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The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

“God does not expect us to be perfect, but to keep trying and growing.”



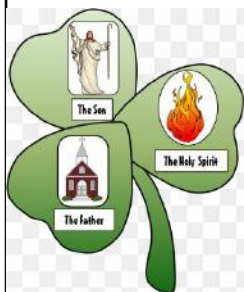
Every year we celebrate this Solemnity of the Holy Trinity which invites us to be aware of our own fundamental and profound experiences of God and learn to understand them as manifesting the great mystery of the Holy Trinity.

There is a story told time and again 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".



Our faith in three persons as one God is beyond our comprehension. Men and women of God have tried to understand and explain this mystery of Trinity through metaphors and God’s creation. Patrick would choose shamrock; John Maria Vianney used to explain using lighted candles and roses on the altar and water in the cruets. “The flame has colour, warmth and shape. But these are expressions of one flame. Similarly, the rose has colour, fragrance and shape. But these are expressions of one reality, namely, rose. Water, steam and ice are three distinct expressions of one reality. Apple has three different parts: the skin, the flesh, and the seed but one apple.... An egg has three different parts – the shell, the white, the yoke but one egg.



It’s very clear that we can only understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity in the light of our own experiences.

Thomas Troeger, a Presbyterian pastor and gifted preacher, tells a story of an experience he had once. One day, he was in a department store buying a new shirt when a complete stranger walked up to him and said, 'You must be Henry Troeger's son' ... right? The preacher looked at this person and 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.

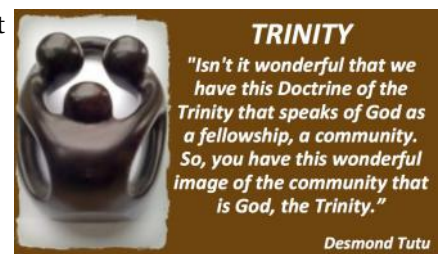
The preacher says that as he would sometimes be going down the street, he would catch his reflection in a store window. He started to see himself with the eyes of someone else. It is not like looking into the mirror in the morning. He would come around the corner, catch that reflection and he would think, 'That's Henry Troeger.' All of a sudden, he would be seeing how he bore the image of his 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 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. Love, unity and community are the essence of Trinitarian family life. Let our individual, familial and communal lives reflect the Holy Trinity! (Sources duly acknowledged)

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of us."

God’s blessings

Fr. Vince



TRINITY
"Isn't it wonderful that we have this Doctrine of the Trinity that speaks of God as a fellowship, a community. So, you have this wonderful image of the community that is God, the Trinity."

Desmond Tutu

PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MADS

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| The Sunday Gospel reflections | Tuesday at 10.30 am via Zoom. Contact Careyanne 0438 791 813 or careyannemoylan@hotmail.com |
| Prayer Group | Wednesday after morning Mass at 10am in the St Madeleine centre |
| St Mad's Book Club | To register contact Careyanne on careyannemoylan@hotmail.com |
| RCIA | For enquires contact Fr Vincent or Parish Office |
| St Mads Care Group | Provide parish support and care such as meals, transport, shopping and assistance to members of our parish Contact Bernadette 0418 248 256 |
| St Mads Rosary | Thursday after morning Mass & Monday at 7pm Via Zoom: Zoom meeting ID 840 2707 2956 Contact Kay Brooks & Lydia Ceccato 0400 372 561 |
| Baptism Preparation | First Saturday of the month in the St Madeleine centre: Ring/email Parish office for booking 9654 2260 (Tues-Fri 10am-4 pm or stmads@yahoo.com.au) |



SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

See <https://iiec.org.au/> for some wonderful resources from the recent Ecological Spirituality conference.

*God of all creation, the heavens tell of your glory
and the earth is full of wonders that sing of your goodness.
Form us to be people who delight in life
as your gift to be revered, savoured, and nourished. AMEN*

Winter seems to have arrived very quickly! I have had a request from a charity for adult hand knitted beanies for a homeless group in the city. If anyone can help with this please contact Deb m.0409 158 970 I will provide wool if needed.



PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. You can drop off the envelopes at the parish office or you can do it electronically to:

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Account Number : 00000388

Parishioners wishing to donate or pledge their giving via direct debit, please pick up the form at the church and submit to Fr Vincent after completion

Thank you for your generosity!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,572.85
2nd Collection (for Parish)
Envelopes = \$942 Loose = \$1,381.70
Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,443.00

PIETY SHOP

Are you looking for a gift for a special person for Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism & Birthdays? Come and have a look in the piety shop.

We have an ever changing array of gifts and religious items. Special orders are welcome too. We are open after every weekend mass.



Contact Sandra Tabone on 0413272400 for any special requests.

Congratulations to Suzanne Kingston-Hunt who on Wednesday, 8 June was commissioned by Bishop Vincent as our Parish Safeguarding Champion



Congratulations to the newly baptised:

Sophia Skinner
Jack Siric



PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

For the recently deceased: Philomena Beresford



For the dearly departed: Norman & Chahida Hajje, Sheaddy & Chahide Hajje, George Hajje, Hanna & Raymond Chiha, Betty & Mary Merhi, Joe & Adel Abraham, Pablito Corpuz, Nina Giudice, Costantino Giudice, Lulu Osborne, Fulvio & Giulia Russo, Giuseppina & Giovanni Scarpin, Olive Burns, Domenica Scarpin, Eduardo & Maria Piccoli, Laurie Beckett, Jesline Bastianpulle, Melba Cardozo, Peter Saarinsen, Diann Caruana, Vicky Caruana, Joe Camilleri, Joe Fuda

Please pray for the sick: Antonia Desanti, Joseph Spina, John Dal Ben and Jennifer Burgess
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

ARE YOU INTERESTED? LET US KNOW!

The Institute for Mission in the diocese of Parramatta conducts many programmes. One of their programmes is **THEMES OF FAITH (TEN SESSIONS)**. The facilitator of this programme is more than willing to run the sessions in our parish, provided there is enough interest from the parishioners. Such programmes will refresh our faith life for sure. Give it a thought ... have a word with your friends as well...and sign up the sheet at the entrance of our church or email stmads@yahoo.com.au ... you can also invite people from other parishes.

God bless our community!
Fr. Vincent

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Deb Rankin

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator:

SRE Coordinator: Maureen Jones

Friendship Group: Jenny Puleo

Ministry to the Nursing Homes Coordinator: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

Adult Faith Formation: Careyanne Moylan

Property Maintenance Manager: Rick Jones

Piety Shop: Sandra Tabone

Altar Linen Coordinator: Catherine Diekman

Parish Council Chair: Patrick Tuttle

Finance Committee Chair: Carl Mathias

Welcomers Coordinator:

Safeguarding: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Deacon

Michael Tan

Parish Secretaries

Sandra De Nardi

Susie Lee

Sacramental Coordinator

Sandra De Nardi

St Madeleine's Primary School

Phone: 9654 6751

Principal: Mrs Barbara Young

Marian College

Phone: 9654 6700

Principal: Dr Gavin Hays

PARISH SERVICES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00 am, 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy TBA

Weekday Masses

9:15 - Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45—10:15 Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every Sunday at 11:20

(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment



We pray in thanks for the generosity of all our catechists who were commissioned last Sunday

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for various ministries in our parish. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help as a reader, welcomer, musician, providing flowers, singing, sacristan or with cleaning.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparation Sessions for First Reconciliation take place on Sundays, 19 and 26 June and Sunday, 17 July at 4pm concluding with 5.30pm Mass.

Contact: Sandra De Nardi
stmads.sacraments@gmail.com
m.0410 587 735



Positions Vacant:

Senior Administrative Support Coordinator—Diocese of Parramatta

Youth Minister/Coordinator (part-time) - St Bernadette's

Parish, Castle Hill More details at parracatholic.org/employment

Service Desk Analyst – Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Monday 13 June.**

Regional Coordinator – Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Diocese of Parramatta – **Applications close 10pm Sunday 26 June**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Disability Support Worker – Garden Crew – Catholic Care

Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Community Outreach Worker – Aboriginal Identified – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

Family Preservation Caseworker – Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

More details at: <https://www.seek.com.au/jobs?advertiserid=39387017> or by emailing careers@ccss.org.au

LIFTED Retreat 2022 "Wonder & Awe": 1-3 July

You are invited to Catholic Youth Parramatta's annual young adults retreat. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life and spend a weekend away full of prayer, talks, and community. For 18-35 year-olds. \$100 per person. Register at parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat.

Free lecture: The Outsider Pope: Where is Francis leading our Church?

Tuesday 5 July 7.30pm

Novotel Parramatta, 350 Church St Parramatta

Vatican correspondent from the international *The Tablet* magazine, author and speaker Christopher Lamb will present a free lecture reflecting on Pope Francis' battle to renew the Church and Pope Francis as a human being. RSVP essential by 2 July to mark.oconnor@parracatholic.org

SAVE THE DATE Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 20 July

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. The reflection evening will be held on Wednesday 20 July from 6pm to 9pm – more details will follow in June.

Venerable Matt Talbot

Feast Day:
18 June



Matt can be considered the patron of men and women struggling with alcoholism. He was born in Dublin, where his father worked on the docks and had a difficult time supporting his family. After a few years of schooling, Matt obtained work as a messenger for some liquor merchants; there he began to drink excessively. For 15 years—until he was almost 30—Matt was an active alcoholic. One day he decided to take "the pledge" for three months, make a general confession and begin to attend daily Mass. There is evidence that Matt's first seven years after taking the pledge were especially difficult. Avoiding his former drinking places was hard. He began to pray as intensely as he used to drink. He also tried to pay back people from whom he had borrowed or stolen money while he was drinking. Most of his life Matt worked as a builder's laborer. He joined the Secular Franciscan Order and began a life of strict penance; he abstained from meat nine months a year. Matt spent hours every night avidly reading Scripture and the lives of the saints. He prayed the rosary conscientiously. Though his job did not make him rich, Matt contributed generously to the missions. After 1923, Matt's health failed, and he was forced to quit work. He died on his way to church on Trinity Sunday. Fifty years later, Pope Paul VI gave Matt Talbot the title venerable. His liturgical feast is celebrated on June 19.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day>



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| | 5:30PM VIGIL | 8AM SUNDAY | 10AM SUNDAY | 5:30PM SUNDAY | |
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| 11/12 June | WELCOMERS | Corrie Sebire | Fran & Rocco Scardino | Zakia Touma Sandra Tabone | Joseph Spina |
| | MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR | Peter Balnaves | Piety Rocha | Phyllis Hannah | |
| | READERS | Justin Sebire Lina D'Silva | Tony Hooper Catherine Diekman | David Hall O'Dwyer Sue Martin | Joanna O'Neill |
| | JNR MINISTERS | Emerson Sebire | Bailey & Casey Gambrell | | |
| | MUSICIANS | | | Merle and Doug | |
| | COUNTERS | Parish Team | | CHILDREN'S LITURGY | Deb Rankin |
| | FLOWERS | Hills Family Funeral | | ALTAR LINEN | Rosa Carlino |
| 18/19 June | WELCOMERS | | Maria & Steve Fry Carol & Terry Scott | Maureen Burford Teresa Capaldi | Joseph Spina |
| | MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR | John Puleo | Steve Fry | Phyllis Hannah | |
| | READERS | Pat Waters Robert Gerometta | Eileen Sherlock Maria Fry | Rosanna Ceroli Adriana Kennedy | Anne & Justin Kyngdon |
| | JNR MINISTERS | Tara & Sam Coddington | | | |
| | MUSICIANS | | | Anucia & Team | |
| | COUNTERS | Paul Vella & Parish Team | | CHILDREN'S LITURGY | Kim Parslow |
| | FLOWERS | Wedding | | ALTAR LINEN | Rosa Carlino |