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4th June 2023
The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Cor 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, but what does it mean to believe in a Triune God?

The Trinity is probably one of the most difficult concepts to get our heads around. It's impossible to have a full understanding of the Trinity, and there will always be an element of mystery surrounding it. As humans, we are limited in our capacity to understand the true nature of God, but there are some things we can glean.

The difficulty comes in understanding that God is three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and yet at the same time, God is one. We don't profess a belief in three separate gods, so how do we make sense of God existing as three persons?

A helpful way to think about it is in terms of love. There are three components to love:

- The person loving.
- The person receiving the love.
- The love shared between the two.

If we are to say that God is love, then we should expect to find these components within the life of God. If God was just the Father alone, then God in His essence would have nobody to love. He would have only himself to love, but that's not really love, because love requires an outpouring of oneself for the other.



This is partly why we say that within the life of God, there exists the three persons, and this is for the sake of love. The Father and Son love each other, and the Holy Spirit is the love shared between the two.

"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." – John 3, 16.

God's love, however, doesn't stop with the three persons. We read today in the Gospel that God loved the world so much, that he gave his only Son. With the inner life of God being love, God does something truly amazing. He shares this inner life of love with us. Love is not reserved for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Rather, the eternal wellspring of God's love is offered to each of us as a gift. Thanks be to God.

A note of gratitude

I just wanted to say a special thankyou to Selina Calleia and Careyanne Moylan for helping organise and run our parish dinner on Monday night. It was a great success, and we are lucky to have you with us here in the parish.

Have a great weekend and God bless,

Fr Adam



PARISH NEWS



PRAYER AT ST MAD'S

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: Explanation of Sunday Mass Gospel, Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
St Mad's Book Club	To register contact Careyanne on careyannemoylan@hotmail.com
RCIA	For enquires contact Fr Vincent or Parish Office
St Mads Rosary	Thursday after morning Mass Monday Rosary Via Zoom 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)



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM—RECONCILIATION

Commitment Masses this weekend

Please welcome and pray for all children and their families as they make their commitment to the sacramental program for Reconciliation

stmads.sacraments@gmail.com

CHOSEN

SHOWING EACH TUESDAY

EVENING AT 7PM

6 JUNE: S1 EPISODE 4 -

“THE ROCK ON WHICH IT IS BUILT”

IN THE ST MADELEINE CENTRE



Never too late to join us

Enjoy watching with fellow parishioners

Everyone is welcome

For information Loretta m. 0419260637

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST MAD'S

World Refugee day June 20th is a day to support refugees and help raise awareness and advocate for their rights. This year there is a PJE Synod Consultation session for all who are involved/interested in all issues arising, identifies and/or affects our society and natural environment. We especially wanted to host this event for those who advocate for the vulnerable and marginalised. For details contact Rachael.Kama@parracatholic.org From Bridges the latest newsletter from the Columban Centre for Christian Muslim Relation. Pope Francis shares “to establish true links with God, engage with believers from other faiths” Some tips for bettering Christian Muslim relations include; we can think about worshipping together with the One, Merciful God, doing theology together, acknowledging the wisdom of the other, sitting with the saints next door; these wise men are everywhere because God’s wisdom has been spread all over the world. Pope Francis has repeatedly called on Western nations to set aside scapegoating Muslims. He has publicly urged people to resist reducing violence committed by Muslims as motivation of their religion. “It’s not fair and it’s not true.”

Women's Breakfast

17 June 2023

St Madeleine's Function Centre

8.30 -10am



Come to a talk about the mission of our church: examine and share our ideas, thoughts and worries, listen to Sr Anna Conway share her thoughts, and take part in the Synod.

Contacts: Carmel O'Connell 0417237013

Sue Martin 0432716577

Careyanne Moylan 0438791813

Please ensure your details are kept up to date 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 weekend Masses or the parish office or you can do it electronically to:

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

1st Collection (for Diocese) = \$1,285.90

2nd Collection (for Parish)

Envelopes = \$1,355 Loose = \$1,124.60

Avg weekly Credit cards, direct debit \$1,874.23

Our prayers and condolences with Fr Vince on the demise of his mother, Arockia Mary

St Mad's Men's Breakfast

Saturday 8.30-10.30am

24 June 2023



Sign in at back of church.

More info: 0438791813

Come listen to Fr Adam share his thoughts on faith, priesthood and the church, and get to know our new assistant priest.



Join us as we venture on our synodal journey and share your thoughts and listen to others as we decide our new mission and direction.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS:

Recently deceased: John & Julie Saadie, Ray Dwyer



For the dearly departed: John Nati, Immacolata & Oreste, Rosa Maria and Francesco Nati, Vincenzo Luca, Louise & Joseph Bonello, Anthony, Rose & Lawrence Apap, Frank Agresta, Ben & Paula Dieudonne, Angelo & Lonza Farrugia, Joe Farrugia, Mary Fitzpatrick, Ky Frenedo, Goeff Burham, Gildegardo Lopez, Nina Giudice, Christy & Breda Sherlock

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Bolland, Brenda Riley, Catherine Saunders, Aura Krakowszky, Hoani Alexander Barker, Sofia Viizzo, Margaret Martin, Antonia Desanti, and Jennifer Burgess

PARISH VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Music Coordinators: Alexandra Mifsud, Selina Calleia & Joan Sattler

Junior Ministers Coordinator: Maree McNeil

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Pauline Chaccal

Baptism Preparation: Angelique Easton

RCIA Coordinator: Steve Fry

Playgroup Coordinator: Amy Seychell

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 Champion: Suzanne Kingston-Hunt

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Rev Vincent Savarimuthu

Assistant Priest

Rev Adam Carlow

Parish Secretaries

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Susie Lee

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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 during school term

Weekday Masses

9:15am Tuesdays to Fridays

9:45am - 10:15am Fridays - Adoration

Prayer Group: Wednesdays after the

9.15 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm

Baptisms: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:20am

(Must make a booking)

Weddings: By appointment

St Boniface

Feast Day: 5 June

Boniface, known as the apostle of the Germans, was an English Benedictine



monk who gave up being elected abbot to devote his life to the conversion of the Germanic tribes. Two characteristics stand out: his Christian orthodoxy and his fidelity to the pope of Rome. How absolutely necessary this orthodoxy and fidelity were is borne out by the conditions Boniface found on his first missionary journey in 719 at the request of Pope Gregory II. What Christianity he did find had either lapsed into paganism or was mixed with error. The clergy were mainly responsible for these latter conditions since they were in many instances uneducated, lax and questionably obedient to their bishops. The Holy Father instructed him to reform the German Church. During a final mission to the Frisians, Boniface and 53 companions were massacred while he was preparing converts for confirmation. In order to restore the Germanic Church to its fidelity to Rome and to convert the pagans, Boniface had been guided by two principles. The first was to restore the obedience of the clergy to their bishops in union with the pope of Rome. The second was the establishment of many houses of prayer which took the form of Benedictine monasteries. A great number of Anglo-Saxon monks and nuns followed him to the continent, where he introduced the Benedictine nuns to the active apostolate of education.

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PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD

O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod.

Keep us anchored in your love.
Open our hearts as we listen and discern.
Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep.
Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.

Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.



"Synodality is a process, which is ever evolving and always moving. There is no end date."

SR NATHALIE BECQUART



For further information on the Synod
<https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>



Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023.

A Synod is an event and process where clergy, religious, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. All are asked to participate and there will be a process of collating feedback from as many people as possible on the future and life of our Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

The question that will guide the Synod is: *In what ways can we respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to be a more synodal Church in the Diocese of Parramatta?*

We pray for engagement in our Parish Listening Consultations. Please join us for our next Women's and Men's breakfasts as we discuss the synodal journey and the mission of our Church



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Save Calvary Hospital

There is a petition to the Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision of the ACT government to compulsorily acquire Calvary Hospital in Canberra. This removes the ownership and management from Calvary Health Care – a Catholic operator – and gives the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead. To find out more about the implications of this decision and to sign the petition please visit: www.savecalvary.com.au

Finding Freedom: Raising our Voices - Friday, 16 June 6-9pm

Join us for dinner and a night of celebrating refugee voices. Cloister Function Room, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. For more information amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

Multicultural Mass Sunday 18 June at 2pm St Mary's Cathedral

Open invitation for Migrant Chaplains of both Dioceses and people from all ethnic communities. If you have any questions please contact Fr Roland Maurer EV or Kylie Cullen at immigration@sydneycatholic.org



Diocesan Liturgical Conference: 15 July

The Diocesan Liturgy Conference is on again in 2023! Save the date for Saturday 15 July at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong. Fr Peter Williams AM VG will be the Keynote speaker as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. The conference will include a variety of workshops such as nourishing faith in children and discovering sacred art. To register, please visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1041495, scan the QR code or contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org.

PARISH PLAYGROUP

Each Thursday during school term

At: 9.30am

in the St Madeleine Centre

Any questions please contact

the office on 9654 2260

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	JNR MINISTERS		Bailey Gambrill		
	MUSICIANS				
	COUNTERS	Sandra Tabone & Parish Team		CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Deb Rankin
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