

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

34:4-6, 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hand, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Glory and praise forever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians *13:11-13*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was,
and who is to come.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John *3:16-18*

Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world
might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be
condemned'
but whoever refuses to believe
is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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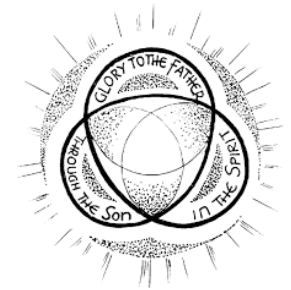
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The Most Holy Trinity – Year A

6th / 7th June, 2020

*O Trinity of Love,
You sent into the world
The Word who speaks all truth,
and the Spirit who makes all things Holy.
May we mirror Your love, Father, Son and
Spirit,
so that we may bring
harmony into our world
in the unity of one God for ever and ever. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD

The second reading is like a greeting card from Paul. It is a note of encouragement and love. In Paul's day they don't have 'smiley faces' that say, 'Have a nice day', but Paul still cares enough to send the very best. He sends greetings and blessings in the name of God as Trinity – our Creator, our Saviour Jesus, and the Spirit they share. We share in that holy and divine Spirit whenever we greet and bless one another. When was the last time you sent someone a greeting card? Prayer is like a greeting card to God and from God. Greeting cards do not create love and friendship between people, but they are a channel so that feelings and thoughts that can be shared and expressed more easily. (By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart)

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much, that He made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of His love to us, which remains constant and unchanging. © Greg Sunter

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thurs 11th June – St Barnabas

Tues 9th June – St Ephrem

Sat 13th June – St Anthony of Padua

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:**LIMITED NUMBERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
 Tuesday 7.00 pm
 Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
 Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: People who identify within themselves the need for Confession should contact Fr Thomas directly 9758 1029

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are to be postponed unless there is an urgent and pastoral need. Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:

By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

The Most Holy Trinity – Year A

6th / 7th June, 2020

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently

Angelo Mazzone, Walerian Koroluk

And those who we remember at this time:

Concetta Cavarra, Justin Walker, Cosimo Coviello, Shar Aherne, Ernest Williams, Bennie Lizza.

The sick: Ruby Samtoy, Fame Pelgrim, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Wilma Neville, Lea Hartley, Cosimo Petracca, Giuseppina Zarro, Catherine Turner, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Mary Edmunds, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Clive Geach.

NEW GUIDELINES SICK LIST – names will remain on the sick list for 6 weeks, then removed, unless notification to continue is received at the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

KEEP IN TOUCH: We would love to be able to keep in contact with you during these unprecedented times. Please let us know your current email address, and phone number by contacting the Parish Office by email office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au or phone 9758 1029

You are dispensed from your Sunday obligation from this time. **Try participating in a Mass online:**

<https://stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos> or
<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or
<https://holyfamilydoveton.org.au/>

or **if you don't have a computer:** Mass can also be heard on **The Light FM radio station (89.9 FM) at 7am** each Sunday morning. Or **MASS ON T.V.**

C31 the 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will continue to be televised free to air on C31 (often listed as Channel 44 on digital TVs) Or try Mass for You at Home on Channel 10 Sunday at 6am.

Hymn Suggestions: Trinity Song
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwLQh5eieSY>

I sent you out
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAVx9kvWsnM>

CDFPAY FOR PARISHES – ONLINE PAYMENT

PORTAL AVAILABLE NOW: This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving The Ferntree Gully

Parish site is now live and can be found via this link [CDFpay for St John the Baptist Parish, Ferntree Gully](#) We thank all of you who have already used this wonderful tool, and hope many more will try it!



COVID-19 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE
INFORMATION UPDATED: WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 4.00PM The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. In relation to the latest directives announced by Government (Sunday 24 May 2020), there are **THREE KEY POINTS** that directly affect churches, places of worship and liturgical celebrations and ceremonies held within.

From 11:59pm on 31 May 2020 restrictions on gatherings at places of worship and ceremonies will be eased:

- Places of worship can open for private worship or small religious ceremonies for up to 20 people in a single undivided indoor space, subject to the four square metre rule plus the minimum number of people reasonably required to perform the service or ceremony.
- **20 people in addition to the celebrant** and couple being married can attend a wedding. If a wedding is held in a home, a maximum of 20 people is allowed, including the celebrant and the couple.
- **50 people can attend a funeral** in addition to the officiant and funeral staff, subject to the four square metre rule. If a funeral is held in a home, a maximum of 20 people can be present (including the officiant and funeral staff).

In general, conditions require: Clear signage around service schedules, social distancing and hygiene requirements; - Availability of sanitiser and disinfectant wipes, and safe disposal sites; - Churches to be cleaned after a scheduled service or opening; Maintenance of 1.5m of separation and planned entry and exit pathways; - Building capacity rules must apply – 1 person per 4 square metres. - All attendees to provide contact details.

MASS ATTENDANCE: If you would like to register to attend either a Weekend, or Weekday Mass, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029. Numbers Are **limited to 20 people (from 1st June)**, plus Musician, Reader, Computer Operator & Celebrants. We ask everyone to be mindful of sharing this opportunity, and there will be a waiting list, to try and allow for all needs to be met over time. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL Next weekend 13th /14 June 2020 is the date set aside for the annual St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal. Please help to support those impacted by Covid-19. To Donate, please go to: VINNIES.ORG.AU or PH: 131812.

**COMBINED PARISH RAFFLE TICKETS**

Sale Closing Date: 11 September 2020

Draw Date: 26 September 2020 at 7.15 pm

Publication of Winners Date: 30 September 2020.

Please continue to sell any tickets you can. When possible, please return sold tickets to the Parish Office.

THANK YOU FROM SUE NICHOLLS

Heartfelt thanks to all at St Johns for the prayers, Masses, cards, flowers, meals, phone calls and visits wh have received since the sudden passing of my husband – Laurie Nicholls.

Your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten. Special thanks to Fr Thomas, Fr Alan, the Parish Staff and School Community for so much love and care shown to us. We are so grateful. God bless you all, - Sue, Lisa & Michael.

CATHOLIC MISSIONAPPEAL:

With the COVID-19 pandemic headlining the news each day, and as we see Australia start to ease restrictions, it can be easy to forget that there are many countries around the world where the full extent of the impact has not yet been discovered. Priests, sisters and missionaries around the world are doing all that they can to ensure that those in need are given the best practical and pastoral support, however these Church-run programs often rely on generous donations from people like you.

Will you join with us today to be there for those in need during this crisis? For more information and to give generously to support vital mission programs through COVID-19 please go to catholicmission.org.au/mission.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE

The Winter Edition is available in the church foyer for a gold coin donation. Lots of great articles, including "Seeking God in the Stillness," and "Family life under lockdown – fuelling creativity and strengthening relationships", just to name a few.

ROSTERS: Mon 8th June to Sun14th June

Flowers	Ann P & Connie B
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers 6pm	Louise Di B, Peter G
9am	Sue & David W, Thelma
11am	Kath & Andrew W
Lectors 6pm:	Louise Di B
9am:	Sarah M
11am	Peter J
Counters	Peter, Dawn George Genevieve
Gardening	Barry B

