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7th June 2020
The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3: 16-18



**To try to deny the Trinity endangers your salvation;
to try to comprehend the Trinity endangers your sanity."**

-Martin Luther

This is Trinity Sunday. God in three persons—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Do we really understand this wonderful doctrine? No one can reason out or understand or come to know God in His very essence: Three persons, one Godhead. Many Philosophers, intellectuals and Fathers of the Church have tried to depict and explain the Trinity through various metaphors, but it stands a great mystery even today. Though it is beyond our comprehension, it is very central to our faith. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them." (CCC 234)

Thomas Troeger, a Presbyterian pastor and gifted preacher, tells a story of an experience he once had. He wrote: "One day several years ago I was in a department store buying myself a new shirt when a complete stranger walked up to me and said, 'You must be Henry Troeger's son.' I looked at this person and I said, 'I don't believe I have ever seen you.' He said, 'Oh, no, you have never met me at all, but a long time ago I worked with your father. I was a close colleague of his and when I saw you across the aisle of the store, I said to myself, 'I'd know that face anywhere.' You are the very image of your father.'

"For several weeks after that, I would sometimes be going down the street, and maybe come around a corner, and catch my reflection in a store window. I started to see myself with the eyes of someone else. It is not like looking into the mirror in the morning. I would come around the corner, catch that reflection and I would think, 'That's Henry Troeger.' All of a sudden I would be seeing how I bore the image of my father."



And so, it is with us. Each one of us is created with the image of God indelibly imprinted on our souls, so that, in some miraculous and inexplicable way, the diverse expressions of God that are you and you and you and me all come together to illustrate the mystery, to live together in community as we do our best to display for the world all the possibilities that the divine imprint on all of us could mean.

(Amy Butler, A Curious Community: Source: Kayala)

In the light of what is happening in the U.S. and a few other countries, this feast truly calls for a soul search, if we are able to see the imprint of God in every human being, the apex of creation. It is not enough that we profess the Trinity, but it has to be lived in the love, acceptance, care and forgiveness we offer to each other. There are a few episodes of the police officers humbling themselves in front of the rioters in the U.S. which made protesters give up their anger and embrace the officers to demonstrate a peaceful protest. Viewing through lenses of faith, I think this is a concrete expression of one Godhead at work. "The Trinity is an action; It is a life." It is not a matter of the head. The real challenge for us is to turn our hearts and walk deeply into the great mystery of God Himself.

There is an ancient story about St. Augustine. "One day he took a break from writing about the Trinity to take a walk along the seashore. There he came across a child with a little pail, intently scooping up a pail full of water out of the ocean, then walking up the beach and dumping it out into the sand, then going back down to scoop out another pail of water to pour into the sand, etc. Augustine asked the child what he was doing, and the child explained that he was "emptying the sea out into the sand." When the Bishop tried to gently point out the absurd impossibility of this task, the child replied, "Ah, but I'll drain the sea before you understand the Trinity."



Vision of St Augustine by Botticelli

There's truth to that child's comment. We don't understand the mystery of Trinity but it is very central to our faith.

Gods blessings, Fr. Vince

First Reading (Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9)

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, 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.'

Responsorial Psalm (Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52)

(R.) *Glory and praise for ever!*

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 (2 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.

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 (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.'

A THANKSGIVING FOR AUSTRALIA

God of holy dreaming, Great Creator Spirit,
From the dawn of creation you have given your children
the good things of Mother Earth.

You spoke and the gum tree grew
In vast deserts and dense forest,
and in cities at the water's edge,
creation sings your praise.

Your presence endures
as the rock at the heart of our Land.

When Jesus hung on the tree
you heard the cries of your people
and became one with your wounded ones:
the convicts, the hunted, and the dispossessed.

The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew
and bathed it in glorious hope.

In Jesus we have been reconciled to you,
to each other and to your whole creation.

**Lead us on, Great Spirit,
as we gather from the four corners of the earth,
Enable us to walk together in trust,
from the hurt and shame of the past
Into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Rev'd Lenore Parker, NATSIAC Life Member,
A Prayer Book for Australia p.218*

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Mark Easton
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Social Justice @ St Mads

Marian College is collecting blankets for Jesuit Refugee Service, if you have any to donate please leave them with Marian College. For more information: amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

First Dancing Grass harvest in 200 years: On the hill above Bruce Pascoe's farm, there's a sea of mandaryan nalluk. Translated from Yuin, the language of the country, it means "dancing grass". Pascoe and his small team of coworkers are producing native grains for flour and bread using traditional Aboriginal techniques.

The Office for Social Justice has launched its own podcast, called The Revolution of Tenderness. The name comes from a favourite phrase used by Pope Francis to encourage us "to believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness" (EG n 288).

~Sue Martin

Book Club is starting again via Zoom.

I've read a great book about suffering called, *Where the Hell is God?* by Fr Richard Leonard, Australian Jesuit.

Only 67 pages it is thought-provoking, pastoral, original while stating opposing views, and examines the age-old question of how a kind God allows suffering.



If you would like to join our zoom group on Tuesday 30th June, 7.30pm send me an email to register.

careyannemoylan@hotmail.com

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$ 157.50

2nd Collection (for Parish) = \$ 1740

Thank you to all who have been sending in their contributions through direct deposits or by dropping off their envelopes at the office. Your contributions are a great help for the maintenance of our parish.

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Stay in touch through our parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Madeleine-Sophie-Barat-Parish>

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS

for Confirmation, Reconciliation, First Communion, and RCIA:

Fr Vincent will meet with the coordinators soon to plan how to carry out these sacraments.

We will keep you updated with new information and guidelines through the bulletin, our Facebook page, and the parish website.

BAPTISM PREPARATIONS

The next baptism preparation will be on Saturday, 4th July, at 4:30pm in the function centre.

Please ring or email the office to book in: 96542260 (Tue-Fri, 10am-4pm) stmads@yahoo.com.au

Families who completed their preparations are welcome to get in touch with the office to schedule their child's baptism.



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased

Mr B Geddes, Famila Fajardo Milan and Alfred Roy Burton

For the dearly departed

Setna Mulvihill, Christy & Breda Sherlock, Antonio Echevarria, Eriberto Adan, and Teodora Canseco-Pardo

For healing of the sick

Aura Krakowski, June Brennen, John Spencer, Keith Dawson, Selina Calleia, Joe Fuda, India, Vince Luca, Kylie Baker, Lara Sawaya, Sheila Cañabano, Candida Irugalbandra, Florence Smith, Gregory Borg, Maria Peach, Paul Byrne, Andy, Patrick Breen, Jacqueline Kelly, Maria, Tricia, Rob, Michael Foley, Samuel Abella, Harper Grace, Margaret Collison, Margaret Gaudry, Anis Nicholas, Peter Balnaves, Dorothy Green, Pat D, Neil Rogers, Karen Bligh, Desmond Grogan, Louise, Vanessa, Ben Johnson, Cathy Voss, Mary Madden, John Donnelly, Louise Lambert, Charlie, Frank Tabone, John Lippman, Giuseppi Grasso, Sarah Bilford Beattie, Faye Willing, Patrick, Ben Eberand, Callum Goracz, Patrick Griffiths, Catherine Bourke, Tina, Marie, Joe, and Charles Vencyel

For the special intentions of

Cheryl Burton, Shirley Burton, Mr & Mrs John Addison

***If you would like someone to be included among these requests, please let us know by email, phone call, or by dropping a note in the locked box outside the parish office.**

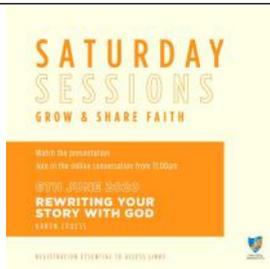


The union that the spirit of charity maintains in the family of God's Heart is the well-spring of the good it does, and the source of its strength.

-St Madeleine Sophie

Welcome Everyone!! Please join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith before Saturday 11am and then join an online group discussion via Zoom between 11am - 12pm. Register in advance for this meeting to receive the links for the presentation and meeting:

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing links to the presentation and conversation. https://dioceseofparramatta.zoom.us/join/register/tjcsf-uvrD0tGtP8J6ctFdekMd_kbYEoNHkq



6th June 2020 Karen Cruess: Rewriting Your Story with God (approx. 15-20 mins)

So often, we can limit our present by our stories from our past. Does your past have control over your future? If so, this session is a MUST! Drawing from her experience as a coach and clinician, Karen delivers practical exercises and prayers of repentance to help you get unstuck and start coauthoring with God the amazing life He always intended for you.

Karen Cruess is a gifted speaker, licensed counselor, and educator with a passion for helping women experience the fullness of God's plan for their lives. She studied psychology at Siena College and graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a Master's degree in Counseling. Through thousands of hours working with individuals from all ages and stages in life, Karen has gained valuable insight into the deepest needs and most pressing issues facing society today. Please contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org for further details or questions.

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