



READINGS

Reading I: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Psalm: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

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

John 3:16-18

Saint John the Apostle is identified in his Gospel as "the disciple whom Jesus loved," a title that appears multiple times and has been consistently understood in the Church's tradition to refer to John himself (cf. [John 13:23](#); [19:26](#); [20:2](#); [21:7](#); [21:20](#)). By calling himself the beloved disciple, John was revealing his interior experience of the perfect love he encountered in Jesus. Certainly, Jesus loved everyone - equally and without limit. Yet John includes this personal designation not to claim favouritism, but to offer a personal testimony to the divine love made manifest in Christ's humanity - love he experienced firsthand and which changed his life.

Love plays a central role in John's writings - not only in his Gospel but also in his letters and the Book of Revelation. In his First Letter, likely written to the Christian communities he helped convert and shepherd, John declares: "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him" (1 [John 4:16](#)). This is both a personal sentiment and a profound theological affirmation. John speaks from both divine inspiration and lived experience; he had walked with Love Incarnate. To say "God is love" is to profess that love is not something God merely does - it is who God is. God's love is not a feeling, not sentimentality, but the pure, self-giving, eternal communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - a love that precedes and surpasses all creation.

That mystery lies at the very heart of today's Solemnity. Because God is Love in His very essence, love naturally flows from His divine nature in superabundance. God loves because He is Love. Today's Gospel reveals the most perfect expression of that divine essence: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." This eternal, Trinitarian love is made visible in time when the Father sends the Son, conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Why does God give His Son?

So that we might not perish but have eternal life. That is, so we may be drawn into the very life of God - into the Trinitarian communion of love. God desires to rescue us from condemnation and to share with us His Divine Existence.

This is the essence of Divine Love. This is the Trinity. And this is the astonishing invitation extended to every soul: To believe in the Son is to begin participating in the eternal love that flows ceaselessly between the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit - a love that never ends. We are invited to be caught up by the love of God into Love Himself: the eternal communion of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Trinity Sunday is set apart on the Church's calendar to renew our awe, deepen our understanding, and intensify our worship of the central mystery of our faith: that God is One in essence and Three in Persons. While every liturgy honors the Trinity - through prayer to the Father, in the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit - this solemnity invites us to pause and gaze more intentionally into the inner life of God as it has been revealed to us. We do not celebrate a theological abstraction but a divine Personhood: the eternal exchange of love between the Father and the Son, perfectly expressed and eternally proceeding in the Holy Spirit.

Reflect today on the Most Holy Trinity. We were made to share in Their Life and Love. Though the fullness of the Trinity remains a mystery beyond human grasp, it is not beyond human encounter. Through grace, revelation, and contemplative union, God draws us to Himself - not to explain Himself, but to be consumed by Him. Celebrate this day by repeatedly praying one of the most ancient and simple prayers of the Church:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!
Most Holy Trinity, I love You and trust in You!*

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Parish of Blessed Hugh Faringdon & Buckland SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – 31st MAY 2026

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Mass Setting: Blessed Hugh Children: 770

Entrance: 361 Immortal Invisible

Psalm: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

For ever, for ever, we praise you forever

Offertory: 214 Come Lord Jesus come

Communion: 559 O Thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray

Recessional: 290 God is love, his the care

Sunday Mass is at 10am.

The Mass is usually also streamed on Facebook here: <https://facebook.com/blessedhughfaringdonchurch/>

You can follow Fr. Claro's daily international Masses from his home on Facebook here: <https://facebook.com/claro.conde/>

His current schedule (subject to change) is: 6.30 am Regular Daily Masses Monday to Sunday.

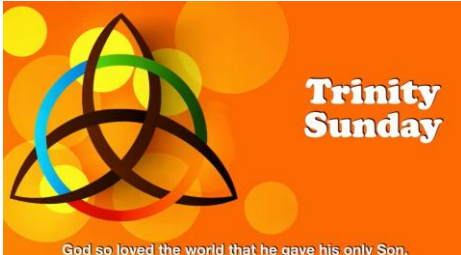
Bible Study

We have a Bible Study, reflecting on the coming Sunday Mass Readings, with Fr Claro on Zoom on Mondays from 7.00pm. To join please use the link on the Parish website home page.

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YOUTUBE LINK for the Bible Study and Commentaries

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ME_Y-BV8lac



In a world where philosophers often described the divine as self-absorbed, distant, or indifferent to human affairs, and where popular religion portrayed the gods as powerful but unpredictable, the Gospel of John makes a startling proclamation. John writes: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." This is not the language of divine detachment or cosmic indifference. It is the language of self-giving love.

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

CONFIRMATION 2026: June 5th, Friday at 7:00pm at English Martyrs 15 Manor Cres, Didcot OX11 7AJ, Pls come early at 630pm.

We pray for the Confirmation Candidates and their families. Mwiza Mary Chashi, Wita Chashi, Kirsten Anne Parreno, Kate Kasongo Grace Ann Malaban, Nicole Malaban, Charlie Harriet Pablo, Aioue Elianna E. Garcia, Dylan Ortiz Pena, Lirienne Mischa Panganiban Laurie Lane, Agnese Basister

7th CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY and FHC (First Holy Communion) 2026, procession after the Mass then picture taken.

We pray for our FHC 1st Holy Communion Candidates: 1. Grecia Mourinha Cabral Dos Santos, 2. Jessica Borges Pereira 3. Jayden Corpuz de Guzman 4. Scout Christopher Aaro Harwood-Hope 5. Jesse Apollo Harwood-Hope 6. Vencislau Soares Pereira Amaral 7. David Anthony Pablo 8. Rebecca Gaskell 9. Eerie Jose Basister Laurie Lane, Agnese Basister

8th June Monday. Mass for Stella Maris with Bishop Philip at 1215 on Monday 8th June 2026 in St John's Cathedral. You are warmly invited to join us.

21st Sunday, **Filipino Day Sunday**

TRAINING HOW TO USE THE SUNDAY MISSAL
contact Dr. David Williamson of the Choir

PPC & Finance Meetings, see in the parish website

MONDAY BIBLE ZOOM time 7pm

FRIDAY LUNCH – OPEN KITCHEN 12-2pm Blessed Hugh Parish Hall on 5th June.

Magnifica humanitas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zcGw08VWCps>

The cardinal shared 10 points on social media to foster a deeper understanding of the Holy Father's central message in the document:

1. The human person lies at the centre of all technological progress.
2. The great challenge of our time is not technical but human and spiritual.
3. Artificial intelligence must be placed at the service of the common good.
4. Human dignity does not depend on productivity or capabilities.
5. Fragility is not a defect that must be eliminated.
6. No artificial intelligence can replace human experience.
7. Truth is a common good that must be protected.
8. Human work cannot be subjected to the logic of machines.
9. Freedom is threatened by new, invisible forms of control.
10. Peace and the civilization of love constitute the true alternative to technological power.

The Las Casas Institute for Social Justice is a vibrant centre for research, dialogue, and policymaking on the common good of humanity and nature in the world today, which welcomes discussion with all people of goodwill.

Our work is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching and the example of Bartolomé de Las Casas who argued for the humanity and rights of all peoples in the Americas in the sixteenth century, and is one of the early pioneers of universal human rights.
<https://www.bfriars.ox.ac.uk/research/las-casas-institute-for-social-justice/>

9th June Las Casas 6pm - 7pm Human Dignity: Its Roots and Challenges in Western Thought

10th June Las Casas 5pm Catholic Social Justice on the American Right

18th June 2026 Thursday Las Casas 5.30 – 7.30pm Realistic and Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence

"And all that believed were together, and had all things common"....

Many of us are blessed to have productive gardens or allotments, but with that also comes the problem of gluts of produce. We would like to invite you to bring any excess fruit or vegetables to the church for people to share.

CAFOD campaign "Cancel the Debt"

Many developing countries are saddled with massive debts. Often they have repaid the original amount but are still trying to pay off the interest. Money they spend doing this is not spent on the health and education of their own populations. You can read a letter from the Archbishop of Juba in South Sudan, Cardinal Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla, on the noticeboard by the hall about how debt affects his own country.

Please sign the petition (sheet next to Cardinal Stephen's letter) so we can let our MPs know that we support and demand a fairer and more compassionate debt system, in the spirit of Jubilee.

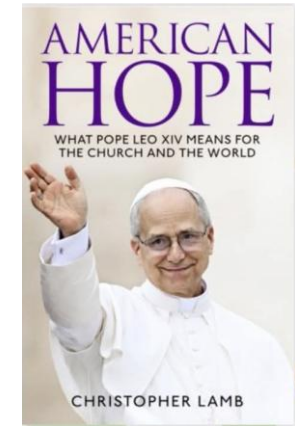
Corpus Christi: Sunday 7th June

Our First Holy Communion candidates will make their First Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 7th June. Please pray for them and their families.

After Mass on 7th June, we will have a procession of witness. This will be as in previous years, to wit:

- Father Claro will process from the altar with the monstrance. All those who are able should kneel as the Blessed Sacrament passes.
- Then, led by the children who have made their First Holy Communion and Father Claro we will process in reverent silence, from the church, to the market square, (on the righthand side of the road after you turn right out of the church gate), across the square and then back on the other side of the road.
- Having returned to the church, there will be benediction.

BOOKS TO READ



'Immensely readable ... Lamb's assessment is cool and considered: a thoughtful overview of the conclave's fruit in Leo's first year, and the challenges he faces. The author's gifts for rendering complexity digestible are on full display: American Hope is the most thorough and insightful overview out there of the Church at the start of the Leonine era' –

Austen Ivereigh, The Tablet

'Incisive ... American Hope combines background with predictions, lacing both together with a strong narrative and mastery of Vatican politics as well as theology ... The influence of Lamb's day job, as CNN's Vatican correspondent, can be seen here in the ease with which he places the Pope in a global context, not least in comparing him with US president Donald Trump and his VP, Catholic convert JD Vance'

BBC Thought for the Day Catholic Presenter, Catherine Pepinster, Telegraph