

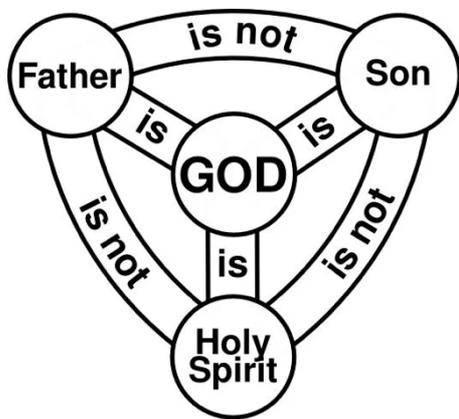
St Elizabeth's Catholic Church Scarisbrick

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Parish Priest: Fr Hugh Somerville Knapman OSB



— 12 JUNE 2022 —

TRINITY SUNDAY

Saturday 11/6 6.30pm	Mass (Vigil)	† Mary King
Sunday 12/6 9.30am	Mass	† Winnie Church
Wednesday 15/6 9.30am	Mass	† Audrey Mitchell
Thursday 16/6 6.30pm	Mass	† Holy Souls (JC) <i>Confessions & Rosary at 6.00pm</i>
Friday 17/6 9.30am	Mass	† George & Margaret Wright
Saturday 18/6 6.30pm	Mass (Vigil)	Benefactors
Sunday 19/6 9.30am	Mass (Corpus Christi) <i>First Holy Communions</i>	The People of the Parish

From the Pastor's Desk

ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON (yes, I am writing this pretty late in the week), you will probably still remember, the weather was balmy, sunny and warm though with a stiff and occasionally blustery breeze. It was a great day for washing and I managed to get two loads on to the line and dried. Other work was getting done too, so it was turning into a most pleasant, quiet day. In the afternoon I decided to take a cup of tea into the presbytery garden to enjoy this little outbreak of summer. To my shock I found a very large trunk had fallen from the magnificent beech tree in the middle of the lawn. Not a sound of it had I heard. On giving thanks that no one was underneath it at the time, I began to marvel at the beauty of its wood, and to appreciate the rest of the tree. Its trunk is most bizarre agglomeration every several trunks, often intertwining with each other—not the usual single trunk of the beech. Bernard Simpson, on coming over in kind response to my call, ventured that some human intervention had been suffered by the tree in earlier years, pollarding or something of that nature. There are big branches which are far too low on the tree, branches which are sometimes trunks in themselves, and which constitute a heavy weight on the other trunks, none of which has the strength of the usual single great trunk of the beech. It has made for a spectacular and attractive tree, but one that has fundamental weaknesses, which offer some real dangers which must be quickly addressed (and, as I type, Bernard and Ted Charnock are attending to some of them already).

Both in our personal lives and in the life of the Church, we have often made “improvements,” choices that seem good at the time, and serve a short-term end. Yet sometimes what has a good effect in the short term can set up pitfalls for the longer term. Decisions we might make in haste we come to repent at leisure, to adapt a phrase. It is fundamental reality in fallen human nature, be it in individuals or in communities of them. One way of understanding the fundamental Christian concept of repentance is to see it as the putting to rights previous poor decisions—made in haste with good intent, or made with more thought but for self-serving reasons (sins, to use another Christian term). Left unaddressed they can build up a weight that will at some stage cause a crash of some sort in our lives, endangering us and often others too. This is just as true for groups of people, like a Church; they can get things wrong too.

Repentance turns a negative into a positive, restores health and strength to what had become weak and dangerous. That we are able to repent, have time still to repent, is evidence of an essential Christian truth: our mistakes need never be the end of the story.

Fr Hugh

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The sick and others needing prayer

Terry Turner, Sue Carver, Philip & Eva Molyneux, Joan Fawson, Ronnie Charnock, Tess Mills, Jean Olverson.

Please let the Parish Office know if anyone who cannot come to church would like Holy Communion at home or a visit from Fr Hugh.

Anniversaries this week (within the last 10 years)

Bernadette Caddick

First Holy Communion Preparation

Please pray for Sienna, Sam, Alex, Niamh, Harriet, Marco, Esme, Imogen, Evan and Shaun who will be making their First Holy Communion on Corpus Christi, next Sunday. There will be a rehearsal after Sunday Mass this weekend.

Confirmation

If there are any young people in our parish who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year, please let Fr Hugh know by Corpus Christi (19 June). It is envisaged that Confirmation would be conferred in November after a period of preparation either in our Catholic schools or in a programme shared with neighbouring parishes. The clergy of the deanery are in the planning stage for this so the sooner we know of any candidates, the better.

Choral Classics: A Concert for Ukraine

On Friday 17 June, at 7:30pm, at the church of Saints Peter and Paul in Crosby there will be a concert to acknowledge the struggle of the Ukrainian people as they face the invasion of their country by Russia. Music will include works by Bruckner, Faure, Karl Jenkins and more. Admission is free, but donations are requested.

For more information, either email francesca.darcy@bighelpproject.com, or call 07897 191040.

Vegetable Planter

Last year some of the children and adults planted vegetable seeds along the fence between the Castéja tomb and the presbytery garden. The vines also planted then are doing well, but the planter beds are looking a little sad in their emptiness. If you would like to contribute to planting and caring for another crop of various vegetables, and being involved in nurturing the miracle of life (even if only vegetable life!) then please let Fr Hugh know soon. Then we can get some seeds, hopefully in time for an autumn harvest.

A Recent Benefaction

This Sunday and the next are “white” Sundays, so you will not be able to see our most recent benefaction for a few weeks unless you come to a weekday Mass. Thanks to donations received in memory of Winnie Church, we have been able to have Ormsby’s make a fine new ambo fall and tabernacle curtains in green. The older ones were of a modern design in polyester that did not match those of the other liturgical colours, nor did they suit our splendid neo-gothic church. The new green set looks magnificent and are a real enhancement to the beauty of the church. Soon new altar covers will be made that will be a similar improvement on the green polyester cover for the low altar, which is practical but not very attractive. Please keep Winnie, and Ronnie, in your prayers. There is a monthly Mass intention for all our benefactors.



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