

Diary of Services and Events May—July 2018

MAY 2018

Thursday 3 **Invention of the Holy Cross** 12.45 pm Mass

This feast commemorates the finding (Latin *inventio*) of the true cross by St Helen, mother of the emperor Constantine, during the building of the church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem in AD 335

Sunday 6 **Easter 5**
(Rogation Sunday)

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm *Vidi aquam*
and Sung Mass

Thursday 10 **Ascension Day** 12.45 pm Mass

7.30 pm Pontifical High Mass

Sunday 13 **Sunday after Ascension**

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm Sung Mass

8.00 pm *Visions Compline*

Thursday 17 *Feria* 12.45 pm Mass

Sunday 20 **Whit Sunday**
(Pentecost)

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm High Mass
Procession & Benediction

Thursday 24 In the Octave of Whitsun 12.45 pm Mass

Sunday 27 **Trinity Sunday**

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm Sung Mass,

Thursday 31 **Corpus Christi**

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is kept on a Thursday, the day of the Last Supper, on this the first free Thursday after Eastertide

12.45 pm Mass

7.30 pm High Mass
Procession & Benediction

JUNE 2018

Sunday 3 **Trinity 1**

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm *Asperges* and Sung Mass

Thursday 7 **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** 12.45 pm Mass

This festival takes Our Lord's heart as a symbolic representation of His Divine Love for all humanity. The festival focuses on Our Lord's long suffering love and compassion towards us. There has long been a statue representing the Sacred Heart of Jesus in this building.

Sunday 10 **Trinity 2**

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm Sung Mass

8/00 pm *Visions Compline*

Thursday 14 **S. Basil** 12.45 pm Mass

4th-century bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (modern Turkey), a noted theologian, carer of the poor, and encourager of the religious life

Sunday 17 **Trinity 3**

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm Sung Mass

Thursday 21 **S. Aloysius Gonzaga** 12.45 pm Mass

A Jesuit who died in 1591 aged 23 while heroically tending plague victims in Rome

Sunday 24 **Nativity of S. John the Baptist**

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm Sung Mass

John the Baptist, is the only saint (apart from Our Lord, and his Mother) to have their birthdays honoured in our calendar. The only other Saint to have more than one Feast is St Helen - 3rd May (when she excavated the site of the crucifixion, and found the 3 crosses) is one of her festivals.

Thursday 28 **S. Irenæus** 12.45 pm Mass

Bishop of Lyons (then called Lugdunum) in the 2nd century; a noted theologian who effectively opposed the dangerous 'Gnostic' heresy. He came from Smyrna (now Izmir, in modern Turkey) - he had heard the preaching of Polycarp, who it is said was converted by John the Evangelist. The earliest known person to recognise all four Gospels. Tradition has it that he was martyred, but this is uncertain. His tomb, and remains, were destroyed by the Huguenots in 1562

JULY 2018

Sunday 1 **Trinity 5**

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm *Asperges* and Sung Mass

"**The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ**": Once celebrated on 1st July in some places, does not displace the Sunday. Never celebrated before, in this Church—this *modern* festival has been abandoned in the Roman Church since the 1969 reforms, (and never widely accepted in the English Church) on the grounds that the most precious blood of Christ the redeemer is already venerated in the solemnities of the Passion, of Corpus Christi, of The Sacred Heart of Jesus, and in The Feast of The Exultation of The Holy Cross (associated with St Helen). It appears to have been a theological aberration, whose temporary existence was due to a misunderstanding of the wholeness of Christ, Our Saviour)

Thursday 5 **S. Anthony Zaccaria** 12.45 pm Mass

16th-century Italian priest, founder of religious houses and preacher against the decadence of the Church and of society

Sunday 8 **Trinity 6**

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm Sung Mass

8.00 pm *Visions Compline*

Thursday 12 *Feria* 12.45 pm Mass

Sunday 15 **Trinity 7**

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm Sung Mass

Thursday 19 **SS. Gregory & Macrina** 12.45 pm Mass

Brother and sister of S. Basil (see 14 June), renowned for holiness of life and depth of theological teaching

Sunday 22 **S. Mary Magdalene**

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm Sung Mass

Thursday 26 **S. Anne** 12.45 pm Mass

Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, depicted teaching her daughter to read in the famous window of 1410 over the high altar.

Sunday 29 **Trinity 9**

10.30 am Mass

5.30 pm Sung Mass