

PARISH NEWS

Sunday: 11 am Sung Mass + Wednesday: 12 noon Low Mass + Holy Days: As Announced

**A Very Warm
WELCOME
This Sunday is
Trinity V**

17th July 2022

The Propers of the Mass
are on page 592 of the
Book of Common Prayer

HYMNS

**466
434
339
420**

*At the end of the last
hymn, we conclude with
The Angelus
turning to face Our
Lady's Statue.*



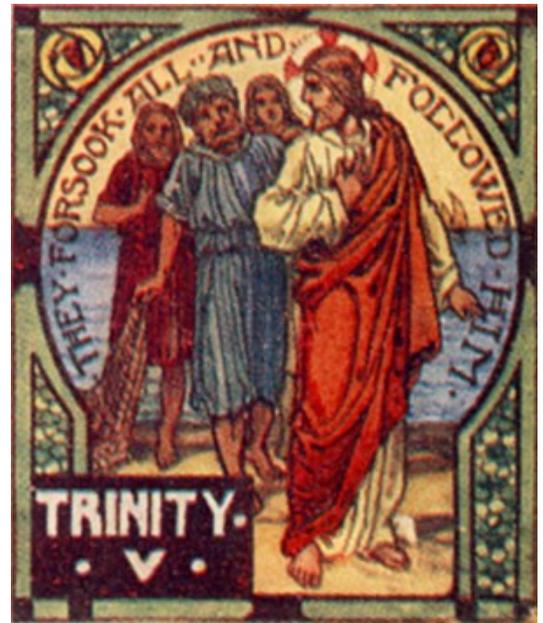
**Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones**

Our Organ doesn't like them

Dear Friends, Light is something that I suspect many of us take so for granted and hardly give it a second thought.

Nowadays most of our houses are lit by electricity, but not long ago people relied on gas, oil, and candle power for artificial light. The need for light is fundamental. There can be no life without light. It will come as no surprise, then, to learn that images of light and darkness recur throughout the Bible. Almost the first thing that we read in the Old Testament (Gen1:2) is that in the beginning *"The earth was without form and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep."* The very first action of God in creation was to say, *"Let there be light, and there was light and God saw that the light was good."* In the New Testament too, light is a key image. The Gospel according to St. John describes Our Lord as *"the light"*. Not the light created by God, but the Creator Himself! Our Lord, too, uses the image of light to teach His disciples, when He says that we should shine as lights exposed on hilltops, and not hide our light — by which he means our faith.

Near the Font you'll find our Paschal Candle it is easy to identify. It is taller and fatter than any other candle in the church, and it is the only candle to be decorated. From Easter to Ascension Day, it given a prominent position at the front of the church near the Altar. The Paschal Candle is named after the PASCH, the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. The



candle represents Christ the light of the world. The Easter Vigil includes the first Mass of Easter, and is speaks of the dramatic mysteries of creation and redemption. It begins in total darkness, but ends in a flood of candle-lit glory!

After Ascension Day the Paschal Candle is usually kept near the Font for use during Baptisms. The number of candles used to decorate altars can vary, but traditionally they are in combinations of two, four and six. Side, and Lady Chapel, altars normally have two, or sometimes four candles (two being lit for low mass, all four only being lit on high feast days). The High Altar usually has anything up to six candles or a seventh when I (as Diocesan bishop) preside. The more obvious symbolism is that the altar represents the throne of God, from which the light of Christ shines upon His gathered people. You may also find it helpful to meditate upon what the number and arrangement of the candles might suggest. Candles carried in

July

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Wednesday 20th

St Margaret of Antioch

12 noon Low Mass

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Sunday 24th

Trinity VI

11am Sung Mass

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Wednesday 27th

Chantry Book Requiem Mass

12 noon Low Mass

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Sunday 31st

Trinity VII

comm: St Ignatius Loyola

11am Sung Mass

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August

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Wednesday 3rd

St Nicodemus

No Mass today because the Bishop is on the Diocesan Retreat at Whalley Abbey

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Sunday 7th

Holy Name of Jesus

11am Sung Mass

procession are a simple, but effective way of honouring both the cross which they accompany, and also the priest as he represents the person of Christ. We are fortunate to have a PRICKET STAND for holding VOTIVE or prayer candles in front of the Statue of Our Lady, Lighting a candle in prayer is a powerful symbol, full of meanings.

Here are some helpful ideas: When we go, leaving the burning candle behind, we are reminded that our souls never leave the presence of God, in company with His Saints. Prayer is not self-centred, it is God centred, and an important element is prayer for other people and causes. When lighting your candle, it is a very good idea to light a candle for those others you want to pray for. The candle will not be a substitute for the prayer of your heart, but an accompaniment. A small offering which, in honouring the Saint and giving glory to God, speaks both from the heart and to the heart.

Lighting votive candles in church, when asking the prayers of the Saints and thereby to the greater glory of God, is a popular practice in our parishes. It is a devotional practice in which many millions of Christians around the world find a great deal of inspiration.

A White Lamp indicates the presence of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. The perpetual presence of the Blessed Sacrament means that Holy Communion is always available for the sick and the dying. It also reminds us that, as we enter the church we are immediately reminded of Our Lord's promise – to be with us always to the end of the world! A Red Lamp burns before a statue or Icon of a saint. A Blue Lamp signifies a statue of Our Lady we also follow the tradition of a green lamp for St Joseph



NB: Much of the above text is taken from an Information leaflet I compiled for use in Church.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

Canon Don and Di Walker; Chris Bosworth; Margaret and Laurence Mead; Paul and Sue Fletcher; Barbara Henderson; Todd, David and Sheila; Colin Rumens; Ann Chapman; Pauline Allison; Harrison and Edward Eckert; Margaret and Peter Martin; Dorothy Hipkiss; Fr Miles Maylor; Elizabeth Bell; Vickie Wall; Pat Johnson; Fr Ed & Liz Bakker; Deb Stuck; Angela and Hazel; Sarah, David, Nicole and Corrina Winterburn; Kathleen Dunford; Deacon Jong; Bishop David Haines; Malcolm Munn; Barbara Bowers; Isabella Ighodaro, Fr Howard Marsh, David Miller, Gordon Hodgson. All those effected by the Coronavirus. For Peace in Ukraine and Russia, and throughout the World.

For those who read these Parish Notes on our Notice Board outside Church 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, Afghanistan, the Middle East and China.

For those in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- Diocese of Zimbabwe, Bishop Ordinary - Rt Rev Fungai Elfigio Mandizvidza;
- The Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi Christian University. Prof Stephen Breu, President. Prof Craig Paterson, Provost;
- Disabled people and those with complex medical needs, especially those with limited life expectancy.

And we remember the recently departed: especially NN and those whose anniversaries fall at this time: NN

✕ Rest Eternal Grant unto them, O Lord **R/s:** And let light perpetual shine upon them

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