Holy Trinity from whom such gifts flow. Only when we submit to God, we can then learn how to lead ...as Jesus did.

„Mum!” is pretty much always the very first word of a dramatic cry out when a child is in pain or upset and rightly so! However, often „Dad!” is the very first word when something needs repair, dad's taxi or this monstrous, ahem, little spider strikes again... And rightly so! We need that! Nothing stirs fatherly and manly instincts than someone in need of a rescue, physically or spiritually. Love and pray for such present fathers!

Happy Father's Day!!!

EVENTS, PARISH & COMMUNITY

Please Pray For: Enzo Maniglia. Eddie Williams. Margaret Rogers. Rosemary Hatherly. Sheelagh Gaines. Ninette Bateman. Madeline Walsh. Giovanni Maniglia. We also pray for Brendan Maszuchin who died recently. If you would like to be named in the Newsletter, please contact the Parish Office.

Brendan Maszuchin RIP: It is with sadness we announce that long term resident of Egerton Road, has died aged 63 years. Please keep Brendan and his Family in your prayers.

Hungarian Mass: Fr Szende would like to invite you all again to a Sunday Mass celebrated in Hungarian - at **3pm on the 15th June**. Coffee and cakes afterwards in the presbytery. All welcome.

Thank you to Fr Frank Bermingham for covering both Masses this Sunday.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body of Christ Holy Hour will take place at the Holy Family church on Sunday, 22nd June from 3 – 4pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing of the Sick, Benediction, and finally – refreshments – All welcome!!!

Parishes in Communion for Mission: As announced Canon Tom will be taking responsibility for the pastoral care of St. Bonaventure's in September, as well as St. Antony's and Sacred Heart. With this in mind, those interested, are invited to a meeting regarding the future of our three parishes on **Saturday 21st June** in the Newman Hall (behind Sacred Heart church) at 10am - 12noon. Refreshments will be provided.

Global church petition: On 22nd June you will have the opportunity to sign a global petition calling for debt cancellation for poor countries. The lives of our sisters and brothers are being devastated by debt. 54 countries – from Kenya to Sri Lanka – are facing debt distress. They are home to 3.3 billion people. Many are forced to spend more on payments to big banks, wealthy nations and global institutions than they spend on health, education or life-saving climate measures. Debts are being paid at the expense of hiring doctors and teachers, building schools, hospitals and sewage systems, preparing for floods, or coping with droughts. Often, countries have already re-paid their debts once, but due to unscrupulous lenders and extortionate interest rates, they are often left paying for the original debt many times over. We need to cancel unfair debts, build better financial systems and implement fairer laws to prevent future debt crises. And the time to act is now! 2025 is a Jubilee year, which is when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. This Jubilee year, people across the world are uniting in solidarity to demand action on to the debt crisis. Pope Francis said, "More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice. "Read more at cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt.

Informal Sociable Summer Matinee Concert: Saxophony saxophone group are staging a concert on 29th June at 2.30 pm in the church, also featuring Andy Fagan on guitar, Emma Deegan on flute, and vocalist Maria Kalfopulos Mondragon. There will be tea and cakes served and a collection for CAFOD/Food Pantry.

Livesimply Thought for the Week: Did you know that: Less than 10% of plastic is recycled? The rest end up in landfills or waterways. There are more microplastics (plastic less than 5mm in diameter) in our waterways than there are stars in our galaxy? We ingest microplastics from the food we eat and the air we breathe? A global treaty to end plastic pollution is currently being negotiated, with the second round of discussions happening in August. But we can all play our part - try counting the number of single use plastic items you use in a day or a week. Then consider what alternatives exist to help reduce that number.

Community Food Pantry Update:

Please donate: Tinned meat meals, Tinned vegetarian or vegan meals, Tinned fruit, Tinned tuna and other tinned fish, Washing up liquid, Shampoo. **Please DO NOT donate:** Fresh food (we can't safely store it, and it will go to waste)

Parent & Baby/Toddler Group: Monday, 10am - 12pm. For more info or if you'd like to be added to the WhatsApp group please contact Claire on 07871627928.

Rosary Prayer Group: Rosary group meets every Tuesday in St Elizabeth dining room in Presbytery at 2pm. All welcome. Prayer requests welcome. Telephone Julia 07746101030

Drop in Coffee Morning: Everyone is welcome on 2nd Wednesday of the month 10.30-12.00. Come along to the presbytery to meet up with old friends or make new ones while enjoying a cuppa. People living with dementia and their carers particularly welcome. Next date: 9 July. Any questions, contact Veronica Swann 07884134599.

Art Group: On 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 10.00 – 12.00. All welcome, including beginners, to join small and very friendly group. Bring your own materials. Any questions, contact Chris Swann 01179427018 or Cath Lucas 078069437664.

Breviary Morning Prayer: Every Thursday 9am in the church.

Friday Soup Lunches: Fridays in the Presbytery from 12 noon, all welcome! Donations are sent to charity. More information from Chris Swann on 01179427018.

Men of St Joseph: Bible and Catechism study with real life application to become a better Catholic man, Husband, Father and forge a lasting brotherhood of men of the faith. Meetings every 1st Friday of the month at 7.30pm. If you're interested, please see Deacon Bart or Juan Carlos (altar servers) after 10am Mass or come to the meeting.

Women's prayer group: Once a month on a Wednesday at 6.30pm, in the Presbytery. The next date: 25th June.

Tea & Coffee: Join us in the Presbytery after Sunday morning Mass for tea, coffee biscuits and a chance to chat.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 15	The Most Holy Trinity	10.00	Pamelita Francis
		15.00	Hungarian Mass
		18.00	People of the Parish
Monday 16 - Saturday 21		No Mass	
Sunday 22		10.00	People of the Parish
		18.00	Virginia McGladdery RIP

**Second collection on 15 June: Daughters of Divine Love*

If you'd like to make a donation to the parish, please scan the QR code

