

# Catholic Parish of Walsingham

ST PETER, BLAKENEY ✕ ST HENRY WALPOLE, SJ, BURNHAM MARKET ✕ OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, WALSINGHAM ✕ OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

(1836)

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TRINITY SUNDAY  
YEAR OF ST MATTHEW  
JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

The formal doctrine of the Trinity took a long time to mature in the minds and hearts of Christians. Not until the fourth century did we speak of there being, "One God in three persons". Before that time



there was an unshakable belief that God is one, and indivisible. The writings of what became the New Testament, however, notably the Gospel of John, use expressions which seem to indicate that Jesus is divine. "In the beginning was the Word" – and in this gospel the Word is Jesus – "and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (Jn 1:1). Later Jesus says, of himself, "I and the Father are one..." (Jn 8:30) If there is only one God, how can this be? The early Church Fathers and the councils struggled with the apparent impossibility of this

and struggled also against those who maintained that Jesus was a creature of God and, therefore, subordinate to him. Using the scriptures they argued that somehow, by the power of God which transcends human understanding, he must be God in a way which does not destroy the unity of God. Later they did the same for the Spirit. The point was not to challenge faith with riddles but to allow the disciples of Jesus to live their faith in him by entering into a relationship with God like that which Jesus himself enjoys: loved by the Father, and filled with the Holy Spirit. All this is made possible by the life, death and resurrection of the same Lord Jesus, Word of God made flesh. The feast of the Trinity celebrates the whole of the mystery of salvation from the incarnation to the ascension; it is a celebration of Christian life. We continue this celebration whenever we begin our prayer, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," and end it, "Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever." Artistic representations of the Trinity inevitably fall short of the mystery they seek to portray. The Father, Son and Spirit are always too distinct: there is only one God.

....from CHRISTUS VIVIT

*"The life that Jesus gives us is a love story, a life history that wants to blend with ours and sink roots in the soil of our own lives. That life is not salvation up 'in the cloud' and waiting to be downloaded, a new 'app' to be discovered, or a technique of mental self-improvement. Still less is that life a 'tutorial' for finding out the latest news. The salvation that God offers us is an invitation to be part of a love story interwoven with our personal stories; it is alive and wants to be born in our midst so that we can bear fruit just as we are, wherever we are and with everyone all around us. The Lord comes there to sow and to be sown. ... Vocation in the strict sense (is) a call to missionary service to others. The Lord calls us to share in his work of creation and to contribute to the common good by using the gifts we have received. This missionary vocation thus has to do with service. For our life on earth reaches full stature when it becomes an offering.. (253-255)*

PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGY

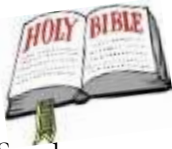
**You can take part in the liturgy via the internet at the Catholic Shrine webpage:**  
[www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

CAFOD

CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are likely to be devastating. To find out how you can help, see the CAFOD item on the parish webpage ([www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org](http://www.catholicparishofwalsingham.org)) in the section called *Distanced but Together*.

*"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."*

**Because of restrictions imposed by the government in response to the Covid19 virus emergency, there will be no Masses or other services in any of our churches until further notice.**



## THE YEAR OF THE WORD

**Befriending the Scriptures** cannot, of course, meet at present. We can, however, keep reading Matthew's gospel and the readings appointed for the Mass of the day even though we cannot meet.

Sunday:	Exodus 34:4-9;	Dan 3:52-6;	2 Corinthians 13:11-13;	John 3:16-18
Monday:	1 Kings 17:1-6;	Psalm 120;		Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kings 17:7-16;	Psalm 4;		Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kings 18:20-39;	Psalm 15;		Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday:	Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3;	Psalm 97;		Matthew 5:20-26
Friday:	1 Kings 19:9-16;	Psalm 26;		Matthew 5:27-32
Saturday:	1 Kings 19:19-21;	Psalm 118;		Matthew 5:33-37

## CHARLES DE FOUCAULD

Little Sister Kathy writes: "Our founder Charles de Foucauld is going to be canonized since a miracle has been attributed to him. It involves a work accident of a 21 year old who fell off the scaffolding and crashed through the vaulted stone ceiling of an old chapel in Saumur where Br Charles had studied to be a cavalry officer. He impaled himself on the benches below but survived without any consequences. Pretty spectacular, eh?!!"

## NATIONAL MASSES

Each Thursday, at 7.00pm, a Catholic Bishop has been celebrating a live-streamed Mass in his Cathedral for people to join in. Last week I announced the last of these on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. Apparently that was not the last; there are more. By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

11 <sup>th</sup> June	Bishop Patrick McKinney	St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Archbishop Bernard Longley	St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Bishop Alan Hopes	St John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Archbishop John Wilson	St George's Cathedral, Southwark
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Bishop Tom Williams	Christ the King Cathedral, Liverpool

## IGNITE

Looking for a new challenge in September? The Diocesan Youth Service is seeking applications from 18-35 year olds to join the Ignite Team for 2020-2021. Spend a year sharing the Gospel message with children and young people across East Anglia, developing new skills and growing in your faith. Accommodation, food and other living expenses are provided plus a £200 monthly allowance. Ideal as a 'gap year' (can be extended). For more information visit [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth) or email Ciaran on [igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk).



## ST PAUL in ACTS

During the Easter period we have been hearing excerpts from the Acts of the Apostles at the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. It is from Scriptures such as these, which point to the priorities of Christian faith lived in the world, that we can reinvigorate our faith as we go forward from Pentecost to face new problems for the world and for the Church. Fr Adrian Gaffy, Scripture scholar and parish priest of Gidea Park, has prepared a new talk 'Paul in Acts' which can be accessed by going to: [www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks](http://www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks)

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