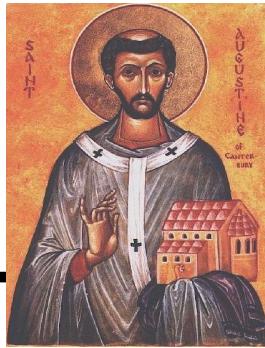




# PARISH NEWS



Sunday: 11 am Sung Mass (1st Sunday: Healing Service) Holy Days: As Announced

## A Very Warm WELCOME

This Sunday is  
**Trinity II** (The Sunday  
within the Octave of  
the Sacred Heart.  
Comm: St Anthony)

**13th June 2021**

The Propers of the Mass begin on **Page 585** of the red Book of Common Prayer and **Page C57** of the Anglican Missal



At the end of todays service we conclude with the **Angelus** (in the back of the white **Mass Booklets**) in the Lady Chapel.

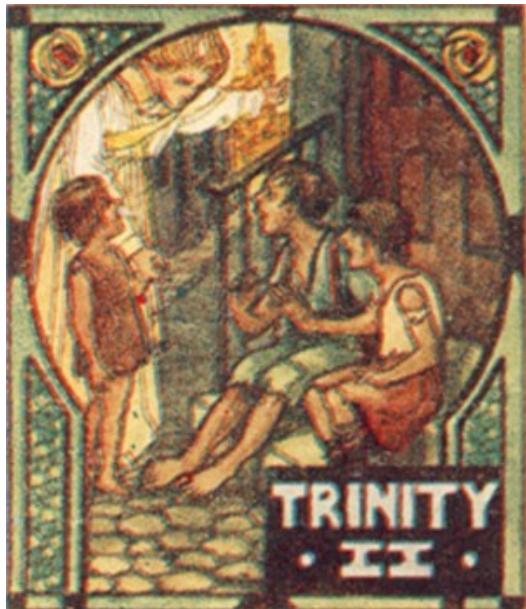
*Dear Friends*

In the collect for Trinity Two we notice that there is a very simple prayer that we may love God's name and seek his protection. Knowing someone's name implies, or used to imply, an intimacy. When we say we know the Name of God's, it comes with all the strength of Holy Scripture behind it. Revelation upon revelation. So that we can know God's character, and to know His character can result in only one thing, the knowledge that we must put ourselves under the protection of Him whose goodness orders all things for our good. The fear mentioned in the Collect is *godly fear*, the godly fear of Hebrews 12:28, "*Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:*" This is the godly fear which should characterise every true Christian. There are those who say that we should not fear God. It is true we have no need to fear Him if we truly love Him. But we should fall to our knees in fear and trembling because our God also KNOWS us, and knows us more completely and intimately than we can possibly know Him.

Can anyone of us stand upright before God? Can any of us claim to be without sin? Are any of us perfect? If we measure ourselves against others to find the answer to those questions — "*Oh yes I am sinful, but my sins are nothing compared to his or hers*". Then we have only *hoisted ourselves on our own petard!*

Keeping God's commandments is the beginning of a right relationship with God. But the opportunities afforded us through that relationship are not likely to lead to earthly popularity or indeed worldly success. Our Lord warned all who follow Him, that we must be prepared to be persecuted for righteousness sake. Should this happen, he went on to say, then we ought to count it a privilege, and at the same time be assured that we are in the true succession of Christ's faithful disciples. It is those *professed* followers of Christ who suffer no persecution, who may have reason to question their genuineness.

**Mask Wearing & Social Distancing Apply**



Suffering for the sake of righteousness is something Jesus knows all about. Today is also the Sunday in the Octave of the Sacred Heart — indeed the whole month of June is traditionally given over to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is true that the two Natures of Christ, his divinity and his humanity, cannot be divorced. To do so is heresy. However, this doesn't mean the Two Natures of Christ cannot be studied and understood separately as well as in unity. Indeed to not study and embrace both can also lead to heresy. For example, how often do we refer to Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary, as *Mother of God*. How often do some people outside the Church or indeed within other corners of the Church, denounce this? "*Mary IS the Mother of Jesus they say - Not of God!*" I usually ask a question in response to this, namely, "*Do you believe Jesus is God?*" If they answer "Yes" as often they do, I then ask them who His mother is?! If they are playing clever dick, they may come back and say that Mary is only Mother "*to the human part*" of Jesus. In divorcing the two Persons of Christ in order to win an argument they do something that even the devil fears to do!



**Please Turn off Your Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

**Thank you**

# June

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**Sunday 20th**

**Trinity III (Comm Trans. Of St Edward, K.M.)**

**11am Sung Mass**

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**Sunday 27th**

**Trinity IV**

**11am Sung Mass**

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# July

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**Sunday 4th**

**Trinity V**

**11am Sung Mass**

**Followed by Healing Service**

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**Saturday 10th**

**X Diocesan Synod**

**11am Sung Mass**

**1.15pm Synod Meeting**

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**Sunday 11th**

**Trinity VI (Comm Solemnity of St Benedict)**

**11am Sung Mass**

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In the gospel reading today we find the parable of the great supper spoken of by our Lord Jesus Christ at the table of one of the leading Pharisees, who had invited him to dinner. All those for whom the feast had been prepared make excuses. The reasons they give might mean something to those claiming them no doubt, yet somehow their excuses have a hollow ring about them, and we may safely assume that they mean little or nothing. It is so easy to have a faith which consists of nothing more than pious platitudes divorced from spiritual reality or a faith which is limited by our unwillingness to accept that there is a limit to our understand. Jesus is not concerned with pious platitudes, but with spiritual reality. That is why he told this particular parable. The invitation represents the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus. Our Lord is calling people to himself, to partake of the riches of his grace. Let us remember that each person is not asked to do anything or to contribute anything, he has merely to accept an invitation. Our Lord frequently stressed the point that salvation is of God and all of

grace; it is not of work, lest any man should boast.

Those who have been invited declined. Clearly our Lord had in mind the Jews. They had long been awaiting the coming of the Kingdom of God, of which the Old Testament prophets and had spoken in such glowing terms. Now the Messiah has come, and invites them to share the blessing of his Kingdom, but they declined. Now I am sure you all know where this is leading and that we constitute the final group being invited in to the banquet.

I want to focus however on the excuses we make. Too often we allow the frailty of our nature, perhaps our stubbornness or perhaps our pride, to get in the way of responding to the Gospel call in the way we should. Jesus knows this. Jesus knows all the excuses, all the 'reasons'. Jesus know the secrets in our hearts and minds. Look at the image of the Sacred Heart — it bears witness to the knowledge He has of us.

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Fr Don & Di Walker, Chris Bosworth, Margaret and Laurence Mead, Paul Fletcher, Barbara Henderson, Todd, David and Sheila, Colin Rumens, Frederick Chadwick, Ann Chapman, Diane Young, Megan Young, Pauline Allison, Harrison and Edward Eckert, Margaret and Peter Martin, Margaret Bendelow, Dorothy Hipkiss, Fr Miles Maylor, Elizabeth Bell, Vickie Wall, Pat Johnson, Liz Bakker, Deb Stuck, Angela, Hazel, Vera and Karl, Millie Armstrong, Sarah and David Winterburn and their daughters Nicole and Corrina, Robert and Kathleen Dunford, All those effected by the Coronavirus.

**For those who read these Parish Notes on the Notice Board outside and all who receive email or paper copies.**

- For our neighbours and the people of Painters Forstal and the surrounding countryside and villages, the **growth** of our **Church Family**.
  - For **persecuted Christians** especially in Africa, Pakistan, the Middle East and China.
- For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**
- Diocese of New Granada, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev German Orrego Hurtado;
  - St Bede, Thames Ditton, Surrey, Canon Donald Walker OblSBB;
  - Pro-Life organizations and an end to Abortion.

**And we remember the recently departed: specially,** Danny Rumens, Arthur Woolley, Priest **and those whose anniversaries falls at this time**

**P:** ✖ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord **R:** And let light perpetual shine upon them

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