

St Clement's Church Ewell

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Trinity Sunday

Lectionary Week 10

Sunday 7th June 2020 Psalter Week 2 Cycle A

Mass behind closed doors will be celebrated on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday approx. 12 noon

Sunday, 7 th June	All Parishioners
Wednesday	Well being Tony Bellino & Family
Friday	Mary Jo Byrne RIP
Sunday 14 th June	All Parishioners
Wednesday	Fr Douglas Perkins RIP
Friday	Holy Souls

FEAST DAYS:

Thursday: St Barnabas, Apostle

Saturday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor

ANNIVERSARIES: 7th to 13th June

Catherine Tebb, Rita Earle, Mary Murphy, Agnes Morrison, Elio Rossi, James Murray, Winifred Weedon, Trudy Kenan, Henry Jones, Anna Maria Holliday, Thomas Flanagan, Joan Wright, John Brennan

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Once again I greet you with best wishes and hoping you are well and safe.

A question I am often asked in this lockdown period is, "When are we going to re-open the church. There are two questions here, (1) Can we open for private visits and prayer? (2) When is the celebration of Mass and the sacraments going to resume. Sadly, at the moment there is no answer to these questions.

It is disappointing that nothing has been said by Government about the subject of re-opening church. Recently Cardinal Nichols of Westminster and several MP's have approached the Government for an answer. Cardinal Nichols spoke last Sunday on Radio 4's religious affairs programme called "Sunday" about this subject with a sense of frustration.

I am guessing that July might see some movement on a decision and action. Firstly, the churches will open for private visits and secondly for communal prayer – but this will take some organising in the present climate. Anyway, the sanitizer is ready for collection.

A big thankyou to our "key" workers, especially the staff in our schools which are partially open. St Clement's and St Andrew's have kept open throughout lockdown for the pupils who are children of "key" workers. Our sincere gratitude to the Headteachers, Mrs Kelly and Mr Mitchell and their fellow staff. Much appreciated!

Yours in Our Lord

Fr Graham, Parish Priest.

Reflection



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity after last Sunday's Solemnity of Pentecost which concluded the Easter Season. We are now in Ordinary Time (the green liturgical period).

The feast of Holy Trinity celebrates one of the great mysteries of our faith. This feast is not meant to tie us in theological knots. We are being asked to be inspired by and to imitate the unity, the love of the persons of the Trinity, the harmony that exists within the Trinity. The Trinity is a seamless unity of persons, a community of love. The Father is the one who loves, the Son is the one who is loved and the Spirit is the very act of loving. Therefore, this reality, which we call mystery, teaches us three things, how to love, how to be loved and how to be love.

As we sign ourselves with the cross today, a simple action that many of us have been doing almost automatically since we were children, let us remember that we are signing ourselves in love and so let us live accordingly. We might not be able to help people understand the theological intricacies of the mystery, but we can certainly help them experience love.

DEATHS:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ellen Brennan who died recently in Epsom Hospital. May she rest in peace.

RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING: Please pray for: Steve Kamm, Anne Gibbons, Chris Williamson, Bernie Sullivan, Felice Prince-Wright, Mary Frost, Michael O'Connell, Maureen O'Sullivan, Margaret Harris, Tony Bellino.

CAFOD: A big thank you to everyone who took part in the St Clement's virtual Quiz night and donated to CAFOD's emergency Coronavirus appeal. £335.00 was raised. Many thanks also to Jonathan Inns for organising this. It is not too late if you want to make a donation at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jonathan-inns2020>

By phone 0303 303 3030 to make a payment with a debit card.

By post – make your cheque out to CAFOD and send to: Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB

MASS ON TV: If you have SKY TV, under the religion section can be found EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network), 3 Masses every day:- Approx. Mid-day, 6.00 pm and 11.00 pm