

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
4: 32-34, 39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth:

Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of

the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R/. Happy the people the Lord has chosen
to be his own.*

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans
8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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 READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Sisters and brothers, God has made us a holy people; let us intercede for those who are in need.

Reader: That the Church will carry out Christ's mission and make disciples of all peoples.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations will be good stewards of the earth for the prosperity of all.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are uncertain and hesitant will come to know and love the Christ they seek.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That parents and children will reflect the love of the Triune God.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died in Christ will remain with God for eternity

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Most high God, in Christ you have made us your sons and daughters. Hear our prayers and help us to become more effective witnesses by the power of your Holy Spirit. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



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The Most Holy TRINITY – Year B

29th / 30th May, 2021

*God of all creation,
you embrace us with parental love.
You send Your own Son, Jesus, to save us.
Through the power of Your Holy Spirit,
You raise us to everlasting life.
This is a mystery that we will celebrate
and proclaim forever and ever. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE WORD The word 'Trinity' does not appear anywhere in the New Testament although one can certainly see the beginnings of ideas about a Trinitarian God. It was not until 325, at the Council of Nicea, that the doctrine of the trinity was established as being orthodox teaching. This council sought to officially define the relationship between the Father and the Son as a response to the arguments of Arius (later known as Arian heresy). The statement of beliefs developed by this council in 325 is the Creed (credo = I believe) that is used in Catholic churches around the world today. Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptise them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus. © Greg Sunter

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

FEAST DAYS: Mon 31st May: *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Tues 1st June: *St Justin* Wed 2nd June: *Sis Marcellinus & Peter*
Thurs 3rd June *Charles Lwanga & Companions* Sat 5th June: *St Boniface*

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

(John 10:10)

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

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm

WILLOWBROOK MASS: 3rd Thursday 2pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS: Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website.

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 B
29th / 30th May, 2021
YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently



Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Raymond Daniels, Angelo Mazzone, Lucia Abbatangelo.

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

WEEKDAY ROSARY on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Rosary will be recited 25 minutes prior to the Weekday Mass. All are welcome to join in the recitation.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: *first Saturday each month at 10.30a.m.*

Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.

Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING Come on Thursdays between 10am and 12.00pm in the Parish Hall Ladies and Gentlemen welcome anytime to have a chat, play cards or knit. New members welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets on Tuesdays at 10.15am in the Hall for prayer and praise. All welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS Tuesday Mornings at 9am-10am in the Parish office. Enquiries: 9758 1029.

HEART OF LIFE Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral formation is offering 'The Barefoot Mystic - Reflection event via Zoom', on Saturday 5 June 2021, 10am-3pm. Facilitated by Paul Beirne of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, via Zoom. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101

QR CODE REGISTRATION AT MASS IS NOW MANDATORY via the Service Victoria App. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to Mass to allow time for registration using the QR Code. **If you do not have a smart phone, you will receive assistance.**

GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR Recently, on March 14th 2021, Cardinal Bo delivered a statement to the faithful of the world in which he said: "On behalf of the Church throughout Asia, as President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, I would like to call on the faithful to extend 14th of May to a Week of Prayer for the Church in China and the peoples of China, **from Sunday 23rd May until Sunday 30th May.** It is right that we should pray not only for the Church but for all persons in the People's Republic of China." Let us respond to these calls for prayer in a spirit of international and ecumenical solidarity for the Church and the Peoples of China.

40th BIRTHDAY & REUNION LUNCH an Invitation to all Lady Tennis Players past & present who have participated in the **Mountain Area Ladies Tuesday Tennis Association.** This event will take place on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 12 Midday, at the Dorset Gardens Hotel Bistro. Please **RSVP by 15th June to: glenda_jean@hotmail.com**

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2021 27th MAY TO 3rd JUNE Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, ***More than a word. Reconciliation takes action,*** urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures. Find out more at: <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL WINTER APPEAL is coming up on the weekend of **June 5th /6th** – You are invited to support this appeal by **donating non-perishable food** for the weekly food hampers that are distributed, **making a generous financial donation** to support our food store, **volunteering your time in our Op Shop** on Ferntree Gully Road, **Donating clothes or household items** to the Op Shop or **contributing to the Knox Vincentian Scholarship Scheme.** You will notice that there are blue bags at the back of the Church, which you can take to fill with food donations and return for distribution. Please see the list of non-perishable items on the trolleys, itemizing the goods that would be much appreciated. We thank you for your generosity.

Dear Friends,
As most of you will be aware by now, the Acting Premier has announced that Victoria will enter into a seven-day lockdown from 11.59pm tonight in order to contain the current spread of COVID-19.

Unfortunately, this means our Parishes and offices will be closed during this time and all staff (including parish office staff) must work from home until Friday 4 June 2021, unless otherwise notified.

Parish facilities, such as community halls, cannot be opened during the lockdown period. Consistent with the last lockdown, restrictions apply for Ceremonies and Religious gatherings:

- **Prayer and Religious Ceremonies:** No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.
- **Funerals:** (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.
- **Weddings:** (indoor and outdoor): Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses)

I understand this will be a challenging time for many people. Hopefully we can draw further on our stores of resilience and continue to show our care and support for those around us. If you are experiencing any difficulty or need support, please reach out to Fr Thomas.

You can view Mass on the TV from St Patrick's Cathedral, Sundays at 11am, **live on C31 (channel 44 on digital TV)** as well as live-streamed on the Archdiocese website and YouTube Channel. Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne - YouTube - Daily Mass live streamed from St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Or try participating in a **MASS ONLINE - go to:** <https://stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or <https://holyfamilydoveton.org.au/>

Stay Safe, until we can gather again. 😊

A HUGE THANK YOU, to all who helped make our **COMING TOGETHER AGAIN** day such a success last Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many Parishioners, new and old enjoying the wonderful community spirit. We hope that you all learnt more about the many groups within our Parish. It's not too late to sign-up and get involved - Thank you to all those behind the scenes who opened and set up the Hall, manned the tables, cooked the Sausages, made the tea/coffee, fetched and carried items, and so much more. It would appear that the timing was just right!