

Pope Leo's Coat of Arms reads: "In Illo Uno Unum" ("One, in the One")

Jesus' command in today's Gospel, 'Love one another as I have loved you,' is not just a romantic remark. It is an utterly sublime promise. He did not say 'Love one another,' i.e., with any kind of love, but he says, 'Love one another, as I have loved you.' To love one another with Christ-like love is known as the "Christian Moral Miracle," which is the greatest of all miracles—the miracle per excellence—for which all other New Testament miracles were precursors.

This unique kind of love produces a unique kind of unity—not just any kind of unity, not just a unity among people with similar tendencies, but a unity amongst the different. As St Paul verifies to the Galatians: 'There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' (Galatians 3:28) It is a love and a unity that can only be found in "the One," Jesus.

The "Christian Moral Miracle," Love and Unity in the dimension of the Cross, refers to a supernatural transformation of human behaviour—one made possible only through grace and divine intervention, rather than mere human effort. In Christian theology, this moral transformation—such as loving enemies, forgiving endlessly, or living in selfless unity—is considered miraculous because it defies ordinary human tendencies, it overcomes them and it makes manifest the true nature planted in us by baptism, the heavenly humanity, Christ revealed in us. His crucified and risen Love is our common stamp.

Music at 11.30 am Solemn Mass Today: D'ambleville - Messe des Jesuites Motet: Tallis - A new commandment. Next Sunday: Byrd - Mass for four voices Motet: Tallis - If ye love me

Music at 10.00 am Family Mass: There is now a button on the parish website, which allows parishioners to listen to and practice the Sunday hymns ahead of time

We are hosting 4 Marriage Accompaniment meetings in the Parish Centre. These meetings will take place once a month on a Monday evening and are for couples who are planning to get married and married couples who would like to deepen in the graces of this sacrament. These evenings are usually an opportunity to encounter other couples of the parish, to grow together and have a bit of a social afterwards. Please don't hesitate to join in. Marriage is a very important sacrament for all. These are the dates:

Mondays 26th of May at 7:30pm, 16th of June at 7:30pm and 7th of July at 7:30pm

Please pray for the sick especially: Eileen Sullivan, Michael Ruggins, Anita Morgan, Cornelius Murphy, Nicholas Bolsover, Jeremiah Halpin, Caroline de Monares, Denis Carroll, Martin and Shirley Foster, Breda Cleary, Mary Lavery and Francis Brady. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Jose Correa de Chile, Rose Daly, Simon Dolan, **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Ann Sartini, Joe Bedford, Hannah O'Connor and Robert Moloney.

Funeral of Rose Daly: Wednesday 28th May at 11:30am. May she rest in peace.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter 18th May 25

Today's Readings p. 442-445

Acts 14:21b-27; Revel 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

Inaugural Mass of Pope Leo XIV is in Rome today



During the Mass he will receive the symbols of his ministry: the Fisherman's Ring, engraved with an image of Peter casting a net into the sea, reflecting Jesus' words, 'I will make you fishers of men', and the Pallium, a band of lamb's wool embroidered with crosses, worn around the neck, reflecting Jesus' words to Peter, 'Feed my lamb, tend my sheep.'

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably upon your servant Leo, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides, so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Times of Mass and Devotions for the Week beginning Sunday 18th May 2025

Saturday

9.30 am Mass

Easter feria

6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions

Sunday 18th May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Anniversary of Dedication</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop James Curry
Monday <i>Easter feria</i>	6.00pm Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction until 7.00 pm
Tuesday <i>Easter feria</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary
Wednesday <i>Easter feria</i>	6.00 pm Mass
Thursday <i>St Rita</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary
Friday <i>Easter feria</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers
Saturday <i>Easter feria</i>	9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions
Sunday 25th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass

This Sunday, 18th May:

- We celebrate the Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Trinity Church, which was in 1866.

-copies of 'Little Rome – the Story of Holy Trinity Brook Green', by our parishioner Christopher Road, recently updated, will be on sale at £12.50. It is a very readable, fascinating and inspiring account, in a volume that is beautifully illustrated, printed and bound. Also coming soon: two booklets, which Christopher has recently researched and compiled, on the Carvings and Paintings, and the Stained Glass Windows of our Church, –these will prove an informative guide to the many beautiful things in the church.

- We also welcome Bishop James Curry to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people of our parish at the 6.30 pm Mass. Please pray for the candidates, their sponsors, families and catechists!

The annual collection for the Westminster Diocese Priest Training Fund took place last weekend, with Deacon James making the appeal during the homily. So far £880 has been raised – thank you for your generosity. The appeal is still open, and Donation

envelopes are available at the back of the church, which enable you to give aid your donation if you are a taxpayer.

Fr Richard will be in Lourdes in the last week of May with the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes Pilgrimage. We will light a large candle for the intention of Holy Trinity Parish at the grotto. Any donations towards its cost are welcome in an envelope marked 'Lourdes Candle.' Also any petitions that you would like to be placed in the grotto, in an envelope marked 'Lourdes Petitions.' If you wish to make a donation to the shrine, please include it in a separate envelope, as the petition envelopes are eventually burned unopened. Closing date for receiving donations/petitions is Tuesday 20th May. Please put them through the secure presbytery letterbox.

The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is on Thursday 29th May, and is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass is at 9.30 am and Solemn Mass at 6.00 pm. Mass of the Vigil on Wednesday 28th May at 6.00 pm also fulfils the obligation

Simon Dolan, Secretary of St Joseph's Society 1992-2021, died on 27th April. Requiem Mass on Friday 23rd May at 11.30am at Wandsworth East Hill – the Oratory of St Mary Magdalen, 96 North Side, Wandsworth, SW18 2QU. A Requiem Mass at Holy Trinity for the repose of his soul will be at a later date.

Holy Year Jubilee celebration for Couples (dating, engaged, married, or in relationship difficulties,) are invited to an afternoon of Praise. Reflection and Adoration, followed by Mass, and finishing with a reception. At St Gregory the Great, 477 Victoria Road, S. Ruislip, Jubilee Church for W. Area of our Diocese, on Saturday 15th June from 3.00 pm. Confessions available.

The Ordination of Deacon James to the Priesthood, by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, will take place in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 28th June at 10.30 am. All are welcome. Deacon James invites parishioners attending to light refreshments in Westminster Cathedral Hall following the Ordination.

The First Mass of Father James Boyle will take place here in Holy Trinity on Sunday 29th June, Feast of SS Peter & Paul, at 11.30 am, followed by a reception in the Parish Centre. All are welcome. Further details to come.

Prayer workshop: At Nazareth house on Thursday 22nd May at 2pm. All welcome.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child for **Baptism** under 5 years old please email us for an application form. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms can only take place on Saturdays at 11am.

Could Planned Giving Envelope holders please collect their boxes! If you no longer pay tax or would like a box, please contact the parish office.