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## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**11th June 2017**

### ***MOST HOLY TRINITY***

***As the Father sent me, so am I sending you:  
receive the Holy Spirit.***

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Ex 34:4-6.8-9</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>Ps Dn 3:52-56</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>2 Cor 13:11-13</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Jn 3:16-18</b>



**MOST HOLY TRINITY:** The Holy Trinity is the way we describe the inner nature of Almighty God. We could know nothing of how God is in himself – only his external actions and impact on our lives – if he had not chosen to reveal himself to us. There are glimpses of God as three in one in the Old Testament, e.g. when the three heavenly messengers come to Abraham at the oak of Mamre but it is Jesus who reveals God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – not only in his command to the disciples to baptise all nations at the end of St Matthew’s Gospel, but also in the way he speaks of his relationship with the Father and the promise of the Holy Spirit in St John’s Gospel. It took the Christian community three hundred years of reflection and discussion to come to a settled view on what this means and to put it into the words of the Creed of Nicaea and Constantinople that we say at Mass every Sunday. Inevitably not everyone accepted this consensus. Arius and his followers (including today’s Jehovah’s Witnesses) rejected this as a challenge to the oneness of God and held that only the Father was truly God. It is hard to keep the balance right and we can easily use ‘God’ as equivalent to ‘Father’ when all prayer is directed at least implicitly to the Trinity as a whole – usually to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Alec Ross, Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* and any unknown to us.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember *Emelda Antwan, Betty Bell, Anthony Farley, John McGee, Kathleen Rumble* and *Anthony Corbett* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To *Alfie Cockx, Kieron De Silva, Phoebe Jennings, Harry Maxted, Ellen McCloskey* and *Kathryn Van Stolk* who make their First Holy Communion during 11.00 a.m. Mass today.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** The feast of Corpus Christi is kept next Sunday. There will be the usual procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 11.00 a.m. Mass, with Benediction in the garden (weather permitting). I would encourage the First Communion children in particular to take part in this. If you cannot stay on for the twenty minutes or so involved, please feel free to leave once the procession has left the church building. Flower petals for scattering would be most welcome.

**MASS VARIATION:** Due to Council of Priests’ meeting in Brentwood Mass on Thursday will be at 9.00 a.m.

**SOCIAL EVENTS:** The PPC and the Social Team have decided not to have a summer fete this year due to other events taking place in the area. Of course, we need to ensure that the parish is funded so we will be hosting a fund-raising event later in the year. More details will follow nearer the time.