



# CATHOLIC LIFE NEWSLETTER



## St. Edmund Campion Pray for Us

Dear Parents and Carers

'So Eastertide Ends'. This is how the Prayer of the Church – the Divine Office that is said each day by priests, religious and lay people all across the world – concludes at the end of Evening Prayer on Pentecost Sunday. We now move into 'Ordinary Time'. After a time of celebration or a holiday we all have to return to our ordinary lives. However, we might sometimes need to have something else planned just to ease ourselves back into our usual day to day routine. The Church it seems is no different. Although back in Ordinary Time, this Sunday we celebrate another great mystery of our faith – The Most Holy Trinity. This great feast allows us to bring together the preparation and sacrifices of Lent, the death and resurrection of Jesus that we celebrated at Easter and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Bishop Robert Barron the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in the link below gives us an insight into the mystery of the Holy Trinity:

<https://youtu.be/hMl4rA4cuiM>

How we unlock the lockdown has dominated the news over the last week. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and Head of the Catholic Church in England and Wales spoke to this in his homily on Pentecost Sunday. In his address he said, "the benefits of being able to access places of prayer is profound, on individual and family stability and, significantly, on their willingness to help others in their need." The full homily can be found in the link below:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-nichols-now-is-the-time-for-the-phased-reopening-of-churches/>

The Masses for the sick on Thursday evenings at 7pm continue this Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June from the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Salford . The celebrant this week will be Bishop John Arnold and can be found on the link below:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral>



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As a reminder mass each day and every Sunday can be found at:

[www.stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)

Redemptorist Publications have also made Sunday mass available online after 12 midday every Saturday at:

[www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/holy-mass-online)

For information on what's going on in our local parish community in Erdington here is a link to the Erdington Abbey newsletter:

<http://www.erdingtonabbey.co.uk/eacontent/uploads/2020/06/Bulletin-Pentecost-Sunday-31-May-2020.pdf>

## Gospel Reflection – Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity – John 3:16-18



Nicodemus was one of the leaders of the Jews and had gone to Jesus to try to understand the teaching of Jesus. He believed that Jesus had come from God to teach them, but he was looking for answers about the kingdom of God that Jesus had been telling them about.

This idea of the salvation of the world being achieved through the suffering and death of the Son of God is not how Nicodemus imagined the coming of God. In John's gospel the kingdom is described as the gift of eternal life, not as an all-conquering one that would condemn the world. This gift of eternal life is given to us by the Father, through the Son and continues in the Spirit.



*O most Holy Trinity, bless me with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.*

*Please give me wisdom so that I may recognise the importance of others and keep God central in my life.*

*With my voice and my heart, I glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*You are great and do wonderful things. You alone are my God. All praise and honour and glory are yours now and forever. O most Holy Trinity! Amen.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*