



Crucis



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Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

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Message from Fr Michael Turner

June brings us into that lovely period of the year when the days are long, the fields are filled with growing crops, and life seems to spill outdoors. There is something deeply reassuring about this season of growth and light – a reminder that God's creation continues faithfully, year by year.

The Church's calendar this month helps us to reflect on that same faithfulness in God. On the last day of May we celebrated Trinity Sunday, giving thanks for the mystery of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – relationship, love, and unity at the very heart of all things. Later comes Corpus Christi, a day that invites us to focus again on the gift of Holy Communion, and the simple yet profound truth that Christ is present with us, feeding and sustaining us on our journey through life.

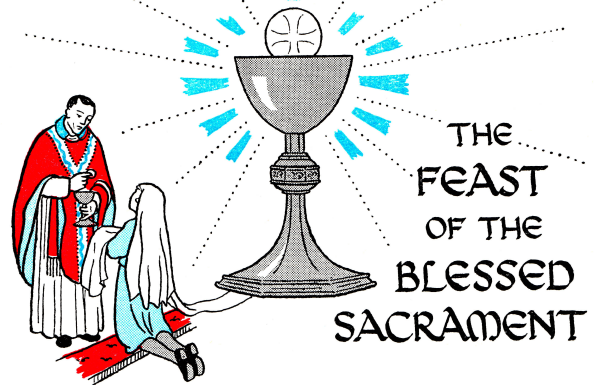
Tucked within the month is also St Barnabas' Day (11 June). In some places in times past, this day marked the beginning of haymaking season, and the adorning of homes with garlands of roses. Barnabas, known as the 'son of encouragement', reminds us how much the life of faith depends not only on grand gestures, but on quiet acts of support and kindness. In a community such as ours, that ministry of encouraging one another (such as the Food Cupboard) is much needed, and much appreciated, even in the smallest of ways.

There's a short saying that comes to mind in June: 'One kind word can warm three winter months.' Even as summer surrounds us, those words carry a deeper truth. The small things we do to encourage others in their daily lives – praising a job well done, listening without judgement, noticing when others may be struggling – can have a lasting impact far beyond what we see.

CORPUS CHRISTI

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BODY OF CHRIST



As we continue through the 'green' Sundays after Trinity-tide, we are invited to grow steadily in faith, just as the crops grow in the fields around us. Growth is often slow and unseen, but it is very real. God is at work in us, shaping us quietly over time. So perhaps this month we might each take a moment to ask: where and how can I be an encourager?

Fr Michael

Services in June

Wed 3	Martyrs of Uganda	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
Sun 7	Corpus Christi (tr)	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 10	St Barnabas (ant)	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
Sun 14	Trinity II	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 17	Ss Basil, Gregory & Gregory – Bps & Ts (tr)	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
Sun 21	Trinity III	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.
Wed 24	Birth of John the Baptist	Lay-led	10.00 a.m.
Sun 28	Trinity IV	Sung Mass	11.00 a.m.

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Prayer for the season of Trinity

To God the Father, who first loved us, and made us accepted in the Beloved; to God the Son, who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood; to God the Holy Ghost, who sheddeth the love of God abroad in our hearts: to the one true God be all love and all glory for time and for eternity.

Thomas Ken

Saints' and Special Days in June

The Martyrs of Uganda (3 June)

In 1884 Mwanga became ruler of Buganda in Uganda. In January 1885, when three of his subjects, obeying a missionary's instruction, disobeyed him, he had them executed. In November of that year, one of his courtiers, who was a Roman Catholic, was executed for protesting at the murder of the Anglican missionary Bishop James Hannington. The persecution reached its height in 1886, when some courtiers and palace officials refused Mwanga's sexual advances. Forty-six of them, both Roman Catholics and Anglicans, were burnt alive on Ascension Day, 3 June, 1886 – a number merely young boys. In the following January another Christian Ugandan was also put to death. The churches came under extreme pressure in the 1970s and 1980s under the despotic presidencies of Idi Amin and Milton Obote. Among those martyred during this 2nd wave of persecution of Ugandan Christians was the Anglican Archbishop Janani Luwum.

The Feast of Corpus Christi (4 June)

is a liturgical solemnity celebrating the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist; the feast is observed by the Catholic Church, and certain Western Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglican churches. Two months earlier, the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper is observed on Maundy Thursday in a sombre atmosphere leading to Good Friday. The liturgy on that day also commemorates Christ's washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the priesthood, and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

St Barnabas, Apostle (11 June)

Born in Cyprus, Barnabas was a wealthy Jew and one of the first converts in Jerusalem after Pentecost. He introduced St Paul to the leaders of the Jerusalem Church, was sent with him to Antioch to oversee the inclusion of non-Jewish converts there, and he went with St Paul on his first missionary journey.



Barnabas took part in the Council of Jerusalem. Then he returned to Cyprus to preach the Gospel, and died there, possibly as a martyr, in the year 61.

Ss. Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, & Gregory of Nyssa: Bishops & Teachers (14 June)

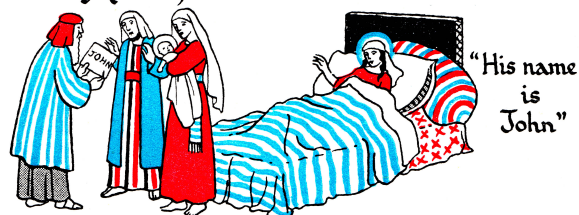
Gregory of Nazianzus and Basil were two friends bound together by their desire to promote and defend the divinity of Christ as proclaimed in the Nicene Creed. This was against the seemingly overwhelming pressure from both Church and



State for the establishment of Arianism, which denied Christ's divinity and thus the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Basil was renowned for being headstrong and forceful, while Gregory preferred a quiet, simple ascetic life of prayer. However, Gregory's oratorical and theological brilliance meant that the hidden life was virtually impossible, and Basil drew him into the forefront of the controversy. Their joint persuasive eloquence convinced the first Council of Constantinople, meeting in 381, that their teaching was the truly orthodox one and the Council ratified the text of the Nicene Creed in the form in which it is used in the East today. Basil died in 379 and Gregory of Nazianzus ten years later.

Gregory of Nyssa was the younger brother of Basil, and was born at Caesarea around the year 330. Unlike his brother, Gregory was academically undistinguished, but he ultimately proved to be the most original of the group of theologians known as the Cappadocian Fathers. Although always personally devout, Gregory pursued a secular career and was ordained only later in life. He was chosen Bishop of Nyssa in 372. For him, God is met not as an object to be understood, but as a mystery to be loved. Gregory died in the year 394.

Nativity (Birth) of S. JOHN the BAPTIST



The Birth of St John the Baptist (24 June)

We celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist, the man specially chosen by God to be the herald of the Saviour and to prepare the people for His coming.