

## A Personal God

**A**S a young student I came across evangelical Christians who placed a great emphasis on having a personal relationship with Jesus. Do you know Jesus? Do you have a personal friendship with Jesus? At the time I wasn't quite sure what they meant by personal. Perhaps they intended to contrast the kind of distant relationship we might have with an acquaintance, with the intimate relationships we have with our closest friends. I remember feeling quite uneasy about such talk, not because my relationship with Jesus Christ was cold, but because there was much more to it than just a personal encounter.

Imagine asking a husband or wife: is your relationship with your spouse a personal relationship? In addition to feeling annoyed at your intrusion, they would probably tell you that marriage is much more than just a 'personal relationship.' It involves the sharing of two lives in a manner which affects every aspect of those lives.

This week we celebrate Trinity Sunday, when we reflect upon the glorious revelation that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God in His nature is a sharing of love. The Father eternally begets the Son in love, who returns His love in the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is also the revelation of our salvation, for 'God loved the world so much that he gave His only Son' (Jn. 3:16). Our relationship with Jesus Christ is personal, but it is much more than just the encounter of two persons. Through the gift of His Holy Spirit Jesus Christ offers us a share in the life of God. This takes us beyond our personal experience, because it involves our transformation into a new person; a person chosen to share eternally in the love of God. Our personality and our personal relationship with Jesus Christ are shaped in this love; so that not only do we have a personal relationship with Him, but our person is shaped through His Holy Spirit, as He unites us to Himself, and offers us with Himself to His Father.

fr. David Goodill OP

The Most Holy Trinity

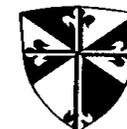
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## HOLY CROSS PRIORY CHURCH, LEICESTER

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Sunday Masses	This week	Mass Intentions	Next week
7:30pm Vigil	Fr Isidore	Dec'd Sisters, Relatives & Benefactors	Fr Euan
8:00am	Fr Isidore	Kitty O'Donoghue, RIP	Fr Isidore
9:30am Family	Fr David Cain	Nura Macrory, RIP	Fr David
11:00am Solemn	Fr Tony	Michael O'Rourke, RIP	Fr Leon
7:00pm	Fr Tony	<i>Pro Populo</i>	Fr Tony

**SUNDAYS IN TERM: MASS FOR STUDENTS at 5pm (in the Church).**  
The last Mass this term will be next Sunday

<b>Sunday Evening Services</b>	<b>17 May</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>24 May</b>
5:45 Rosary	Fr Tony	10:30 - 11:30am	Fr Euan
6:15 Sung Latin Compline	Fr Leon	4:00 - 5:00pm	Fr Tony
6:40 Benediction	Fr Fabian	7:00 - 7:20pm	Fr Leon

<b>Entrance</b>	Blessed be God the Father and his only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit: for he has shown that he loves us.
<b>Antiphon:</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Exodus 34: 4-6. 8-9
<b>Psalm Response:</b>	To you glory and praise for evermore. (Dan 3: 52-56)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b>	2 Corinthians 13: 11-13
<b>Alleluia:</b>	Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. At 11:00 - You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. To you praise for evermore.
<b>Gospel:</b>	John 3: 16-18
<b>Communion</b>	You are the sons of God, so God has given you the Spirit of his Son to form your hearts and make you cry out: Abba, Father,
<b>Antiphon:</b>	At 11:00 - Bless God, utter his praise before all the living for all the favours he has given you.

**MONEY MATTERS:** Last Weekend: Offertory Collection £1215.89; SVP £19.44; St. Martin's Missions £3.74; Holy Souls £3.55; Grenada £3.55.

Next week there is a retiring collection for the education of future priests for the diocese.

**BLACKFRIARS MARKET** raised £1398.62, and the retiring collection after Masses last Sunday brought in £634.13, giving a grand total of £2032.75, a most creditable achievement. Very many thanks are due to all those who helped with the market in whatever way, and to all those who contributed either on Saturday or Sunday.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

The week ahead...		
Monday:	St Dunstan, bishop - <i>optional</i>	
Tuesday:	St Bernardine of Siena, priest, religious - <i>optional</i>	
Wednesday:	SS Christopher Magallanes, priest, and Companions, martyrs of Mexico or Bl Hyacinth Mary Cormier, friar, priest - <i>both optional</i>	
Thursday:	St Rita of Cascia, wife and mother, religious - <i>optional</i>	
Friday:	Feria	
Saturday:	The Translation of Our Holy Father Dominic, friar, priest, solemnity	
Next Sunday:	CORPUS CHRISTI. There will be a Blessed Sacrament procession and Benediction after the 11am Mass. Readings:	
Deuteronomy 8: 2-3. 14-16	1 Corinthians 10: 16-17	John 6: 51-58

**'THE MUSIC OF STILLNESS'**: Tuesday 17 June at St John the Baptist Clarendon Park Road at 7.30pm. Coro Nostro, who sang at the 11am Mass last Sunday, perform works by Byrd, Tallis, de la Rue, Brahms, Elgar, Stanford, Parry, Poulenc, and the European premiere of 'There will be rest', a hauntingly beautiful piece by American composer and professor, Frank Ticheli.

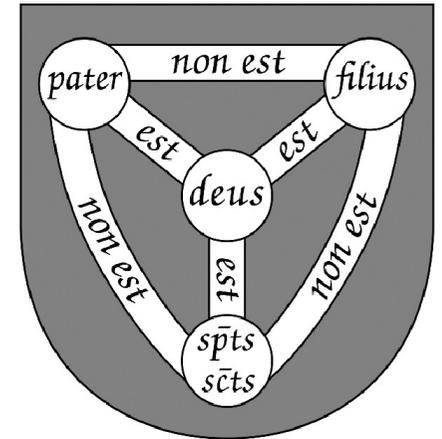
After consultation with the **Commission for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** Bishop Malcolm has decided that the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** is the most appropriate occasion for Ministers to renew their annual commission within their respective parishes. So, our Holy Communion Ministers will do this on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, 25 May.

**Lecture morning for catechists and teachers**, prepared for all those working alongside children, with particular interest for those teaching and co-ordinating RE programmes. "Exploring children's spirituality through the Mass". Tuesday 20th May - 10am to 2pm. To be held at the Rosmini Centre House of Prayer, Leicester, LE7 4SJ. For further details please contact Mrs Julia Joy at: [joy419@btinternet.com](mailto:joy419@btinternet.com)

**"Denial ain't just a river in Egypt!"...facing up to environmental justice.** Dr Mike Edwards, CAFOD's climate change advisor, will speak at St Hugh's, Lincoln, at 7:30pm on Thursday 5 June. For details, see the noticeboard.

**Parish Evening of Music** at the Holy Cross Centre, Saturday June 14th - 7 till late - featuring groups and individuals from the parish; Holy Cross Gospel Choir and anyone else who would like to perform. Plenty of sing-along opportunities for those who wish to join in! Bar open. Please bring snack finger-food to share. If you'd like to perform or need further details, please call Jeff Henry 0116 243 1289.

**The HCPT 10km Fun Run and John White 10km Memorial Walk** will take place on Sunday 7 September at Mount St Bernard Abbey. This is to raise money for a new minibus at Hosanna House. See the noticeboard for details.



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**MARY: Grace and Hope in Christ.** A morning to reflect on the role of Our Lady in salvation, and her place in the life and devotion of the Church. Led by Fr Eddy Jarosz of St Peter's, and Rev Chris Oxley of St Anne's. At St Anne's Church, Letchworth Road, on Saturday 31 May from 9:30am to 1pm. See noticeboard.

**Prepare for Corpus Christi with the Carmelite saints.** 'Food for the Journey', a day of silent prayer and reflection, will be held at Mount St Bernard Abbey on Saturday 24 May from 10am to 4:30pm. Please contact Heather Ward by 21 May on 0115 928 3603, and see noticeboard.

**Understanding CAFOD.** There will be a series of presentations, discussions and interactive activities at St Peter's, Hinckley Road, on Saturday 21 June from 10am to 4pm. Please book a place by contacting CAFOD on [nottingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:nottingham@cafod.org.uk) or 01664 424346. Also see noticeboard.

**Damascus Volunteers - a Gap Year opportunity from September 08 to July 09.** St Paul's School are looking for volunteers to help provide opportunities for the personal and spiritual development of young people at the school. Includes paid visits to Lourdes and Rome. See the noticeboard.

**SITUATIONS VACANT:** Various Catholic schools require a variety of staff. See posters on the noticeboard.

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Services at Holy Cross during the week:

**Mass: Monday to Saturday, at 10:00am (with sermon) & 12:40pm.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 10:30am - 12:30pm**

**with Rosary and simple Benediction at 12:15pm.**

On Mondays to Fridays (except Bank Holidays) the church is open from 8am until 4pm.

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