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## Trinity Sunday 30.05.2021

Sat 29 May 11.00am **Funeral Elaine Barry**  
6.00pm People of Parish

Sun 30 May 9.00am (**Carterton**)

Holy Trinity 10.15am Isalina de Freitas LD

Mon 31 May

**Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth**

Tue 1 June **6.30pm** Jimmy & Kathleen GE  
St Justin Martyr

Wed 2 May

Thu 3 May

St Charles Lwanga and Ugandan Martyrs

Fri 4 May **6.00pm** Burford

Sat 5 May 6.00pm Maurice French LD  
St Boniface

Sun 6 May 9.00am (**Carterton**) Thanksgiving  
**The Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
10.15am Derek Jorgensen LD

### N.B. Live-streaming of 10.15am Sunday Mass

Details on website: [www.stjosephscarterton.uk](http://www.stjosephscarterton.uk)

**Church now OPEN for Mass on Saturdays, 6.00pm (temporary); Sundays 9.00am and 10.15am; Tuesdays 6.30pm.**

**St Joseph's 6.00pm Saturday Mass** From **Saturday 26 June** there will **no longer be 6.00pm Mass at St Joseph's**. The Mass will transfer to Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, Burford.

### Red Boxes: APF / Missio

I have sent a cheque for £1000.51 to Missio in respect of the red box collections. Thank you to all who contributed.

**Quality of Zoom pictures.** Those who follow the Mass online please could you let me know your feelings about the camera. Some have said that it distracts and is constantly zooming in and out. What do you find?

**Please pray for those who have died:** Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Chris Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier, Sue Hand, Graham Copping, Romy Sadler-Tomkins, Jim & Lily Rooney, Terry Curtin, Frederick Shaw, Annette Steele, Marie Whelan, Isalina de Freitas, Elaine Barry.

**Anniversaries:** Lubomyr Husar. Jerry Gargan, John Kennedy.

**Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war:** Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Brendan Farrow, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Pat Hand, Rodrigo Bantug, Pauline Allen, Cynthia Brick, John Titcombe, Santina Carrinchi, Baby Tommy Delaney, John Pollock, Zena Miles, Dominic Martin.

### Sacramental Preparation

**\*Holy Communion.** Parents of baptised children aged seven and above, not part of an existing group, wishing a child to be prepared for Holy Communion, please contact the parish priest.

**\*Confirmation** Parents of baptised children aged 10 and above wishing their child to be prepared for confirmation, please contact the parish priest. Preparation sessions will be on Sunday mornings in the church hall after 10.15am Sunday Mass **starting on Sunday 27 June** and will continue throughout the school summer holidays.

**School governors.** St Joseph's is in need of governors. Could you help please? Speak to Andrew or contact the school on 841240.

**Trinity Sunday (B) 30.05.2021.**

**Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40. Romans 8:14-17. Matthew 28:16-20**

If you want to know what God is like, consider the way you love others and the way others love you. All love is of God and we are made in God's image. The way we experience love opens up the mystery of God's Trinitarian nature. The mystery of the Trinity is the greatest possible mystery and yet it is a mystery with which we are daily familiar.

The concept of stewardship is relevant to the way we reciprocate love. It is expressly invoked in the Gospels, for example in the parable of the talents. Stewardship is about correctly discerning who we are and what we invited to do in love and then responsibly acting in accordance as persons of integrity. It places us in relation to God, of having been entrusted with his estate so to speak, so that as good trustees or stewards we may properly manage his affairs as he would wish and rejoice in a fruitful harvest.

In the Gospel Jesus entrusts his love and authority to his disciples. In his last will and testament he commissions them to *go and make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you*. The first priority is to love others with the love of Jesus if we would make disciples of them. He bequeaths them everything that he is since we are *heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ*. (Rm 8:14-17)

But stewardship does not stop at cherishing and serving others. It includes cherishing all living things, since they are all given to us on trust. We discern not simply what is for the common good but for our own good. Life on earth is governed by interdependency and interconnectedness. Integrity of behaviour is not merely part of the moral law but necessary to sustain life. Without proper stewardship there is degradation in the quality of life on earth, as last week's pastoral letter from the Conference of Bishops was arguing. Exploitation of humans, animals, plants or minerals by certain individuals or groups implies depriving others of what they have a right to. We disenfranchise our descendants. They are no longer heirs to what God wishes to pass on, since it no longer exists: the inheritance has been squandered. Exploitation is a denial of love.

Pope Francis wrote about exploitation of our sister earth in his encyclical letter, *Laudato Si* (2015). *"This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. Her cry, united with that of the poor, stirs our conscience to "acknowledge our sins against creation". "For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity ... by causing changes in its climate ...; to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins"*. Sadly wherever there is exploitation and corruption it is always the poor who suffer most.

The appropriate response to penitence is what Saint John Paul II called a "global ecological conversion". St Francis of Assisi is "the great example of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology.[...] He shows us just how inseparable is the bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace".

The Encyclical *Laudato si'* (Praise be to you) is developed around the concept of integral ecology. It is a model expressing the fundamental relationships of the human person. They are the relationship with God, with one's self, with other human beings, and with creation.

In the second reading St Paul writes of the process of filiation; of becoming sons and daughters of God the Father through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit relates us to him, inspires our prayers and even, since he knows the mind of God, completes them, making them pleasing to God. As children of God, we are heirs and co-heirs with Jesus Christ since we inherit his legacy and are called to be its executors. Jesus, the Son of God, comes to reveal God the Father to us and to put into practice God's plan of reconciling humanity to him and sharing his very life with us. The Holy Spirit post-Pentecost realises this process through the Church. Our model of life is Jesus and he demonstrates for us what being a true steward is all about.