

Vox Populi

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Through the first few Sundays of Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates several important feasts.

Following the celebration of Pentecost last week, the Birth of the Church, this Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.

Known commonly as "Trinity Sunday", it is celebrated the week after Pentecost, since it was after the first great Pentecost that the doctrine of the Trinity was proclaimed to the world.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church expresses, the "Father," "Son," "Holy Spirit" are not simply names designating modalities of the divine being, for they are really distinct from one another.

The Holy Trinity is also a mystery, one that cannot be fully understood, yet it is at the core of our faith, expressed explicitly in the Nicene Creed, the defining statement of belief of Christianity:

"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...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."

The Trinity is not a belief the Church could have arrived at by itself, it is only through the divine revelation that we have come to know God in this way.

The contemplation of the mystery of the Holy Trinity is an invitation to prayer and deeper encounter with God.

God, with the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds.

The next major feast is Sunday 22 June – the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi when we celebrate the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Bishop Anthony has written to all the faithful in preparation for this Solemnity. A copy of his letter is available in parishes and also on the <u>Diocese website</u>.