

May they be ONE

Father may they be one in us,

As you are in me and I am in you

The theology, the philosophy of the Holy Trinity is infinitely complex

At Mass we declare our belief in Father Son and Holy Spirit

Something stated in a few seconds but which takes more than a lifetime to begin to understand.

This is uncomfortable

We tend to like that which can be contained within a definition.

God is greater than our narrow perception of reality

God is broader than our futile attempts to contain truth.

So when looking at the fundamental mystery's it is better to accept the limitations of our learning and focus on aspects. Small shafts of revelation.

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I come from a large family of brothers and sisters.

My brothers were all very talented at football. I personally was useless. With little eye ball coordination.

Some of our family are very good with money.

Others are totally useless lurching from crisis to crisis.

There is the first generation immigrant aspiration inherited from our parents. But each of us took a different career path. With very different results.

There is clearly mutual love. However such love often expresses itself not in mutual appreciation, but frustration.

From the outside at a wedding, or baptism we may seem quite close.

However despite the same mother and father

Despite the same standards and aspirations in the home

We are each very different

And this difference is beautiful

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England is a wonderful country
Its culture, music, sport, humour, art
Is envied throughout the world
Spike Milligan, perhaps my favourite British comedian
Was born in India, of Irish parents and was internationally famous
Curry is the most popular British food
The English premiership has a cast list like the League of Nations
The language of Shakespeare has words within it come from ancient Rome, and modern California
The colours in the English garden come from plants brought from across the globe
The one thing missing from this country is uniformity.

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And even your life.
How did you get here?
Born perhaps into poverty you now regularly drink wine with your meal
Living in the same place. With no town hall, no bank and a swimming pool that looks like a space
ship
Your children where are they
Some by choice some by circumstance living very different lives
Many of your attitudes, or approaches have matured.
Your life if only as a result of ageing bones is different.
The one guiding principle hopefully is love
The love of God that calls upon the sun to rise, and a small flower to open its fragile petals

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Uniformity

Everything being the same

Is not only boring

It is not a reflection of our faith in God

A God of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

It is difficult to live with

It is difficult to understand

But how beautiful is the difference

Guided by love.