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'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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TRINITY SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2022

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	St Anthony of Padua
TUESDAY	12 noon	The Dedication of Salford Cathedral
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Roger Neville
THURSDAY	12 noon	(St Richard of Chichester)
FRIDAY	9.15 am	
SATURDAY	11.00 am	First Holy Communions

The church is open every day
Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm
Saturday from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm
Sundays from 8.30 am to 12 noon (or later if baptisms)

Confessional times this week: Thursday 3.30 to 5.00 pm. Saturday 6.00 pm to 6.40 pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: will be resumed on **Saturday 2 July**

My dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Welsh poet, W H Davies, wrote about the month of June:

*Today the fields are rich in grass,
And buttercups in thousands grow;
I'll show the world where I have been--
With gold-dust seen on either shoe.*

*Till to my garden back I come,
Where bumble-bees for hours and hours
Sit on their soft, fat, velvet bums,
To wriggle out of hollow flowers.*

We like the month of June for another reason: it is the month of the Sacred Heart. The Sacred Heart of Jesus

represents his infinite, eternal love for every one of us.

Even his risen body shows the marks of his five wounds, including where the soldier's lance pierced his side and went right into the heart of Jesus, and blood and water flowed out.

That heart still beats with love for us. Our devotion to the heart of Jesus draws us closer to him and therefore closer to his Father.

Pope St John Paul II reminded us that '*The month of June is dedicated in a special way to the veneration of the divine Heart. Not just on one day – the liturgical feast, which generally falls in June – but every day.*'



This month and next are very important for another reason: a number of our young parishioners will make their first Holy Communion and others will be confirmed.

Our parish catechists will be busy today, meeting in the parish hall with the candidates for both those sacraments. Those preparing for **first Communion** will meet at 9.50 and their parents will meet in the upper hall at the same time. Those preparing for **Confirmation** will meet after the 11 o'clock Mass, from 12 until 1 o'clock.



Here is a reminder of when the sacraments will be celebrated:

First Communion for Year 3C on Saturday next, 18

June, during the 11 o'clock Mass.

First Communion for Year 3S on Saturday 25 June, also during the 11 o'clock Mass.

Confirmation for all candidates on Wednesday 13 July at 7.00 pm.

There will also be the **Sacrament of Penance** (Confession, Reconciliation) on Thursdays 16 and 23 June, in church 3.30-5.00 pm.



A reminder also that it is surely time to get back to **Sunday Mass**.

I hope that very many of you will now feel able to resume our custom of Sunday Mass. But if you still feel unable to mix in public, try to make Sunday holy in other ways.



The **Exhibition** recalling Pope St John Paul's visit is mounted on panels around the church and **will remain in place until Sunday 3 July**.



The **Book Club** will meet in the Cottage tomorrow Monday 13 June at 2.00 pm to discuss '*Women Poets who could have been the Poet Laureate*'. Please bring (if you can) twelve copies of a selected poem by your nominated candidate.

New members are welcome. For further information, contact Vin Allerton by phone 0161-773 3318 text 07305 727900 or email vinallerton@gmail.com



The **Friendship Club** meets every fortnight in the parish hall on Wednesdays from 12

noon to about 3 o'clock. The next gathering is on this coming **Wednesday 15 June**. Just call in. You will be very welcome.



We have some excellent teams in charge of the **piety stall**. Would all meet please next **Sunday 19 June** in the parish hall at 10.15 am for a 'catch up'. It will be a chance to discuss future plans and exchange ideas. If you would like to help with the stall, then please come along too.



Looking ahead to July, keep **Sunday 3 July** free for the **Italian Procession** in Manchester. Now that Covid restrictions are over we will once again walk as a parish.



There are only six tickets left for the parish trip to the Manchester Opera House on **Thursday 21 July** for the musical '**South Pacific**'. We need final numbers by **tomorrow**, Monday, so please sign up as soon as you can. Booking forms are on the table near the choir stairs.



Parklife is with us again, and Heaton Park Methodists have offered their church as a sanctuary. We will say a prayer for their success.

Fr Allen

Fr Dearman's Reflections on hymns:

Reflection on the Trinity
LEAD US, HEAVENLY FATHER, LEAD US

After all the events which we celebrate in the Church's year, with the Son of the Father coming to save our

world and then sending us his Holy Spirit, we have a Sunday feast which has a more reflective character, dedicated to the three Persons in the one God.

The hymn ***Lead us, heavenly Father*** is a beautiful hymn with three verses, each one helping us to think deeply about our relationship with one of the Persons in the Trinity.

First, we ask the Father to help us in our journey through the ***tempestuous sea*** which is the world we live in. Such is the fury of this tempest at times that we cannot cope without his help. With it we have ***every blessing*** that we need, so we rejoice in the fact that he is not just the Father, he is truly ***our Father!***

Jesus came to share our nature, and we recall the many sufferings he endured. Since he has actually experienced ***all our weakness***, we can confidently ask him to ***breathe forgiveness*** upon us. He went ***through the desert*** for us, ***lone and dreary, faint and weary***.

We celebrated at Pentecost the Spirit of our God. We now ask him to fill our hearts with ***heavenly joy, love and even pleasure***. Yes, but this is not just the ordinary pleasure that we have in our human lives, but a pleasure ***that can never cloy***, the true fruit of the Spirit.

Thus the Trinity is not just one of the baffling mysteries of our Faith, but three Persons who can help us in their own personal way. With their help ***nothing can our peace destroy!***