

Homily Trinity Sunday (11.6.17)

1st Communion homily - Jesus is what God is like

Homily preached to the First Communicants

I've come down from the altar to speak to you specially today. The mystery of God which we celebrate today, Father, Son and Holy Spirit is known as the Trinity. Even adults don't fully understand it – One God – three Persons in One God. After I have spoken to you, we will say the Creed, which talks of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. When we say the Creed together, we are saying that we believe in God, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Creed expresses our belief – intellectually, that is – by using our brains.

However no matter how clever we are, or how brilliant we are at school, or how many top marks we get, we can never know the mystery of God. He's invisible isn't He? He's pure Being. When we heard that First Reading today, about Moses encountering God – experiencing God in a special way, Moses still couldn't SEE God, he just heard Him, felt Him in His heart, in a mystical religious experience. We Christians believe that the only way you can know God truly, in the depth of His being, is through the Person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the reflection of the God we cannot see. Jesus is the second Person of the Trinity, and God the Father, is the first. Jesus is the reflection of the Nature of God.

In other words when you look at Jesus, and look at His teaching, and pray to Him, then you're actually seeing what God is like. Jesus is God's messenger. Today in your first Holy Communion you will come closer to God through receiving Jesus, the Son of God in Holy Communion. Jesus comes to you in a special way. He comes into your heart, and into your life. What I want you to do today during this Mass, is pray very hard that you too, will, like Moses in the First Reading, experience the Power and Presence of God in your First Holy Communion. Let Jesus into your lives, and let Him fill you with a wonderful and transforming experience of the Power and Presence of God.

You'll never forget today. I'll ask the grown ups behind you if they remember their First Holy Communion. YES! Turn round and look at all the hands up! It's a wonderful day, and a wonderful Sacrament. I pray that this day will be the beginning of a new and wonderful relationship with God the Father, through Jesus His Son, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit!

And now we're all going to stand, and proclaim our faith – the faith that says God is One - in three Persons – FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT.