



14th June 2019



Dear Parents

We celebrated the birthday of the church on Monday with an assembly focussing on the feast of Pentecost and we were all treated to birthday cake courtesy of Mrs Algar in our kitchen. The display in our entrance area is a good reminder of the gift of the Holy Spirit - gifts given to us to use wisely for the good of others. Thank you to Mrs Laporte for such a special display.



#### 500 Words Competition

Congratulations to Evie Baker in year 5 on becoming a finalist in the 500 Words completion, with her story 'My Brother is Magical'. Today she attended at the final, held at Windsor Castle and also attended by HRH the Duchess of Cornwall and a host of celebrities. It is a wonderful achievement to be selected as a finalist from over 130,000 entries. Well done Evie!



#### Hindu Temple

Our Year 3 children made a visit to the Hindu temple in Neasdon today as part of their RE topic on world religions. It is so important that we learn about other faiths in our multi faith society as it gives us greater understanding of the world in which we live. It is of course a component of the RE curriculum which the diocese expect us to follow. The trip to the temple was very informative and helped our children understand a little more about the Hindu faith. Thank you to all involved.



#### Car Park Barrier

You may have noticed that we have installed a barrier to our carpark which we are hoping will be operational from next week. I'm sure that Mr Oliver will be very grateful that he no longer has to suffer the ravages of the weather each day! It will of course also ensure that cars will be parked safely from now on as only authorised cars will be able to park.

## Mini Vinnies

On Tuesday 11st June, the Mini-Vinnies attended a Mass at Westminster Cathedral to celebrate all the hard work and fundraising they do. They travelled up by tube and enjoyed the experience of going up to London. The children also took part in a banner procession before the Mass began. They enjoyed celebrating Mass with The Right Reverend Paul McAleenan, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. It was great to celebrate from other schools from around the country. The mission of the Mini-Vinnies is to seek out and find those in need, to think about what Christ would have done to help and then finally to act.



## Year 2 Music Festival

Year 2 travelled to Henry Moore school for a music festival. They had lovely morning, singing songs about space and playing percussion instruments.

## Gospel Values Awards

Congratulations to the first children to receive the Gospel values certificate

Butterflies Sian Hannifin-Flynn Ladybirds Aria McGinty

1D Pola Bubetty 4C Martha Edwards

1S Nikoleta Hristova 4E Shane Sesay

2C Amelia Edwards 5P Sydnie Johnson

2HD Isabella Cundins 5S Hayden Fitzgerald

3G Sebastian Darlea 6CA Patricia Ejembi

6N Alex Gronet



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to **2C**, winners of the KS1 Attendance Award this week with **97%**. The winners of the KS2 Attendance Award are **6CA**, also with **98%** attendance.

Attending school is so important and makes a huge difference to your child's learning.

**It is essential you notify us of your child's absence by 9am either by telephone or using the Parentmail report absence option. We need full details of why your child is unable to attend school. We are frequently having to contact parents, to find out why their child is absent from school.**

Parents of children below attendance targets will be invited in for a meeting with the Educational Welfare Officer.

RB	96%
RL	96%
1D	95%
1S	96%
2C	97%
2HD	95%
3G	97%
3N	96%
4C	96%
4E	97%
5P	95%
5S	97%
6CA	98%
6ND	97%



## Family festival

Volunteers are needed from each year to run the stalls. Speak to the school office if you are available to volunteer. The afternoon will be divided into time slots, so that you are still able to spend quality time with your child.

Please help us to make this a fun filled afternoon for everyone and a successful fund raiser for the school



# RELIGIOUS LIFE AT HOLY CROSS



Based on the gospel for Sunday 16 June - John 16:12-15

"When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth."

In this reading we are made aware of the strong connection between God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus shares the truth of eternal life with us through the Holy Spirit. And Jesus reemphasises the union between himself and God the Father, saying that whatever belongs to the Father also belongs to him.

Through this reading we are reminded of how much Jesus wants to connect with us. He may not be with us physically, however, he wants to share his presence through the Holy Spirit who will guide us to the truth.

In as much as this truth has been shared with us, we are also called to share the truth of the gospel with others. This can be done in so many ways, and particularly through our actions. For example, by reaching out to support members of our national and international community who are living in poverty. Or by caring for the earth and all who live in it.

How do you share this truth with others?

We pray for the power of the Holy Spirit, which God has blessed us with, to guide us in demonstrating Christ's truth through our actions. Amen.

## Prayers please

This is a personal request. Can I please ask you to remember my mother, Irene McGuiggan, in your prayers. She passed away on Monday afternoon.

Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord

And let perpetual light shine upon her

May she rest in peace

Amen.



## The Words of Pope Francis

Dear parents, help your children discover the love of Jesus! This will make them strong and courageous.





**Encountering Christ**  
Prayerfully preparing for the  
Sunday Mass and praying in  
particular for our school families



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - Feast of the Holy Trinity

## 1 Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.



## 2 Read

**Taken from the Gospel for 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (John 16:12-15): Father, Son and Spirit**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: 'All he tells you will be taken from what is mine'."



## 3 Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

*We can learn a little about the Trinity from this passage. Think of a perfect relationship between a father and a son: complete understanding between them - loving care from the father, loving obedience from the son; complete support from both sides. As soon as one has an idea, the other expresses it, to the perfect satisfaction of the first. As soon as one starts an action, the other has completed it, to the delight of the first. Then the son sends his own spirit, which is not himself, but represents himself fully, makes him present when he is not there and does his work exactly as he would do it. Two other images, perhaps rather cheeky: three men on a bench outside a pub or three women with supermarket trolleys, all three chatting in perfect harmony and understanding, with complete exchange of ideas and plenty of humour, laughter and warmth. Their friendship is so attractive that you would love to join them but don't dare. They are so welcoming that they seem to invite you to join them. They are so loving that you feel you have found happiness as never before. These are rather wretched images, straining to express the unity in diversity of the Trinity, but one must at least try to understand. Read the gospel again!*

**Can you think of an image for the Trinity, three Persons in one Nature?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

## 4 Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. **Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.**



**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church**  
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph

# WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019



## First Reading: *The Wisdom of God*

### Proverbs 8:22-31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud: "The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born; there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries - and the waters will not invade the shore - when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men."

*How did we Christians come to see God as a Trinity of Persons? With a noble sense of reverence the Israelites saw God as so infinitely other than the world that it became difficult to understand how God could mix with the world, even how God could 'dirty his fingers' by creating the world. The solution was that God must have created the universe by his Wisdom, the 'master craftsman' by his side in the work of creation. God's Wisdom is in a way the same as God, but yet not exactly the same. But is God's Wisdom itself created? It is not clear whether God 'created' or 'possessed' Wisdom, for the Hebrew word, is given both senses by different ancient translators. So there is in God something which both is God and is not the same as the Creator. The Wisdom of God is also similar to the Word of God by which God created ('He spoke and it came into being,' it says in the Creation Story in Genesis 1). In the New Testament Jesus is known both as the Wisdom of God and as the Word of God. The first thing we know about God is that we cannot fully know God. Nevertheless, texts (like this one from Proverbs) indicate a groping towards the idea that there is diversity within God. Here we find something of the origins of our understanding of the Trinity.*

*'God is love.' But if God is totally other, what can this mean?*

## Second Reading: *The Three Persons at Work*

### Romans 5:1-5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

*When Paul wrote his letter to the Romans the theology of the Trinity was still waiting to be worked out. The interrelationship between the three Persons did not begin to be elaborated by theologians for a couple of centuries yet, nor what is meant by calling them 'persons'. Paul does call the Risen Christ 'LORD', using the sacred name which may be used only of God. Moreover, he shows an awareness that three different modes are involved in human salvation, the divine action which brings human beings back to God. He often has a triple formula like the one in this reading, using different language of God, Christ and the Spirit. Through our LORD Jesus Christ we are brought into peace with God, and the love of God is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Human language is so totally inadequate to express truths about God that it will take a long time before any satisfying formula is found.*

*Can we distinguish the function of the three Persons of the Trinity in the work of our salvation?*

“Human language is so totally inadequate to express truths about God.”

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Happy Birthday to... Lehna Ajong, Jimi Ginn, Luciann Henry,  
Darcie Bethell, Leo To, Jan Bubetty, Erin Downing, Rhea Matunge,  
Demi Osiname, Ethan Owusu-Boateng, Filip Szymanki



### Merit Certificates:

Butterflies: Mahayla Hackett, for becoming more confident with her reading

Ladybirds: Victoria Banjo, for fantastic taking away using a number line

1D: All of 1D, for their fantastic effort with their phonics

1S: All of 1S, for their fantastic effort with their phonics

2C: All of 2C, for an amazing assembly

2HD: Katie Johns, for trying hard to improve her story writing

3G: Marco Jardim, for a good attitude to learning this week

4C: Joshua Cobie, for good work on adverbs during literacy

4E: William Clark, for working hard and practising his times tables

5P: Jack Bishop, for achieving Gold level in his times tables and division work. Well done!  
Amy Cook, for working hard in numeracy this week

5S: Tudor Fedeles, for consistently working hard across all subjects

6CA: Finn Thomas, for his great acting skills in the year 6 production

6ND: Olivia Kluza, for being a great role model, with consistently good behaviour

Learning Mentor: Niamh O-Rourke, for a fantastic poster for the Help for Heroes coffee afternoon

## Diary Dates

### Menu Week 2

#### Monday 17th June

4E Swimming

Dance 3.15-4.15

KS1 Cricket & Rounders 3.15-4.15

#### Tuesday 18th June

Year 5 library visit

Coffee Afternoon 2-3.15

Multisport Club KS1 3.15-4.15

Choir

#### Wednesday 19th June

Eucharist Service 6N 9.10

Athletics Club KS1 3.15-4.15

Cricket & Rounders Club KS2 3.15-4.15

Karate 3.15- 4.15

#### Thursday 20th June

Year 3 Mass 9.00

Family Festival 12-4

No clubs

#### Friday 21st June

Year 6 Retreat

Tennis Club KS2 3.15 -4.15

Karate 3.15 -4.15

### House Points

Congratulations to the  
winning house St George

*S. McGuigan*

Miss S McGuigan

Headteacher

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