

Taking Another Look 1.

Invitation to the Dance
The Most Holy Trinity Sunday 27th May 2018

Thomas Aquinas tells us: “*Creation is the primary and most perfect revelation of the Divine. If we do not understand creation correctly, we cannot hope to understand God correctly.*”

So what can we learn about God from creation, from God's own work? The sciences have made us aware of the intimate inter-relationships within all creation, of the interdependence and the constant flow of energy between everything created. Listening to Aquinas, theologians have reconnected with the 4th century Greek Fathers of the Church who used the imagery of a dance: - a Divine Dance: - to express the relationship within the Trinity as being one of a lively, constant flow and exchange of mutual love and delight.

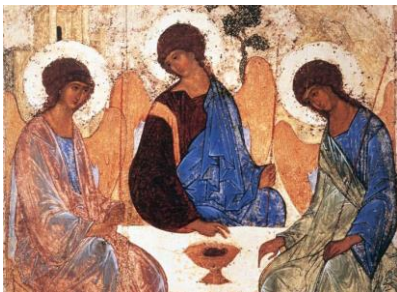
“Whatever is going on in God is *a flow, a radical relatedness, a perfect communion* between Three - a circle dance of *love*.”

(‘The Divine Dance’ Page 27 Rohr)

If we take another careful look at St. John's Gospel, we find the astonishing truth that we are each invited into this dance! In the verses where The Trinity is most closely revealed to us, we are clearly told the Three want to absorb us into this flow.

Speaking to anyone who believes in Him and accepts His word, Jesus promises that he and the Father will come and ***make their home in them*** (Jn:14v23) having just said that the Advocate, the Spirit, will ***be with them for ever***. We are caught up in this divine flow, this divine dance where there is no place for wrath or fear.

When the 14th century artist Rublev, wrote the famous icon 'The Trinity' he was aware of this, for art historians now agree that there was once a small mirror to reflect the face of the viewer who was thereby made present as a fourth participant in this divine sharing! Why would anyone want to refuse this invitation? What would we have to do to refuse it???



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7th Sunday of Easter – 13th May 2018

Crowning of Our Lady

HOLY MASS & SERVICES

Sunday (Sat)
6.00pm Mary Avirah (RIP)
8.30am Burleigh Jackson (A)
10.30am Mary Acton (A) (*Crowning of Our Lady during Mass*)
4.30pm Parishioners

Monday
8.30am Dr Barbara Katic (RIP)
7.30pm *Deanery Holy Hour at St. Mary's*

Tuesday
8.30am Fr. Bob Ellwood (A)

Wednesday
8.30am Michael Critchley (A)

Thursday
8.30am David Carter (B)

Friday
8.30am Vincent & Joyce Hale (B's)

Saturday
9.00am Joseph Atherton (RIP)

Sunday next
6.00pm Parishioners
8.30am Stewart Dooley (A)
10.30am John Berry (RIP)
4.30pm Brian Lamb (RIP)



Confessions: Saturday 10.30am – 11.30am

Please Pray For The Following Who Are Sick: Canon Albert Shaw, Bert Smith, Eileen Snape, Jean Thurston, Sister Francis, Grace Fernando, James Desmond Gorman, Teresa Todd & Doreen Moss. We also remember to pray for all those in Chorley Hospital, Derian House Children's Hospice & our Nursing Homes. Eucharistic Ministers visit the Wards every Sunday morning with Holy Communion.

Y. Heal Thy Servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in Thee.

R. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from Thy holy place.

IMPORTANT – Please contact St Joseph’s Presbytery, if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and would appreciate a visit.

In an emergency the hospital switchboard will contact the on-call Catholic Priest. Please request this from any member of Staff on the Ward. Residents living at Buckshaw Retirement Village, who require Holy Communion at home please contact Euxton St Mary’s on: ☎ 262655, or email: mail@stmarys-euxton.com

Please include in your Prayers: All those who have **Recently Died:** and all those whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time: Burleigh Jackson, Mary Acton, Fr. Bob Ellwood, Fr. Frank Smith, Fr. Gerard Snape, Michael Critchley & Stewart Dooley.

Mother & Toddler Group: Meet on a Wednesday morning in the Primary School, Cedar Road from 9.00am until 11.15am.

St Joseph’s Retirement Club: New members welcome over 55 years of age. Every Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. Admission 50p including Tea and Biscuits, Bingo, Artists and Outings. All welcome.

Faith Sharing Group: Meetings take place in the Sacristy of the Church from 7.00pm to 8.15pm every Wednesday. ALL welcome. Tea/coffee provided. This is an ideal opportunity to develop your Faith Journey.

St Joseph’s Parish Centre – Members Notice:

For bookings please contact the Parish Centre Manageress: ☎ 275137
E-mail: StJosephsChorley@apcmc.co.uk Website: www.st-josephs-chorley.co.uk

St. Joseph’s Parish Bulletin: Would you like to receive the weekly parish bulletin by email? If you would, then please send a blank email to: stjosephchorleybulletin@gmail.com. Please, **ONLY** use this email to request the bulletin – the parish general email remains the same.

Race for Life – Susan Crompton is running this year – please sponsor her if you can – form in porch.

Holy Hour With The Archbishop: As part of the preparations for *Adoremus: National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress* Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will be leading a Holy Hour at St. Mary’s, Chorley on Monday 14th May from 7.30pm until 8.30pm. Refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards. This will be for the Chorley & Leyland Deaneries and as many people as possible are encouraged to attend. It is important that the whole Archdiocese is united in one great act of prayer at this time.

Readers Today: 13th May

6.00pm Francesca Vause
8.30am C Jenner/M Redshaw/G King
10.30am School Children
4.30pm Catriona Scallon

Next Sunday: 20th May

6.00pm Martin Craven
8.30am M Redshaw/A Nolan/J Weldon
10.30am R Challoner/J Maynard/N O’Leary
4.30pm Laura McLoughlin

Eucharistic Ministers Today:

6.00pm Patricia Evans
8.30am E Whitney/R Turner/ A Rabbitt
10.30am V Christie/E Broadstock/A Titterington
A Christie
4.30pm Christine Farnworth

Next Sunday:

6.00pm Irene Love
8.30am W Gildert/E Whitney/C Carter
10.30am A Titterington/P Hilton/G Riley
V Christie
4.30pm Peter Cahill

Counters Today: M Smith/F & B Walmsley **Next Sunday:** J Simmons/T Schofield

Altar Server this week: Jaden

Children’s Liturgy – “Little Church” every Sunday morning at the 10.30am Mass for children up to First Holy Communion age.

“Little Church” TODAY: No little Church

“Little Church” NEXT week: Julie and Sandra

If you would like to help as a volunteer with Children’s Liturgy on a Sunday would you make contact with Father Stanley. Thank you.



Collections: Gift Aid: £595.81p **Loose Plate:** £400.88p **Total:** £996.69p

Second collection **THIS** weekend is for: “*World Communications.*”

Chorley Annual Walsingham Pilgrimage: 18th to 22nd June. Coach leaves Chorley early on 18th June – cost £304.50. Contact J Noblett ☎ 265498.

Dementia Friendly Mass – Sunday 20th May at Holy Rosary Church, Aintree at 3pm. Mass followed by refreshments. All welcome!

APF “Mill Hill” Red Mission Box Promoters: Please collect your envelope from the Church Porch containing the necessary information regarding the emptying of Mission Boxes during the Month of May. Please return to the Sacristy by Sunday 3rd June. Thank You.