



## Trinity Sunday (A)

### Mass Times and Intentions

#### Divine Office – Psalter Week 1



Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	11.00am	Ann Barrow
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.30am	Tony Slade
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	7.00pm	Kenneth Cave
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Timothy Jolley
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00am	Ken Fidler

### Sunday Liturgy

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### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June



**For the value of Sports.** Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**June** is the month of the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost, which this year is on 16th June. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.



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### 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026



**The Most Holy Trinity**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity, one of the most important celebrations in the Church's year. No matter how hard we try, we will never really fully understand this deep mystery and although we struggle to grasp the concept of the Trinity, our faith helps us to experience its power and presence in our lives. Today we are given an opportunity to reflect and to celebrate our relationship with the three persons in one God - The Trinity - a part of our Christian faith and tradition which can't be understood with the head but is realised through prayer in our hearts.

When we use the word 'mystery' to describe the Trinity, we are not talking about a puzzle or a riddle, but something that is so deep and meaningful that it is difficult to describe. Through the Trinity, God creates and loves us, Jesus liberates and saves us and the Spirit encourages and strengthens us. The Trinity is a community of love and life that we are invited to be part of and share in through the gift and grace of our baptism and confirmation. In moments of prayer and throughout our lives as Christians, we experience the love of the Trinity and we are transformed. This is a free gift that comes from God, made real and visible through the life, death and the resurrection of Jesus. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit we are encouraged and strengthened to live our lives as followers of Jesus.

Sadly, in our world of today there is still much division where there should be unity, there is aggression where there should be understanding, and there is suspicion where there should be trust and mutual respect. The Trinity offers us a model of sharing, belonging and community and challenges our individualism and our demand that our rights be met. The Trinity asks us to be mindful of our responsibilities to those around us in our families and our communities. We are all made in the image and likeness of God the Father who created us, of Jesus the Son who saved us and of the Holy Spirit who continues to strengthen us. Today, as we celebrate this wonderful feast, let us pray that each of us will continue to be blessed - In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## Offertory Collection/Donations

If you do not have any cash you can donate by scanning this QR code with a smart phone.

### Church Cleaning

Could you (male or female) spare a couple of hours once a month to help us keep our beautiful Church clean and welcoming? We are a friendly group who clean the Church every four weeks on a Tuesday after the 9.30am Mass. We usually have a cup of tea afterwards, which is a nice way to meet people. We are very lucky at Our Lady Help of Christians to have volunteers who work behind the scenes. If you are interested in helping to clean our beautiful Church please call Pauline Webster on 07875 486 344. Thank you!

### Monsignor Butchard's Diamond Jubilee

Monsignor Butchard has a long association with our parish going back to the days of Fr Lee, and he still very generously continues to help out. He will shortly be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood. There will be a Mass of Celebration at 6.00pm this coming Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, at Holy Rosary Church, Altway, Aintree, L10 2LG. All are welcome.

### Pope Leo's 1<sup>st</sup> Encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas

'Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together.' – Pope Leo XIV signed his first encyclical on 15 May, the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum. The letter addresses one of today's major challenges: safeguarding the human person in the age of Artificial Intelligence. Pope Leo appeals for people to build 'for the common good' and to 'remain human,' acting in courage towards shared responsibility and communion, so that the world 'will come to recognise the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell.' Access the new encyclical at the Vatican Website via: <https://tinyurl.com/ymhbn238>

### Liverpool Bach Collective

The Liverpool Bach Collective aims to put on performances of J S Bach's cantatas in churches in and around Liverpool every month as part of Sunday Evening Prayer. The next event takes place at the Church of St Philip Neri, Catherine Street, Liverpool, L8 7NL, at 6.30pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. The performance will feature Cantata 129, which is a grand cantata to celebrate Trinity Sunday, with trumpets and timpani added to the usual ensemble. The first three sections are each devoted to one person of the Trinity, and the rest of the work is to their Union.

### Catholic Schools Academisation

In its new academy's strategy "A Family in Christ: Our Future Together" the Archdiocese has just set out plans to develop families of schools that will work collaboratively to secure and enhance future Catholic education in the archdiocese. Schools will join one of 3 Catholic Multi Academy Trusts (CMATs): ▪ St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust ▪ Pope Francis Catholic Multi Academy Trust (Pope Francis CMAT) ▪ Our Lady of Lourdes North West – a new CMAT scheduled to be established in 2027. The education model will reflect the emerging structures of parish life, after families of parishes were introduced across the archdiocese and are now flourishing. Further information is available on the Archdiocesan website.

## Feast Days This Week

### Monday

**St Justin** – He was a pagan philosopher of the 2nd Century whose search for truth brought him to Christianity. He was born at Flavia Neapolis in Samaria of pagan parents of Greek origin about the year 100AD and converted to Christianity about the year 130. After his conversion he defended the reasonableness of the Faith. He left us a useful description of the way Mass and the rite of Baptism were celebrated in Rome in the 2nd Century, and two "Apologies" bearing his name and his "Dialogue with the Jew Tryphon" still survive today. He was martyred during the persecution of Marcus Aurelius about the year 165, and is regarded as the first Christian philosopher.

### Tuesday

**Saints Marcellinus and Peter** – Marcellinus, a priest, and Peter, an exorcist, saw their imprisonment for the faith as one more opportunity to evangelize and managed to convert their jailer and his family to Christianity. The account of the death of these two martyrs, who died in the persecution of Diocletian, comes from Pope Damasus who in turn obtained it from the executioner. They were beheaded in a wood and then buried in the cemetery called The Two Laurels on the Via Labicana. When peace came to the Church a basilica was erected over their tomb.

### Wednesday

**St Charles Lwanga and his Companions** – The first martyrs of Central Africa. During 1885 – 1887 many Christians were killed in Uganda by King Mwanga in hatred of religion. Some of those put to death served in the King's palace and some held high positions of state, but they preferred death to infidelity. They included Charles Lwanga and twenty one of his companions who were fervent Catholics. They were members of the Society of Missionaries of Africa, known as the White Fathers, and had only been in Uganda for six years. Because they would not acquiesce in the impure desires of the King some of them were killed by the sword while others were burnt to death.

### Thursday

**St Francis Caracciolo** – He was born in Naples in the year 1563 into a noble Neapolitan family. When he was 22 years old he was attacked by a skin disease similar to leprosy that was so severe that his recovery seemed impossible. With death so near, he vowed that if he regained his health he would devote his life to God. He recovered very quickly after this vow and, eager to keep his promise, was ordained priest. In the year 1588 he confounded the Minor Clerks Regular, along with St John Augustine Adorno and spent the rest of his life as their Superior until his death in the year 1608.

### Friday

**St Boniface** – He was born as Winfrith in Devon about the year 675. He became a monk in the monastery of Exeter and then spent several years as a monk and teacher at Nursling in Hampshire. In the year 619 he went to evangelise the Germanic people. He was ordained Bishop of Mainz and was given wide ranging papal commissions throughout Germany and Gaul. With the help of his companions he founded or restored many dioceses in Bavarian Thuringia and Franconia. With much support from England in materials and personnel he founded monasteries, presided over councils and synods, liaised with kings and promulgated new laws. While he was engaged in the evangelisation of Friesland he was killed by the pagans in the year 754. He is remembered as a determined missionary, and as a Church organiser and reformer, whose work helped to shape the future of Europe. He is buried in the abbey of Fulda, and is honoured as an apostle of Germany.

### Saturday

**St Norbert** – He was born in 1080 in the Rhineland. He became a canon of the cathedral of Xanten, but later underwent a conversion from his worldly life and adopted a regular rule of life. After his ordination to the priesthood in 1115 he went through France and Germany and other places preaching the Word of God. With the help of companions who had joined him, he laid the foundations of the Premonstratensian Order and established a number of monasteries. In the year 1226 he was elected Archbishop of Magdeburg, and carried out reforms in the religious life of the people and spread the faith among the pagans living nearby. He died in the year 1134.