

Homily. Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Year.A. 6/7 June 2020.

When I began our Mass I said to you; Welcome back to your Church. Of course you knew that I meant much more by my welcome than just this building, important as it is. My welcome was to you, the people of God, without whom this building is little more than a cold, empty and somewhat sad shell as the last 10 weeks have shown.

I don't think that we could have asked for a better day to come back together, because Trinity Sunday is all about community, equality and the respect we have for one another, born of our mutual love and service. It's God who makes us into the Church, our community of faith and support on the journey of life because, to put it simply, we are all made in God's own image and likeness. After these past weeks of isolation, separation, and aloneness if not plain loneliness, I believe that we've learnt this much about ourselves in ways that ought last us our lifetimes.

Just as the perfect love of the three persons of the Trinity makes God one and indivisible, so we who are made in God's image are united with God and each other. Here, at this moment of grace in the gift of God's love, we're also united with all of those who can't be here tonight/today. We know that they are members of God's family, the Church, by their Baptism, their prayer and by virtue of their faith commitment. Whether we like it or not, this is going to be the reality for both our Church and society for some time to come. We can rant and rave about this, or better yet accept it and try to find new ways to move forwards together.

What is unchangeable in this ever changing world is that God is One and that there is no other God! God's unity reveals itself to us in through our experiences of compassion and a tenderness that is ever-faithful, walking at our side on all of our travels in this world and into a future we cannot as yet see. God chooses, day after day, to brush aside our arrogance, forgiving our many sins, making us God's own family by lovingly adopting us as God's children which we, the Church gathered here, now represent.

I'll end what I have to say to you this first weekend back together with the hopeful and encouraging words of St. Paul. Above everything else during this change of eras let's be united, living in peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with us, the same God who cares about us and comes not to condemn but to save us all.