



# ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

7 JUNE 2020

## 10<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF THE YEAR

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

### ST COLUMBA - FEAST

Columba was an Irish abbot and missionary evangelist credited with spreading Christianity in what is today Scotland at the start of the Hiberno-Scottish mission. He founded the important abbey on Iona, which became a dominant religious and political institution in the region for centuries. He is the patron saint of Derry. He was highly regarded by both the Gaels of Dál Riata and the Picts, and is remembered today as a Catholic saint and one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland. In Ireland, he is commonly known as Colmcille.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

### ST BARNABAS - MEMORIAL

Barnabas, born Joseph, was according to tradition an early Christian, one of the prominent Christian disciples in Jerusalem. According to Acts 4:36, Barnabas was a Cypriot Jew. Named an apostle in Acts 14:14, he and Paul the Apostle undertook missionary journeys together and defended Gentile converts against the Judaizers. They travelled together making more converts and participated in the Council of Jerusalem. Barnabas and Paul successfully evangelized among the "God-fearing" Gentiles who attended synagogues in various Hellenized cities of Anatolia.

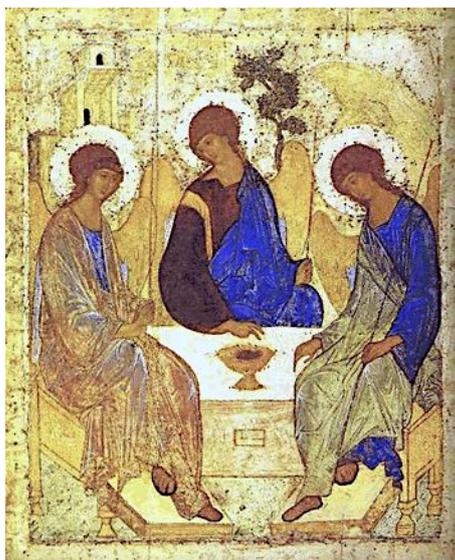
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

### ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

Anthony of Padua, also known as Anthony of Lisbon, was a Portuguese Catholic priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. He was born and raised by a wealthy family in Lisbon, Portugal, and died in Padua, Italy. Noted by his contemporaries for his powerful preaching, expert knowledge of scripture, and undying love and devotion to the poor and the sick, he was one of the most quickly canonized saints in church history. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church on 16 January 1946. He is also the patron saint of lost things.

### PROGRESS TOWARDS CHURCH RE-OPENING

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has finalised its proposed infection control standards which will govern the reopening of parishes and confirmed that they have sent their guidelines to the Scottish Government. A great deal of work has been done for the phased reopening of our parishes. Fuller details available on the Diocesan website.



ANDREI RUBLEV'S "TRINITY" (1410)

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

Today we honour the Holy Trinity—one God, yet three Persons. God is one, but God is not alone. God is love and in the Trinity we have an ideal example of a relationship of pure and infinite love. Every time we make the sign of the cross may we be reminded of the love that bonds the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May the love of the Holy Trinity be a model for us in our relationships with each other.

### PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital** – Anya Behl, Bruce Blaney, June Christison, May Cosgrove, Elinor and James Crighton, Fletcher Ditchburn, Paul Drummond, Alison Dunn, Elizabeth Forbes, Shannon Fox, Morrice Hendry, Derek Henry, Tracey Hepburn, Sandy Hill, Beth James, Sandy Kutcha, David Loudon, Jean Low, Brian Low, Bob Low (Jnr), Rene MacPherson, Mgr Ken McBride, Shelia McCallum, Norma McKinnie, Christine Murray, Marjory Robson, Jeff Sanderson, Margaret Traynor, Ledice da Cruz Welsh and Joseph White and all those who are sick in our Parish and beyond: **in the midst of sickness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul.**

**Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith** – for the souls of Lesley Edwards and Nicholas Ugwuoke who have both died recently and Ina West, Philomena Gagan, Findlay Sinclair, Jack Ireland, Fr Kevin Smyth, Robert Ebare, Alana Niven, Vicky Reilly, Thomas Flynn and Charlie Mullen whose anniversaries occur around this time: **that Christ may welcome them into the eternal light and joy of God's presence.**

### ST JOSEPH'S LIVESTREAM MASSES

Masses are now being livestreamed each morning at 10.00am from St Joseph's with Fr Greg and Fr Jim. St. Joseph's Mass Streaming: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCamkO-R7ulnkX4\\_6UOrJaKw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCamkO-R7ulnkX4_6UOrJaKw)



### BLESSED TRINITY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth, and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber (1783-1875)

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*Out of love for the world, God sent Jesus to save it and the Holy Spirit to sanctify it. We call to mind our needs, trusting in God's infinite Trinitarian love.*

For the Church: that the unconditional love of the Trinity may strengthen and inspire each of us, deepen our love for one another, and help us to witness God's love and mercy to others, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For a spirit of wonder and awe: that we may behold the marvelous deeds of God in nature, in relationships, and within ourselves and be motivated to cooperate with God in greater commitment and sincerity, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For a new experience of grace and mercy in our lives: that God's love will free us from our past failures, give us courage to make amends, and help us renew and rebuild our significant relationships, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For our parish communities: that the life-giving love of the Trinity may flow through us so that we may be untiring in supporting the lonely, consoling the grieving, encouraging the struggling, and forgiving those who have injured us, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For a greater sense of community: that we may be freed from individualism and grow in our appreciation of each person and their role in the family of God so that each person may know that they are appreciated and valued, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For victims of human trafficking: that God will free them from captivity, awaken hearts to the suffering that exists, and bring forth a new attitude in society that respects the dignity of each person, **let us pray to the Lord.**

For all who have experienced violence: that God will heal their suffering, ease the pain of their memories, and give eternal peace to those who have died, **let us pray to the Lord.**

*Triune God, you have created us in your own image, have redeemed us when we turned away from you, and have sanctified us throughout our lives. Increase our worthiness of your love and fidelity, and grant the prayers we offer today through your Son, Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.* **Amen**

### QUIET MOMENT

We often live as if our happiness depended on having. But I don't know anyone who is really happy because of what he or she has. True joy, happiness, and inner peace come from the giving of ourselves to others. A happy life is a life for others. That truth, however, is usually discovered when we are confronted with our brokenness. *Henri Nouwen*

