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VERITAS

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday

9.00am—12.30pm

Mass times

Wed 5.30pm

Tues & Thurs 6.45am

Fri 5.30pm

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday 8am, 10am & 6pm

Saturday & Public

Holidays Mass excluding

Mondays 9am

Pray the Rosary

Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass

Saturday after 9am Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm

and 5pm—5.30pm

ACU Chapel Signadou

Tues 1.30pm

Wed & Thurs 1.30pm



**If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest Call - 6248 8253**

A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

ENTRANCE	Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.
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!
COMMUNION	Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.
READINGS	Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Gospel: John 3:16-18

PSALM: Daniel 3:52-56

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Response: Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

Response: Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

Response: Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

Response: Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

Response: Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of the heaven.

Response: Glory and praise for ever!

BAPTISM

*Samuel D'Ambrosio
Mikaela Zoe Rudd
Liam Jesse Power*



who will be baptised this weekend.
May their lives be filled with God's peace,
and their hearts with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.

WHO IS GOD



God is one in three: the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit
and these three are one God.
The same in substance, equal
in power and glory.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports—Balance Sheet & Income/
Expenditure for May 2017 are on the Noticeboard in
the foyer. If you have any questions, please contact
the Office.

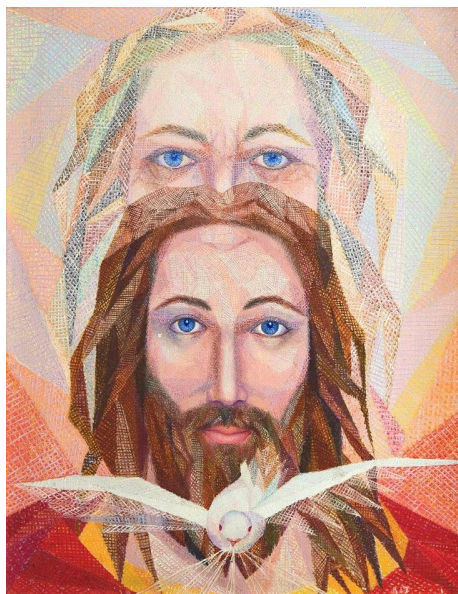
WWVP

Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) cards:
REMINDER: All volunteers within our parish who
have a WWVP card are asked to check the expiry
date. If your card has expired, please renew it. If
you have a new card, you need to bring this card
to the Parish Office so we are able to copy your
card to update our Parish records. We value the
time and efforts you have provided to the Parish
and we hope this will continue. Thank you.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES

Weekly Envelopes for 2017/2018 year will be
available next weekend, 17/18th June.
Receipts for 2016/2017 year will be sent out
during the first week in July.

TRINITY



In the name of the Father...

With us from the beginning,
you so loved the world
that you sacrificed
your Son.

And of the Son...

who came to live among us,
your everlasting gift
of yourself.

And of the Holy Spirit...

with us now, in our hearts,
our constant, ever
soul-mate.

Open us to you,
O Lord

GOSPEL THIS WEEK

This week as we focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, our leaders, more than ever, need to draw on the Holy Spirit, as they seek to model Jesus, in their service of God especially during these difficult times we face. Trinity Sunday is one of the few feasts of the Christian Year that celebrates a reality and doctrine rather than an event. On Trinity Sunday we remember and honor the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity. The Eastern Churches have no tradition of Trinity Sunday, arguing that they celebrate the Trinity every Sunday. Westerners do as well, although they set aside a special feast day for the purpose. <http://liturgy.slu.edu/TrinityA061514/prayerpathmain.html>

HOLY ORDERS

'It is the sacrament of Holy Orders through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time. Orders designate an ecclesial body into which one enters by means of a special consecration (ordination). Through a special gift of the Holy Spirit, this sacrament enables the ordained to exercise a sacred power in the name and with the authority of Christ for the service of the People of God.'

www.catholicenquiry.com

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will hold its Winter Appeal as a leaving collection at Masses on the weekend of 17/18 June. Vinnies once again asks for your help in supporting its work with needy families in North Canberra. Receipts available.

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Elizabeth Cronin, Maureen Blood, Fr Ellis Clifford, Dion Convine, Edith Jensen, Alexia Harris, Joe Schimizzi, Trevor Dennis, Mary Harrigan, Elizabeth Webster, Philip Bailey, Eileen Liston, Rosa Maria Santos, Jim Burgess, Mary Bui, Rosemary Denmead Awny El-Ghitany, Barbara Wilson Chelsea Guillot
Please remember our deceased:	Nicola Darnese, Thelma Rusina Barbara Parker, Graeme Barrow
In Loving Memory:	Thomas Bradshaw, Kathleen Ford, Sr Mary Hamilton RSM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Reminder to Acolytes, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Offertory (presentation of the gifts), Counters: Please remember to write you name on the sheets in the Church foyer—new rosters are to be prepared this week.

RECITING OUR FATHER MAKES US DIVINE

‘... the Our Father...reveals to us the most wonderful truths about ourselves and our relationship with God. Even when we do something that seems as ordinary as reciting with faith the Our Father, we are participating in the life of the Trinity: we are raised to the level of the divine and made like Christ by the power of the Spirit so that we can address the Father as our Father. The doctrine of the Trinity is a great gift to us. It helps us see that we are truly brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, not only in his humanity, but also in his divinity.’

http://torch.op.org/preaching_sermon_item.php?sermon=5629&ref=lit

COME ALONG IN OUR COMPANY

The dramatic scene in the first reading shows God confronting Moses on a mountain. The Lawgiver had first encountered the Lord in a burning bush on this peak. Now he returns to meet God, having achieved the goal of freeing the Israelites. Moses knows that this is not the final stop. He will have to continue to the promised land. He boldly asks God to "come along". Moses is thinking of the common belief of the time that each God presides over a specific area and is confined to that place. He asks the Lord to journey with the group—to become a nomad. This will lead to the realization that the One God is universal and not "trapped" in one place. It is the start of humanity's understanding of an infinite person—a God bigger than the universe.

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GOD'S HANDICAP

Today it is not considered to be politically correct to refer to physical or mental handicaps. We are supposed to use euphemisms to avoid dealing with them. But God is handicapped. This handicap is self-imposed. If a professional athlete plays a sport against an amateur or anyone less skilled, the athlete will handicap himself deliberately by allowing the other person a head-start or other advantage. A golf pro will give his score extra strokes to permit a lesser player to have a fighting chance. In the same way, God deliberately assumes a handicap in dealing with us. God does not want to take away our free will. He will not force us to do right, even when it leads to our salvation. God sent his Son to become a limited human and save us by means that are available to us. Part of this, of course, involved divine grace—but that grace is also within our grasp. God did not come to condemn us to limited life and death—he came to teach us the path to eternal life.

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INTO THE MYSTERY

Trinity Sunday.

Fr Denis Minns OP shows how the doctrine of the Trinity is directly relevant to every Christian.

It is a commonplace that the holy Trinity doesn't connect with anything much in the life and worship of most Christians. One reason alleged for this is that what has been said about the Trinity by theologians is just so subtle, so extraordinarily difficult to understand, that, without an arduous apprenticeship in theology, one cannot begin to grasp what is at issue.

The irony is that the early theologians who devised difficult and abstruse language about the Trinity did so for no other purpose than to safeguard the truth that the God of Christian revelation does connect, and connect immediately, with the lives and worship of Christians.

It is because of this immediate connection of the Trinity with our life and worship that this feast of the Trinity falls when it does: at the completion of our celebration of the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, and of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; for it is in that Paschal mystery that the triune God connects with us, that we encounter the one God as Trinity.

The question of a Trinity arises for us because of what must be said about who it is that encounters us in the person of Jesus. And what must be said is that, in the person of Jesus, God encounters us. It was only when theologians began to ask themselves, and very properly too, what this might mean, that difficulties arose. After much laborious argument, the Church came to the conclusion that when we say that we encounter God in Jesus we have to mean God in the strict sense of the term.

It is part of the job of the doctrine of the Trinity to acknowledge that the problems which arise from this way of speaking are real problems. Jesus is God, and the Father is God, there is only one God, but Jesus is not the Father. This is a very mysterious way of talking.

The point is not that we should be puzzled by it, but that we should realise that the puzzle arises in the first place because God has revealed himself to us, and that is what, or rather, who, Jesus is: the revelation of God's own self to us.

So the Trinity has this tremendous impact on the lives of Christians, that the one God in whom we believe is not a God who lies hidden, but a God who can be seen and heard and touched in the person of Jesus: a God who pours himself out in love for us.

Nor is it only in Jesus that God encounters us. When we pray, as Jesus taught us, for the coming of God's kingdom, when we long eagerly for the whole of creation to be set free from futility, from its bondage to decay, we testify, St Paul says, to the presence of Christ's Spirit within us, that Creator Spirit, who bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and co-heirs with Christ.

To talk about the Spirit in this way means that our creation as human beings will not be complete until we are partly divine, until the spirit we call ours is in fact the Holy Spirit of God.

We have now the first fruits of the Spirit, a pledge of future glory. In this Spirit we long for the glory that is to be revealed in us - for the fulfilment of God's plan in creating us in his image and likeness. That glory, which is nothing other than the glory of the triune God, will be revealed to us not as something to be observed externally, but within our own humanity.

What God destines for us is to be caught up in his own glory, conformed by the Spirit to the likeness of Christ, wrapped in the Father's light. That is what we hope for and long for now, in the Spirit. That is what we believe now, in Christ: that the God of love pours himself out for us, gives himself to us so as to be part of our very being, to draw us into the impenetrable mystery of the life he has as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

<http://english.op.org/torch>

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL OF RELIGION Sunday A year long Faith Education Program including Sacraments for children who do not attend Catholic Schools. Term has now begun. Contact the Parish Office.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on **Thursday** evenings in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 Explore today at www.wccm.org

CARDS Play social style 'Cards for fun', **Monday** 10am-1pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome!!!

CARE OF THE SICK If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and who would like the Eucharist brought to them, please let the office know. Also, if someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please, let us know.

COFFEE GROUP Our monthly coffee group will meet at Wilbur's, Hackett on the **third Thursday** of each month at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our usual friends, and newcomers most welcome.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP Divine Will Prayer Group meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Details Heather 6247 7775.

WEEKLY READER FORMATION Reflections on the readings for the following Sunday are held **Wednesday** evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Parishioners welcome.

PRAY THE ROSARY will be held the First Saturday of every month at 4pm in the Church on a trial basis. Confessions available afterwards followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please bring a plate to share. For more information call Letty on 0418 518 033

COELIACS Parishioners who are coeliac (intolerant to Gluten) If you wish to receive a gluten free host at Mass you should advise the Celebrant or Acolyte prior to Mass.

PLEASE NOTE: We have been advised that there are people visiting local churches asking for money. If you are approached by anyone asking for money please do not provide any but refer the person to Samaritan House, 19 Hackett Place, Hackett

NEW PARISHIONERS would you like to join our Parish? If you wish to register as Blackfriars Parishioner please fill out a card which you can find on the entrance tables and place on the second plate or give the card to Father.

Holy Rosary Church is fitted with an audio loop. It is accessible in all seating areas by using T-switch on your hearing aid.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is **NOON TUESDAY** Please contact Jacquie in the office Ph. 6248 5925 Fax.6248 7564 or Email: holyr.watson@cg.catholic.org.au

IMPORTANT

It is important that you contact the office by email or in writing (even a note on the collection plate) if you require a booking - for a Mass Intention, Booking of the Church or Parish Centre, Weddings and Baptisms.

If you would like to add a name to the prayers for the sick, anniversary or death list in the *Bulletin*, details must be with the Parish Office **NO** later than Tuesday of that week. For all other bookings Mass for an Anniversary or to use the Parish Centre etc. two weeks notice is required. It is difficult to keep track of Parishioners requests if they do not come through the Office. Fr Kieran

EVENTS

16 June – Friday – ST THOMAS MORE FORUM - Can Christendom Thrive, Can it Survive? Keynote Speaker: Greg Sheridan Foreign Editor, *The Australian* Newspaper **7 for 7.30 pm. Venue:** Mecure Hotel, Limestone Avenue, Braddon ACT 2618. **Cost:** \$85.00 (Dinner and wine) *Canapes and drinks on arrival followed by a two course dinner with a bottle of red and white wine per table and tea/coffee and cake.* **RSVP:** Noon Tuesday 13 June

17 & 18 - June "Cowra Liturgy Weekend" Speakers include Bishop Pat O'Regan, Dr Laurie Woods, Ms Karla Slaven, Mr Paul Dunn and many more. Enjoy a weekend of music liturgy and fun! Contact Fr Laurie Beath, 6342 1369 or E-mail: office.cowra@cdob.org.au

20 June – Diversity & Empathy: Opportunities for Leadership. The ACU 2-017 Blackfriars Lecture Series will commence on 20th June with speaker Sally Moyle (CEO of CARE Australia). Sally joined CARE Australia in November 2016 as the Chief Executive. Sally has had extensive experience in international development policy and practice, and almost 20 years' experience addressing gender issues both domestically and in international development. 5:30pm for registration and refreshments. Lecture from 6pm to 7 pm. Room 300 G23 Blackfriars Building. RSVP buy 15 June OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au or 6209 1129

21 June – Wednesday - Seniors In Networked Communities - Taoist Tai Chi Society Come along and learn how Tai Chi can Reduce stress, Increase balance and flexibility and improve your overall mind, body and spirit. St Brigid's Parish hall 2 Bancroft St Dickson Wednesday 21 June 2017 10 am. Please Contact Poonam on 6163 7683 if you would like support with transport

8 and 15 July – Evenings for the Engaged. Marriage preparation program will be held over two consecutive Saturdays. Enquiries to Mark and Kathy Haseler Phone 61 66 76 34

15 September – 8 October 2017. Camino Pilgrimage: Rome, Assisi, Montserrat, Barcelona, Camino, Santiago, Madrid, Toledo. Information: www.caminowalk.com.au or Paul Skippen 0412 850 883

February 19 – March 10 2018- Christian spiritual pilgrimage to India "One Heart and One Soul" The highlight of this pilgrimage will be a four night meditation/yoga retreat with daily mass led by Fr. Joe Pereira (Mumbai), in Goa. The pilgrimage also includes attending a Mass at St. Teresa of Kolkata's Tomb and visits to some of her homes. For further information, please contact: Marie Fonseca: 02 9344 0523 or 0418 265117. Email: info@spiceodyssey.net.au Website: www.spiceodyssey.net.au (to download a flyer) Andre Rasquinha: 0403 569 079 Email: andre@traveltalk.com.au

ROSTERS 17 / 18 June 2017

Saturday 6.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	P. English	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Vanderzill Family	
EMOE	T. O'Neill	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	M. Gabbitas	T. Klekner
Presentation of Gifts	P. Zorzi	
EMOE	M. Falk	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	N. Price	A. McCarthy
Presentation of Gifts	Hall—O'Brien Family	
EMOE	M. Mastrolembro	E. Musolino

Sunday 6.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	J. Curnow	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	Malone Family	
EMOE	J. Curnow	V. Van der Sanden
Counters		