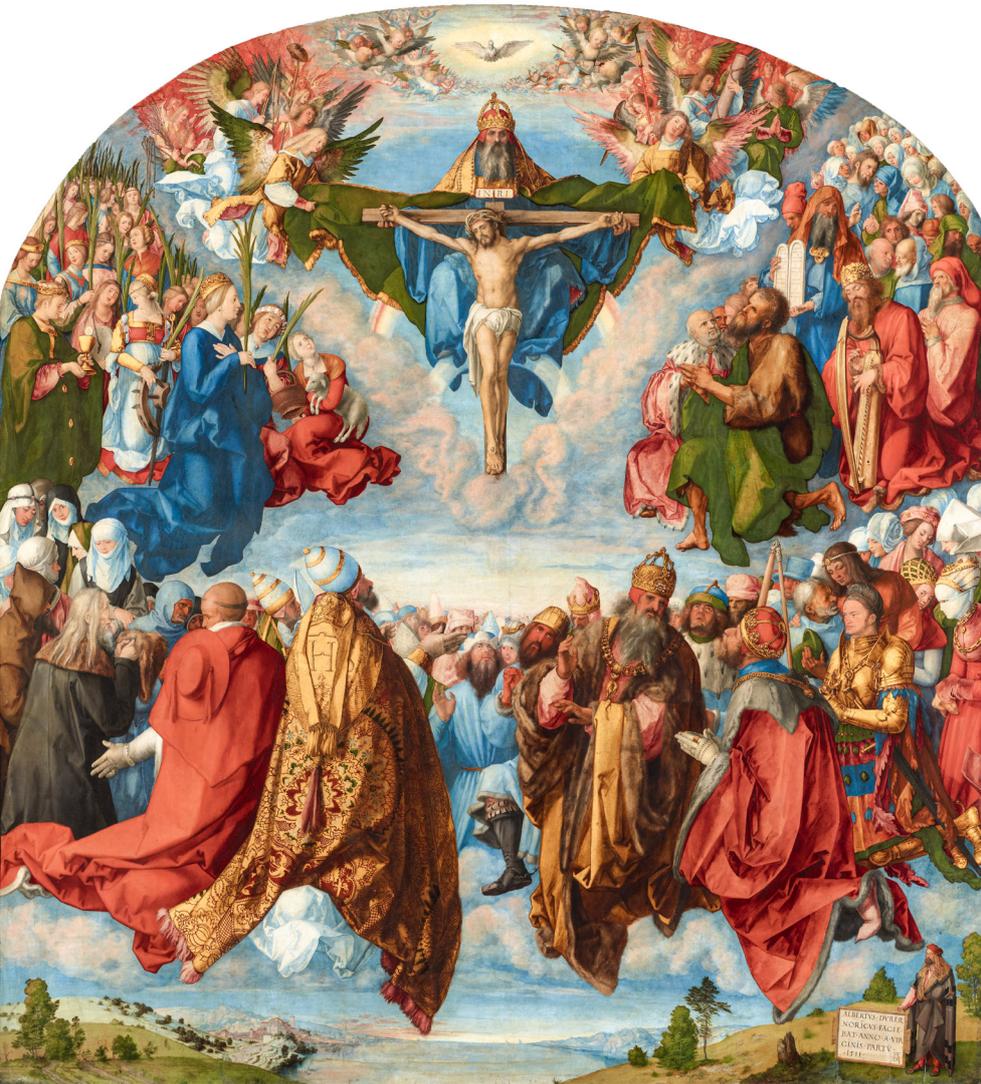




# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

## TRINITY SUNDAY DOM PROSPER GUÉRANGER



*Adoration of the Holy Trinity, Albrecht Dürer, 1511, "Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna*

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Apostles received ... the grace of the Holy Ghost. In accordance with the injunction of their divine Master, they will soon start on their mission of teaching all nations and baptizing men in the name of the Holy Trinity. It was but right, then, that the solemnity which is intended to honor the mystery of One God in Three Persons should immediately follow that of Pentecost, with which it has a mysterious connection. And yet, it was not till after many centuries that it was inserted in the Cycle of the Liturgical Year, whose completion is the work of successive ages.

Every homage paid to God by the Church's Liturgy has the Holy Trinity as its object. Time, as well as eternity, belongs to the Trinity. The Trinity is the scope of all Religion. Every day, every hour, belongs to It. The Feasts instituted in memory of the mysteries of our Redemption center in It. The Feasts of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints are but so many means for leading us to the praise of the God who is One in essence, and Three in Persons. The Sunday's Office, in a very special way, gives us, each week, a most explicit expression of adoration and worship of this mystery, which is the foundation of all others and the source of all grace.

This explains to us how it was that the Church was so long in instituting a special Feast in honor of the Holy Trinity. The ordinary motive for the institution of feasts did not exist in this instance. A feast is the memorial of some fact which took place at some certain time, and of which it is well to perpetuate the remembrance and influence. How could this be applied to the mystery of the Trinity? It was from all eternity, it was before any created being existed, that God lives and reigns, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. If a Feast in honor of that Mystery were to be instituted, it could only be by setting one day in the Year whereon the Faithful would assemble to offer a more than usually solemn tribute of worship to the Mystery of Unity and Trinity in the one same divine Nature.

The idea of such a Feast was first conceived by some of those pious and recollected souls, who are favored from on high with a sort of intuition of the things which the Holy Ghost will achieve, at a future period, in the Church. So far back as the 8th Century, the learned monk Alcuin had had the happy thought of composing a Mass in honor of the mystery of the blessed Trinity. It would seem that he was prompted to this by the Apostle of Germany, Saint Boniface. ...

The very essence of the Christian Faith consists in the knowledge and adoration of One God in Three Persons. This is the Mystery whence all others flow. Our Faith centers in this as in the master-truth of all it knows in this life, and as the infinite object whose vision is to form our eternal happiness; and

yet, we only know it because it has pleased God to reveal himself thus to our lowly intelligence, which, after all, can never fathom the infinite perfections of that God who necessarily inhabiteth light inaccessible. Human reason may of itself come to the knowledge of the existence of God as Creator of all beings; it may, by its own innate power, form to itself an idea of his perfections by the study of his works; but the knowledge of God's intimate being can only come to us by means of his own gracious revelation.

It was God's good pleasure to make known to us His essence, in order to bring us into closer union with Himself, and to prepare us, in some way, for that face-to-face vision of Himself which He intends giving us in eternity: but His revelation is gradual; He takes mankind from brightness unto brightness, fitting it for the full knowledge and adoration of Unity in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity. During the period preceding the Incarnation of the eternal Word, God seems intent on inculcating the idea of his Unity, for polytheism was the infectious error of mankind; and every notion of there being a spiritual and sole cause of all things would have been effaced on earth, had not the infinite goodness of that God watched over its preservation.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Gift Aid Participation

We thank you for your generous financial support you have given the Institute here in Shrewsbury since His Lordship, Bishop Davies, invited our community to work in his diocese. We would like to point that, if you are a UK tax payer, you could consider to Gift Aid your donations towards the Charity of the ICKSP. The Institute would be allowed to claim from HMRC 25p on each £1 that had been donated by you.

Presently, we are updating our records of all those who are already participants in this program. You will receive a letter from us, either by mail or email, in which you will be invited to send the form back to us after you have filled in your updated information.

There is a charity put in place in the UK to support the work of the Institute. By signing up to the Gift Aid Program you help us to support more effectively the apostolate here in Shrewsbury, the work of the Institute in the UK, the seminary in Gricigliano as well as the Sisters Adorers.

Please contact Canon Wiener if you have questions with regard to this exceptional program that enables us to strengthen our financial resources. Feel free to pick up a copy of the participation form which is available at the entrance of the church.

## Masses for Your Intentions

You are invited to request Masses to be celebrated for your and your family's intentions. Mass stipends support the apostolate here in Shrewsbury. Please contact Canon Wiener with your requests.



*Canons and seminarians enter the chapel in Gricigliano.*

## SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
Sun*	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	12:30 pm	Pentecost	PI	PI
Mon	24 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00 am	Pentecost Monday	Joan Garner	PI
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup> May	6:30 pm	Pentecost Tuesday	Charlotte and Ethan Frost	PI
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00 am	Ember Wednesday after Pentecost	Nicole and Maksymilian Frost	PI
Thu	27 <sup>th</sup> May	6:30 pm	Pentecost Thursday	Iony McGough	PI
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00 am	Ember Friday after Pentecost	Francis Kirk	PI
Sat	29 <sup>th</sup> May	10:00 am	Ember Saturday after Pentecost	Berry Lathan RIP	PI
Sun*	30 <sup>th</sup> May	12:30 pm	Trinity Sunday	PI	PI

\*Sunday Masses at 12:30 PM at St. Winefride's Church, 187 Crowmere Road, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury, SY2 5RA

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