

**THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH**

(JOHN 16: 12-15)



Ceiling fresco of the Holy Trinity in Chiesa di Santa Croce by Giovanni Maria Conti della Camera (1614-1670)

The early part of John, chapter 16, is quite tender and emotional as Jesus gathers his disciples for the final time. It is worth taking the time to read these lines to try and get a sense of the atmosphere that was present in this interaction.

There was fear or even sadness perhaps, given the great ministerial journey that had taken place with Jesus was now coming to an end. The context to today's Gospel verses rests in Jesus' statement to the disciples, "I am returning to the Father". The great relationship of the New Testament is at the heart of this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Indeed, the brief lines we read today state that there is so much more to say about God and his love, but such information would be too much to take at this particular time. So the promise of Jesus is to send the Spirit of truth who will offer wisdom and guidance during the difficult times to come. For earlier in verse 2 of this chapter, Jesus states, "the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering service to God." The sending of the Spirit into the lives of the disciples and into our own lives is God's grace alive and active. ■

**LEARN**

"The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 237)

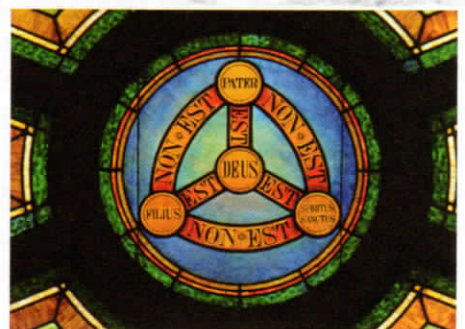
**DO**

Think of concrete ways you can go out to your community and bring the love and tenderness of the Trinity to the lives of others. No action is too small.

**SAY**

"It is not easy to find a name that will suitably express so great an excellence, unless it is better to speak in this way: the Trinity, one God, of whom are all things, through whom are all things, in whom are all things."

(St Augustine)



Stained glass window depicting doctrine of the Holy Trinity in Latin

**REFLECT**

The life of the Trinity permeates everything we do as church, whether it's a prayer group gathering on a Monday night, a St Vincent De Paul meeting on a Friday morning or a baptismal celebration after mass on a Sunday. The Trinity becomes reflected in the missionary activity of our parish communities from morning to night.

Bishop Robert Barron states that, as a lecturer in university, he is only too aware of the "highly developed technical language" surrounding the Trinity. All the great theologians over the centuries have wrestled with its meaning and often in trying to communicate that meaning, they leave the student or the listener even more confused than before.

The danger however is that we simplify the doctrine of the Trinity too much in our preaching and teaching. Suffice it to remember that every time we bless

ourselves, we are invoking the name of the Trinity. When we participate in a sacrament for example, the first step is to put ourselves into the mystery of the Trinity. We place ourselves into the love that connects the Father and the Son.

We can probably get the sense through our work for the church and our participation in the sacraments that the Trinity is not something that is static. Today's Gospel portrays the Spirit as a guide and the bearer of wisdom and knowledge. Trinity Sunday therefore is less about trying to understand the complicated theological theories that surround a doctrine and more to do with every member of the church being summoned to mission and action. Today could be the perfect opportunity for a parish to re-evaluate its missionary activity and work. It could also be a time where we take a personal look at our own faith lives. Do I see myself being part of the dynamic life of the Trinity or have I become static? ■

## PARISH OF DROMORE

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### The Holy Trinity

#### Sunday Mass Times

St Colman's, Dromore      All Saints, Ballela  
Sunday 11.00am      Sunday 9.45am

#### Weekday Mass Times : St Colman's

**Mon, Wed & Thurs** : Liturgy of the word - 9.30am

**Tues & Fri**: Mass - 9.30am

**Sat**: 10-11am, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Weekday Mass times: All Saints

**Thursday** - 7.00pm

#### Ballela Anniversaries

**Sun 16**: The McCullough Family

**Sun 23**: None

#### Dromore Anniversaries

**Sun 16**: Stephen Magee

William John & Helen Mulgrew

**Tues 18**: Deceased members of The Hefferon family

**Sun 23**: Agnes Gribbin

#### Offertory Promise Collection £1292.50

#### Readers - Dromore

**Sun 23**: Ciara Downey

#### Blessing of the Graves

**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June** at 2pm - Ballela

There will be a collection taken up and proceeds will be for cutting and maintenance for the cemetery, please be as generous as you can.

#### Education of Priests - Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June.

We are often asked to prayer for vocations to the priesthood. This collection is a concrete way of supporting those who respond to that call. These funds provide them with vital support for their education in seminaries, as they become the future priests of our Diocese.

#### DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mon 24th June 2019. at 7:00pm An outing to St Clare's Convent, Glendale in Saval Parish where Fr Andrew McMahon will speak on the history of the site, its connections to major Newry families and its history as a Carmelite convent from 1929 to 2017. Weather permitting, there will be an opportunity to view the building and grounds. All welcome. Meet in carpark at Glendale.

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019

#### Parish Draw Winners Week 12

£100	Brian Mulholland	098
£50	Ann McPolin	526
£30	Thomas McClory	596
£20	Bernadette Mallon	477

#### Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June : 3 5 8 13

£10 winner's: Ciaran Burns    Seller: Sean Burns  
Jackpot £2000

#### Ballela Community Group

Date for the Diary, we are organising a trip to the Ulster Aviation Society at the Maze on **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> July** where you can see an unique array of over 30 aircraft and observe restoration in progress in two historic WWII hangers. There will be a limited number of places available. Bus leaves Ballela school at 10am, there will be a charge for the bus for adults but children are free. Admission to exhibit is by donation. To book a place phone Patricia O'Rourke: 07712933854 or Paula Burns: 02840671772

#### Diocesan Summer Camps

Diocesan Summer Camps will take place at the YMCA, Newcastle on the following dates:

2nd to 5th July for 12 Year olds

9th to 13th July for 13 & 14 Year olds

15th to 19th July for 15 & 16 Year olds.

A residential experience with adventures out-door activities, great food, meet new people Tel 028 30833898 or email [dromoreyvd@btconnect.com](mailto:dromoreyvd@btconnect.com)

#### Ring found

A ring has been found at St Colman's Church on the evening of Blessing of the graves. Please contact Parish office. Also a ladies ring still has not been claimed from last year.

*Please join us to wish  
Mr Gerard McBrien, Principal  
A Happy Retirement  
On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019  
For Celebratory Mass  
In St Colman's Church, Dromore  
At 7.30pm  
Everyone Welcome*