

Saints Days this Week... 10th - 15th June

MONDAY – *Mary, Mother of the Church.* The Blessed Virgin Mary was given this title, since she gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church. She became the Mother of the redeemed people before her Son had given up the spirit on the Cross. Blessed Pope Paul VI solemnly confirmed the title in an address to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council and decreed that the whole Christian people should, by the use of this beautiful title, give still greater honour to the Mother of God. The memorial was added to the Liturgical Calendar by Pope Francis in 2018.

TUESDAY – *St Barnabas.* Was a Jew from Cyprus and one of the first converts in Jerusalem. He was a leading member of the Church there. He introduced St. Paul to the Twelve and accompanied him on his missionary journeys. Barnabas championed the gentiles at the Council of Jerusalem and is remembered as 'a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith' (Acts 11: 21.)

THURSDAY – *Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest*

PARISH PRAYER GROUPS AND PRAYER TIMES

Monday Exposition & Rosary ~ St Wilfrid's, 7.30–8.30pm

St Bede's Prayer Group ~ Meets in church, Tuesday 7.30–9.00pm

Mother's Prayers ~ Coming together in each other's homes to pray for families. Further details from the Parish 01606 42440

Divine Mercy Prayer Group ~ Praying for the sick & dying.
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Morning Prayer ~ Is prayed each weekday 9.05am, prior to 9.30am Mass.

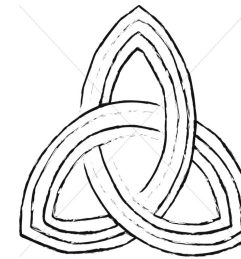
Eucharistic Adoration ~ Sunday at St Wilfrid's 4.15 – 5.15pm

Exposition & Reconciliation ~ Saturday at St Wilfrid's 11.00-11.50am & on request

Web Sites ~ Parish: www.stjohnvianney.co.uk
Catholic Church in England & Wales: www.catholicnews.org.uk

Preparing to hear God's word...

**Next Sunday's Readings:
The Most Holy Trinity
16th June 2019**



This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This coming Sunday and the following, however, are designated as Solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith.

Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity—one God in three persons.

The Gospel reading reinforces our understanding of the unity shared by the members of the Trinity. Although the idea of one God in three persons remains a mystery, we have the assurance that, as Jesus and the Father share all, Jesus and the Spirit share

First Reading ~ Proverbs 8: 22-31

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth: before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea to its boundaries - and the waters will not invade the shore - when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in the world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

As I settle to pray, I ask the Lord that I may open to His word today.

In today's first reading we hear of God's creative wisdom. God allows his word of wisdom speak as a person who carries out God's plan. God's living word becomes human in Jesus Christ: He will help His people to live according to God's wise plan.

Today God's creative word is speaking to me:

Am I willing to stop and to listen to God's creative word in my life?

What is it calling me to do?

Who is it calling me to be?

The more breathless the society, the less responsive people are to the breath of the Spirit.

Robin Daniels. The Virgin Eye

John 16: 12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

I come to my place of prayer. I gently become aware of God's presence.

When I am ready, I slowly read and re-read the Gospel.

The Spirit will reveal to us the Father and the Son.

The Holy Spirit brings us the full, living truth about God; that is, the Spirit help us to live in the love of the Father and to follow Jesus.

How am I living my life today as one who as a follower of Jesus?

Do those I meet on life's journey recognise me as a follower of Jesus?

C.S. Lewis writes:

All sorts of people are fond of repeating the Christian statement that "God is love." But they seem not to notice that the words 'God is love' have no real meaning unless God contains at least two persons. Love is something that one person has for another person. If God was a single person, then before the world was made, He was not love."