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SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2026
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all' (2 Corinthians 13:13)

The Church, completed in her being and in her faith by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, dedicates the First Sunday after Pentecost to reflect on the Central Mystery of our Faith: the Blessed Holy Trinity. The Mystery we celebrate today is the mystery of God in Himself: a God who is one but not solitary. Thus, in the Trinitarian Godhead, we celebrate the undivided unity between God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This unity was amply demonstrated in the creation event when God said: "Let us make man in our own image" (Gen.1:26).

Each of the Three Persons took centre stage or was more prominent in different periods of our Salvation History: God the Father in the Old Testament; God the Son in the New Testament and God the Holy Spirit in our modern era and always in our lives. Despite being Three Persons, they remain one God.

The central message of the Trinitarian Mystery is that we should live in a community based on love, peace and mutual understanding. May the undivided unity in the Blessed Trinity bring peace, harmony, and love in our lives, families, marriages and communities. Happy Solemnity!

Confiteor (I Confess)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy.	Christe, eleison	Christe, eleison.
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.**

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

**You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Book of Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord has commanded him, and took in his hands two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: Dan 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Response: To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors. **R**

Blessed is your glorious and holy name, **R**

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory, **R**

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, **R**

Blessed are you who look into the depths, seated upon the cherubim, **R**

Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven. **R**

Second Reading: A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 13: 11-14

Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is and who was and who is to come.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to John 3: 16-18

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS

English

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of

the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We shall pray **Preface of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** and say **Eucharistic Prayer II**

The Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

English

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Latin

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

***O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine (x 3)
what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Hail Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Priest: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest: Let us pray

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

A note from David Philip, Parish Treasurer: Our Parish, along with the Archdiocese of Southwark, does its main banking at Natwest Bank and for many years we have used the Natwest branch in Orpington High Street. Unfortunately, that branch has now closed, with the nearest branches being Bromley and Bexleyheath. We will now be using the Post Office to bank our offertory collections, however the way they process cash, especially coins, differs from the banks. This means an increase in the work of counting, banking and accounting for Parish funds. To lighten the burden on those who count and bank our collections, I am asking parishioners to stop putting coppers (1 and 2 pence pieces) into the offertory. All other cash is welcome. Thank you for your co-operation.

May Birthdays: This weekend, we will be celebrating all our parishioners who were born in the month of May with a special blessing at the end of each Mass. Please join us in the hall after Mass for birthday cake and refreshments.

First Holy Communion: Next Saturday, nineteen children from our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers at this special time.

Afro-Caribbean Day: On Sunday the 12th of July we will be holding our Afro-Caribbean Day. Please add this date to your diary. More details to follow.

Wintershall – The Life of Christ, 16-20th June 2026: Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience. Join over a hundred actors in the stunning grounds of Wintershall Estate as this magnificent story is movingly recreated with authentic detail in an epic open-air production. Watch the Wedding in Cana, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Last Supper unfold before your eyes. It's the perfect day out for families, faith groups, theatre lovers and schools. Tickets can be booked at <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/life-of-christ/> Please note that 16th & 17th June are schools only days. There is limited availability on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June. At present there is availability on Saturday 20th June but please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. █

Building a Better Marriage. A one-day course for married couples of any age to explore their relationship, deepen communication, and reflect on the Church's call to marriage. No group sharing; all discussion remains private to each couple. 2026 dates (9am–4.30pm): 13 June (Hythe); 27 June (Tooting); 3 October (West Norwood). Booking essential: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Could You Become a Governor? Governors work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved across the schools within the Archdiocese. You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector, and it is an opportunity to develop the skills you have and to improve the futures of children today. Register your interest by visiting rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-be-a-governor.

Divine Mercy Novena: The Divine Mercy Novena will be said at 9am each Friday, before the morning Mass.

Baptism: If you are a practicing parishioner and would like to have your child Baptised here, please contact Reverend Longinus on longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk. The next Pathways to Baptism course takes place on the 9th and 16th of June.

Mass Offerings: If you would like to request a Mass in the parish, please take one of the brown envelopes available in the porch and fill in the details on the front. Once complete, you can include your offering and pass the envelope to Fr. Cyriacus or add it to the offertory bag. Please submit your requests in good time.

Legion of Mary: The Parish Legion of Mary group meet each Sunday at 12.30pm in the Altar Server's Room. All are welcome to join them.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: If there is anyone sick or housebound in the parish that would benefit from regular visits by the SVP, or if there are any families or individuals in need, please contact Gabriel Greenspan on 07958 369383. Confidentiality is assured in all cases.

Children's Sheets: The parish provides special sheets to help our younger parishioners understand the liturgy of the week. If your child is aged 9 or over, they should take a copy of the 'Icthus' sheet. If you have a younger child, they should take the 'Look' sheet.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish, you are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Cyriacus after Mass. If you would like to join our parish database, forms are available in the porch and can be returned to the Parish Office.

BANK DETAILS

For bank transfers to the Parish –
 Account Name: RCAS Cray Valley
 Account Number: 50533401
 Sort Code: 60-16-03

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

LIVE STREAMING

This parish routinely livestreams the 11am Mass on Youtube between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sundays. You may appear on camera **only** if you approach the altar without prior notice to the recording team during this time. The camera is set to avoid capturing parishioners receiving Holy Communion. If you have any concerns, please speak to the Priest or Communications Team.

Readings For The Week Ahead:

	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
01/06/26	2 Peter 1:2-7	Ps 91:1-2,14-16	Mark 12:1-2
02/06/26	2 Peter 3:12;15a, 17-18	Ps 90:2-4,10,14,16	Mark 12:13-17
03/06/26	2 Timothy 1:1-3,6-12	Ps 123:1-2	Mark 12:18-27
04/06/26	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Ps 25:4-5b,8-9,10,14	Mark 12:28b-34
05/06/26	2 Timothy 3:10-17	Ps 119: 157, 160,161,165,166,168	Mark 12:35-37
06/06/26	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Ps 71:8-9,14-17,22	Mark 12:38-44

CHURCH MINISTRIES		
	30th & 31st May	6th & 7th June
READERS 6PM	L Winter D Fufeyin	G Winter Chima
READERS 9AM	M Francis F Garber	C Meaney J Garber
READERS 11AM	P Chitongo W Chung	P Boateng N Cornelio
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	D Winter	E North
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	T Meaney K Wingfield	T Wickenden M Abu
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	M McEveney N Adewale	M Ehiosun F Adewale
CLEANING	Team 5 – Chris Meaney	Team 1 – Funmi Adewale
LINEN	Helen Coker	Titi Obende

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Helen Efemini, Sister Maureen Fay, Mary Mackay, Clara Soares, Jennifer Smith, Mary O'Lone, Eamon Murphy, Shelagh Murphy, File Marku, Douglas Lewis, Terry Wingfield, Salma Lamina, Julie Langford, all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - MAY



We remember in our prayers: Margaret Downes, Peter Storer, Mary Ann McNally, Julianna Akogboso, Anthony Reeves, Gerald Coleman, James Bryne, Isobel Kooper, Bill Glancy, M.Fitzpatrick, Bridget Kelly, Charles Plowman, Owen Wait, Michael Downes, Margaret Sheridan, Emanuel Camilleri, Nancy Jarrold, Francis William Allen, Owen Toland, Sheila James, Charles James, Frank McMahan, Josephine Della, Rose Bateman, John Sheridan, Sheila Conway, Michael Lynch, John Fleming, Joanne Walker, Terence Crowley, Phyllis Eyre, John Twomey, Veronica Esenwah, Patrick O'Shea, Kate Wait, Alexander Kelly, Robert Burchell, Eilish O'Sullivan, Stella Hill, Thomas Murray, Raja Perera, Charlotte Wickenden, Kevin Dwane, Catherin Egbukwu, Barry Clarke, Eustace Rudolph, Sylvia Sobemheim, Dr. Tony Juwah, John Gerreyn, Danny McNally, Michael Lyons, Rose Bateman, Denis O'Donoghue, Vidmantas Grigaliunas and Mary Brophy.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

<p>Sun: May 31: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (A)</p> <p>6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Katherine Bingley, RIP</p> <p>9am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11am Mass: Cattigan & Scanlon Families, GB</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i></p>	<p>Sat: June 6: Vigil of Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A)</p> <p>5.15-5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Mary-Anne McNally, RIP</p>
<p>Mon: June 1: St. Justin, Martyr (Memorial)</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Holy Souls</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>Tues: June 2: No Mass</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>Wed: June 3: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)</p> <p>6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>7.30pm Mass: Gerry Butler, RIP</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>Thu: June 4: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Eunice Ifenatuorah, RIP and Antonio Goes, RIP</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <p>Fri: June 5: St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr (Memorial)</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament</p> <p>9am: Divine Mercy Novena</p> <p>9.30am Mass: Raja and Romesh Perera, RIP</p>	<p>Sun: June 7: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood Christ (Corpus Christi) (A)</p> <p>9am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11am Mass: McEveney Families, GB</p> <p>Note: SI means Special Intention SR means Speedy Recovery Bl means Blessed GB means God's Blessings GP means God's Protection WB means Well-Being TG means Thanksgiving PI means Private Intentions BT means Birthday Thanksgiving WA means Wedding Anniversary Pro Populo: People of the Parish Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p>

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