



A "New Normal"...



Last Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Feast of God the Holy Spirit.

As the church received the Holy Spirit, it was revealed to us that God is three in one, a Trinity.

We knew from that moment on that there is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who together make God.

What is God? God is a substance....a substance shared by the Three Persons, they are consubstantial (of the same substance).

A substance is the reality that stands beneath (sub = under, stance = stands) so the reality of The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit, the reality that 'stands under' them is the substance of God.

They are consubstantial and they are co-equal, there is not a hierarchy. They are not separate, they aren't three 'gods'.... They are three Persons who together are one God, three in one and one in three.....

"THE PARISH WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN"



Community or Communion



The Blessed Trinity is not a community of three Persons but a communion of three Persons.....

What's the difference between 'communion' and 'community'?.....

Here is a dictionary definition:

“A community is a group sharing a common understanding and often the same language, manners, tradition and law, while a communion is a joining together of minds or spirits”.

This difference matters, especially in a Parish.

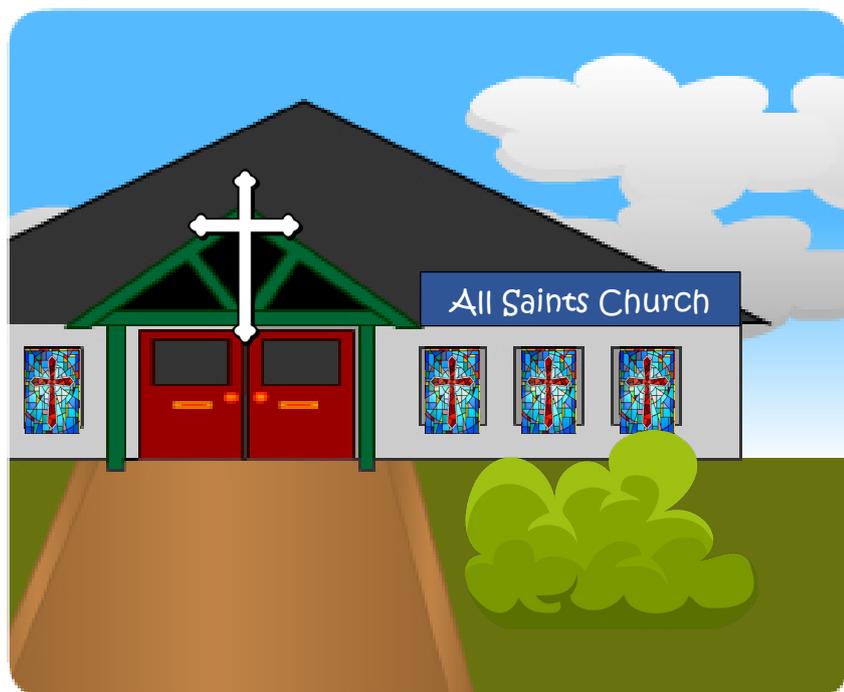
Understanding the difference effects the way we interact, our expectations, our motivation, and the reasons for our involvement.

The Parish is first and foremost a communion, a joining together of minds and spirits.

This emphasis is going to be important as we begin to open up the parish and to build it up in the years ahead.

The aim of a parish is not to become a community centre but a communion, 'gathered into one by the Holy Spirit'.

We are often very good at being a community, and that's important. We are 'a group sharing a common understanding with the same manners, tradition and laws', absolutely we are.... But we are more! We are meant to be, not just a community centre but a communion of united hearts and minds, disciples of the Lord.



We even see this 'over emphasis' of community over communion in modern church architecture....

Modern church architecture and community buildings (community centres) are beginning to look incredibly similar, with the same kind of layouts and facilities.

Whereas the architectural styles that flow from an understanding of the parish as a 'communion' look very different.

Communion with God is our aim....

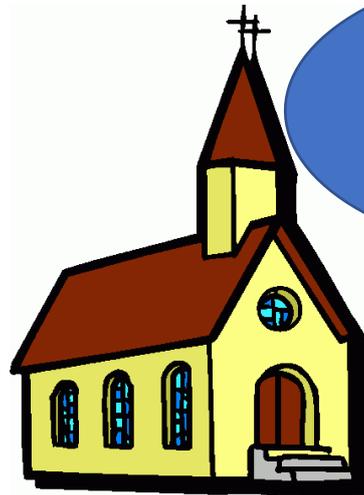
The aim of the communion desired by a parish is not only communion with each other, but principally a communion with God, who is THE Communion.

The Blessed Trinity, The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are the Communion we are supposed to model ourselves on.

It's good for us today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Trinity, to think about what a communion is and the communion we are called to.

Let's pray, on this Feast day for our parish, that we will be able to move from community to communion. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to lead and to guide us in all that we do.

And, let's pray especially that we may truly be one in heart and in mind, not only with one another but also with the mind and heart of Almighty God.



Obviously not a
Community
Centre

FROM

Community

TO

Communion



Social Media:

The Parish has a Facebook Page, a Twitter Account and a YouTube Channel. Daily Mass is available on each of these three outlets. Obviously, that's only helpful if you have those accounts or even a computer!!!! Unfortunately, given the situation we are in, we have no other choice. The Parish website is updated daily and anything important that needs to be transmitted will appear there too. So please do keep an eye on the Website: www.sacredheartbordon.co.uk

Parish database:

As you know, attempts have been made to update the parish database. What we currently have is woefully out-of-date. I would be very grateful if you could complete the parish registration form (available on the parish website). This will improve my ability to communicate with you on a personal level. THANK YOU!

Daily Mass Readings:

Every day I produce the Readings for Mass with a short commentary on them. You can find these on the Parish Website and on the Parish Facebook Page.

Mission Team

When the parish opens again, things are going to be different. The parish is going to become a real 'Mission Centre'. We will move from 'community' to 'communion'.

Of course, there will be Holy Mass and the Sacraments and our Catholic devotions and formation sessions... but the 'extra-curricular' activities, our focus and emphasis will be focused on personal faith development and reaching out to make new disciples.

I would like to develop a devoted team to help me with this task. It won't be easy, it is going to be hard, we shall meet all kinds of difficulties.... Are you interested?

Electronic offertory:

If you haven't managed to set up your electronic giving yet, please can you do so as soon as possible. The Parish Bank Account details are:

Account Name: PRCDTR BORGA
Sort Code: 309304
A/c no: 01755138

Computer Lessons:

The social distancing regulations currently in place will probably mean that we will not be able to gather (physically) for Holy Mass for some time. We are going to become increasingly dependent on our computers! For some, this may be a daunting prospect! So, if you would like to take part in small classes on how to use a computer (really, really basic – ideal for beginners) please let me know. We will set up access to the Facebook Pages and the YouTube Channel for you and show you how to use them. I hope to begin the sessions in June. Please email me if you are interested:

jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Sunday 7th June

Most Holy Trinity

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass: 10am

Streamed on Facebook

People of the Parish

Monday 8th June

Joyful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Spirit

Holy Mass: 10am

Streamed on Facebook

David Fagan RIP

Tuesday 9th June

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Angels

Holy Mass: 10am

Streamed on Facebook

Helena and Martin Galvin RIP

Wednesday 10th June

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to Saint Joseph

Holy Mass: 10am

Streamed on Facebook

Peter Bone RIP

Thursday 11th June

Luminous Mysteries

Dedicated to the Eucharist

Holy Mass: 10am

Streamed on Facebook

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday 12th June

Sorrowful Mysteries

Dedicated to the Holy Cross

Holy Mass: 10am

Streamed on Facebook

Family of Gerry Goes

Saturday 13th June

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mass: 10am

Streamed on Facebook

Fr John's intention

Sunday 14th June

Glorious Mysteries

Dedicated to the Resurrection

Holy Mass: 10am

Streamed on Facebook

People of the Parish

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

We pray to the Holy Spirit at the end of the Homily and we ask St Michael the Archangel to pray for us at the end of Mass:

"**Saint Michael the Archangel**, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.