

Homily Trinity Sunday 2026

'Glory be to The Father and to The Son and to The Holy Spirit **AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE**, world without end. Amen.'

The story goes, and I believe it was St Augustine, the great philosopher and thinker, of 4th Century. He was walking along the seashore and was struck by the actions of a young boy. The Saint had been grappling with the mystery of The Holy Trinity, determined to solve how there could be three persons but still only one God? The boy equipped with a bucket and spade, had dug a hole in the sand and was ferrying water from the sea and emptying it into the hole. After observing the boy for a while, Augustine approached him and asked what he was doing? The boy immediately answered, 'Oh sir, I'm emptying the ocean into this hole!' 'Don't be silly', Augustine replied, 'that's impossible.' 'Yes!', replied the boy, 'and you must learn it is impossible for you to fully understand the mystery of The Holy Trinity!'

Genesis describes that even before the dawn of time Father, Son and Holy Spirit existed. The story of Creation endorses this belief when it describes, 'The earth was a formless void and The Spirit hovered over the water. God SAID (The Word of God, Jesus), "Let there be light" and there was light, and God saw that it was good.' God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in relationship at the beginning of time.

Interestingly, at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, the 3 persons of The Holy Trinity are also present. 'The Baptist baptised Jesus in The Jordan and a voice comes from Heaven, "This is my Son, the beloved, listen to him." and the Spirit comes down on Jesus in the form of a dove.' God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit present at the dawn of The New, final and perfect Covenant in Christ's blood.

Last Sunday, Pentecost, Jesus, 'in union with The Father, appears to the disciples and 'breathes on them The Holy Spirit.'(St John's Gospel). He then 'sends them out' to 'forgive sins' and 'proclaim The Good News.' God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit also present together at the birth of The Church.

From the ongoing presence of The Holy Trinity at the dawn of time, at the initiation of The New Covenant and at the Birth of The Church one can logically infer that all 3 persons of The Trinity are present and active throughout ALL of Salvation History. The Father's love, the compassion and mercy of The Son and the sevenfold gifts of The Holy Spirit are alive in today's Church, just as they were when God created the world, when Jesus walked the streets of Palestine and when God, through Jesus, sent The Advocate, The Helper at Pentecost.

Each of us, like The Church itself, are invited therefore here and now to truly embrace the immortal words of Jesus with great confidence and optimism, '..and know that I AM (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) with you always, yes until the end of time.' We don't need to understand The Trinity, as Augustine learned from the lips of a child. We are simply called in faith to trust in God's faithful, loving and ONGOING presence in the world and in each of our lives.

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