

INTRODUCTION TO MASS TRINITY SUNDAY (A) 2020

We are back in Ordinary time and this first Sunday back in Ordinary Time, following the feast of Pentecost, is the feast of the Holy Trinity. With the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost the fullness of the Trinity is revealed: Three persons; One God. Father, Son and the Holy Spirit – three persons equal in majesty, in respect and mutual love.

The Holy Spirit – day by day – deepens our awareness and our understanding of the life of the Trinity – so that we might imitate that life of equality, respect and love in our own lives, in our family life and in our society. That is why whenever we see an assault against equality, respect and love in our world – as we have seen this week on our news broadcasts – we see an assault against the image of God.

For all people – in the vast and beautiful array of the colours and tone of our skins - are created in the image and likeness of God – who is a Community of Persons living in equality, mutual respect and love. No matter what our station and life – king or pauper, president or prime minister, general or governor, labourer or artisan, priest or lay, married or single, no one has the right to disrespect the image of God alive in each one of us.

So as we begin our celebration today let us ask pardon for the times we ourselves have not lived up to that image of God in which we are created – for our lack of respect, lack of love and charity we ask pardon and forgiveness.

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