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VERITAS



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Mass times
Wed 5.30pm
Tues & Thurs 6.45am
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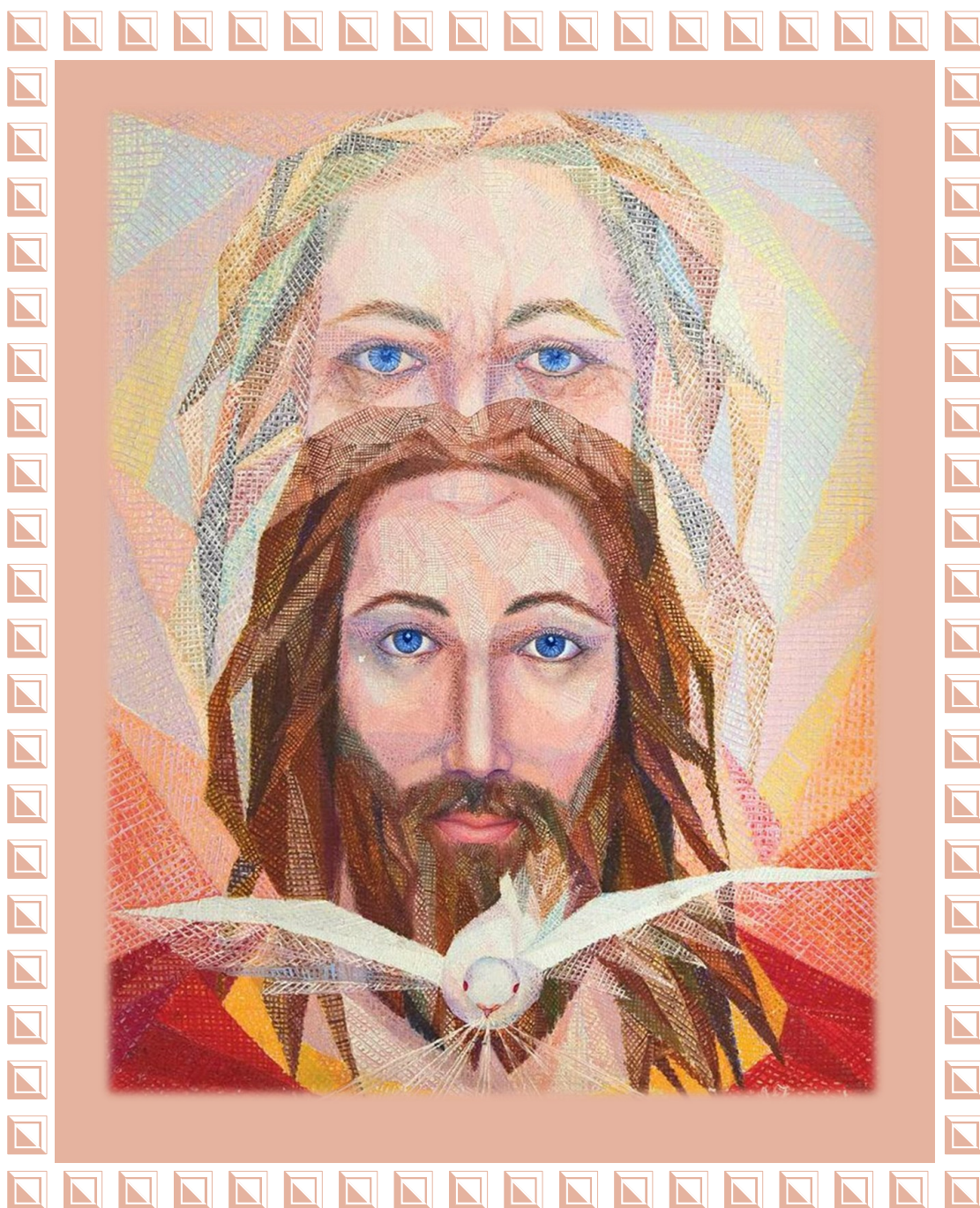
Saturday 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm

9am Mass Saturday & Public
Holidays
excluding Mondays

Pray the Rosary
Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass
Saturday after 9am Mass
and First Saturday each month
3.30pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

MOST HOLY TRINITY



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	Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40 Romans 8:14-17 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

FIRST COMMUNION

On 3 June the Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. Our parish will be celebrating the First Reception of the Eucharist for our young parishioners. The Vigil Mass (5pm on 2 June) and the Sunday Mass (10am on 3 June) will both be 'First Communion Masses' You are welcome to attend or **may choose to attend another parish Mass**. Let us remember these children and their families as we pray that Our Eucharistic Lord may always be a very important part of their lives.

PSALM: 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22

Happy the people
the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke: and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

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the Lord has chosen to be his own.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN

If your children are taking a Children's Bulletin to colour-in please ensure that all the pencils are returned to the basket from which they were taken.

LITURGY ROSTER

The Liturgical Roster July to January will be prepared shortly. Over the last year we have lost a number of volunteers; if you have not volunteered before please consider volunteering.
The 5pm Sunday Mass is especially short on volunteers. The volunteer sign-up sheets are now in the foyer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, who was martyred as he was celebrating Mass in 1980, will be canonized on Oct. 14, 2018, during the Synod for Bishops on young people.

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak;
Courage is also what it takes to sit down
and listen. Winston Churchill

A TRINITY THOUGHT EXPERIMENT

No one except God can understand how there are three distinct persons in one God. We can, however, understand why it is important to us. Here is a theological thought experiment or analogy to explain the meaning of the Holy Trinity. Imagine a fan with three blades. On each of the blades picture signs labeled "Father", "Son" and "Spirit." Suppose that the "Father" blade is on top. It represents the one life of God. The Father knows about the Son and loves him, so he gives his entire life to his Son. He does not divide his life, he gives it all. Imagine the "Son" blade turning to the top.

When the life is not in the Father and not yet in the Son, it has to be somewhere. It is in the Holy Spirit. (Remember that this is only an illustration of something far more complicated.) So the "Spirit" blade comes to the top of the fan.

Now how can the one life of God be in all three persons at the same time? Imagine turning on the fan. The blades spin so fast that it is impossible to see which is on top. You might say, from this example, that God is a dynamo of love, constantly sharing one life.

If the Father can give his life to two other persons, why not four or ten or a billion? If the Father wants to do this he can. The message of the Trinity is that he wants to do it. The Father wants to include you. *Commentary by Fr Richard Lonsdale*

PERSONS ALL THE WAY DOWN

Christians believe in one God and only one God. But the heart of Christianity is the belief that this one God is three Persons, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We count only one God. But when we count divine Persons, we count *three*.

One way to think about the doctrine of the Trinity is to recognize that it is not possible to stop counting in this funny way. Whatever its shape, the whole cosmos rests on the loving and caring Persons of the Trinity. You can't divide the one God into three more fundamental things which make up the one God. God isn't a compound of anything more fundamental. *One* is all there is, when it comes to God.

But here's the hallmark of the doctrine of the Trinity: you still have to count three. The three Persons of the Trinity are not *really* anything else. They aren't roles of God, or modes of God. You can't reduce the three Persons of the Trinity to some more fundamental something in order to get—at bottom—just one. In themselves, they are just Persons, and there are three of them.

Some secularists suppose that *everything whatsoever* is reducible to elementary particles. For secularists, at the ultimate foundation of reality there is just the impersonal, the cold and uncaring bits of matter and energy that make up the material world. What the doctrine of the Trinity tells us is just the opposite. At the ultimate foundation of reality, irreducible to anything else, there are the three Persons of the Trinity.

There is a story told about an old lady who believed that the world is flat and rests on the back of a giant turtle. When she was challenged with the following question, "Yes, but what does the turtle rest on?" she replied carelessly, "Oh, it's turtles all the way down!"

She was wrong, of course, and the secularists are wrong, too. Whatever its shape, the whole cosmos rests on the loving and caring Persons of the Trinity. For Christians, it's Persons all the way down.

This is a doctrine worth celebrating.

Eleonore Stump <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Elizabeth Cronin, Mary Bui, Fr Ellis Clifford, Dion Convine, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Patricia Zorzi, Maureen Blood, Ken Rolls, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Awny El-Ghitany, Joebert Tabiola, Elsie Laughton, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Mimma Giampietro, Alexia Harris, Joe Schimizzi, Zelma McManus, Lynn & Richard Bale, Greg O'Neill
Our deceased	Vince Foster, Kathleen Wilson (Myles), Ivan Habus, Nicola D'Ambrosio
In loving Memory	Charles Davidson, Joseph Grzic, Matta Tit, Peter Que, Anton Bach, Alice Sloan

BAPTISM

Araziah Dawn Lustri
Zoe Grace Jakobasic

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



COMING WEEKS

Our community will mark several important social justice events over the coming weeks: Reconciliation Week, World Environment Day and Refugee Week. In addition, many of our communities will take part in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout, raising awareness about homelessness in our community. The social justice days we mark through May and June aren't discrete events - taken together they form an opportunity to shape the life and conscience of Australia. Communities across the country will mark these days. It is a reminder that we are all called, as followers of Christ, to listen and be moved by the Holy Spirit to build God's Kingdom in the world today.

TRINITY

The Gospel, taken from the concluding scene in St. Matthew's Gospel (28:16-20), ends upon what is perhaps the most explicitly Trinitarian note in the New Testament: the command to baptize "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The risen Lord, having completed his mission on earth, claims "all authority in heaven and earth." Empowered with that authority the Church is to go to the nations of the world and "make disciples of them", communicating to them a sense of the outreach of divine love into the world, and the conquest of sin and death represented by the whole mission of Christ. When people who respond positively to the Gospel receive baptism in the name of the Trinity they undergo an experience akin to that of Israel in the Exodus. Through the waters of baptism they become members of a people liberated from slavery to enjoy the privileged closeness to God described with reference to Israel in the First Reading but now immensely deepened through the intimacy gained in Christ. The "commandments" they are taught to observe flow from this relationship and give expression to it in everyday life.

Brendan Byrne, SJ <http://australiancatholics.com.au/>

PARISH RECORDS

A Parish Census is currently taking place and the parish records are being updated. If you are a current parishioner or wish to become a parishioner and have not filled in a parish record card could you please do so. The cards are in the pews and on the exit tables once completed they can be put on the second collection plate. Thank you

TRINITARIAN LIVES

Trinity Sunday.
Fr Richard Ounsworth OP

preaches on a mystery at the heart of our faith.

It may be true that the 'mystery' of the Trinity is not a mystery of the Agatha Christie kind, not something hidden to be puzzled out, but something revealed to be explored ever more deeply. But the fact is that we do find Trinitarianism baffling, and it can be a source of great anxiety; and with good reason, because it's so easy when talking about the Trinity to say the wrong thing. We can easily end up either believing in three different Gods, or in saying that the three Persons of the Trinity are nothing more than just three ways of talking about the one God. So if talking about the Trinity is so tricky, so full of snares for the unwary, wouldn't it be better just not to bother?

On the contrary, today's Gospel shows that we have no choice but to talk about the Trinity. It is not an optional extra to be added on to our faith in Christ, but the very heart of our religion: there is no God for us to believe in but the Triune God, no Christ to follow but the incarnate Word, no life for us to live but the divine life breathed into us by the Holy Spirit; and there is no message for us to preach but baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is the command that Christ gives us at the end of Matthew's Gospel; his last testament to us amounts to nothing less than a share in his own mission. Throughout his Gospel, Saint Matthew presents the life and mission of Christ as the re-creation of Israel, the gathering around himself of the chosen People of God, a community of saints. This is what is implied by the word 'disciples', those gathered by Christ to be the new Israel for a new age. So in commissioning the eleven – and through them, us – to make disciples of all the nations, he is giving us a share in his work, the work of the Word made flesh, the work of the Triune God.

The first Israel was set apart from the nations, uniquely privileged and distinguished under the leadership of Moses, and today's first reading is typical of the Book of Deuteronomy in celebrating the distinction of God's chosen people. But Israel always looked forward to the time when God would lead the Gentiles to join her, would make them one flock with Israel at 'the end of the age'. Now, in his risen body, Christ shows his disciples that the time has come, the new age has dawned; and it is their task to draw the Gentiles, the nations, into the People of God. When he tells us that, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me', he is claiming to be the fulfilment of the Book of Daniel, in which one like a son of man came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him.

Jesus Christ, then, has raised humanity to the level of the divine. And because of who Christ is and what he has done – because of the incarnation and resurrection – the old age is over, and it is time for all the nations to be gathered into the People of God. Our identity and our mission as Christians is inseparably intertwined with the identity and mission of Christ. At the beginning of his Gospel, Matthew tells us that Christ is Immanuel, God-with-us. Jesus himself re-asserts this claim himself at the end of the Gospel when he says 'I am with you always'. In the Greek this 'I am' is an emphatic *ego eimi* – not just 'I am', but I AM, the divine name that God reveals to Moses from the burning bush.

In the life and work of the Church, which is the new Israel, the Holy Spirit brings Christ's presence among us; when we allow the Spirit to dwell in our hearts, and so by the Spirit of God are incorporated into the People of God, we are raised up with Jesus Christ, Son of Man and Son of God, to dwell with the Father. Christ tells us today that our mission as the Church is a Trinitarian one; and so our lives become Trinitarian too, as we share in the life of the Triune God.

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

Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep our balance you must keep moving.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL OF RELIGION / CATECHISTS - New students are always welcome. This year-long faith education program is intended for children who do not attend Catholic schools. Catechists are still needed to help with the classes. Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like more information.

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 at www.wccm.org

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

COFFEE GROUP Our monthly coffee group will meet at Wilbur's, Hackett the **third Thursday** of each month at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our usual friends, 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 3.30pm in the Church. 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

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. If someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please, let us know.

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.

Holy Rosary Church is fitted with an audio loop. It is accessible in all seats 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: watson@cg.org.au

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

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 (6mths) and Baptisms. **It is difficult to keep track of Parishioners requests if they do not come through the Office.** 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. a minimum two weeks notice is required.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY - Please note the cost of the Catholic Weekly is \$2.00. It is not a FREE publication.

SINGING GROUP

A small group of singers meet at the Ainslie Church of Christ Hall on Wednesday from 7-9 to sing old Shape Note hymns. There are no performances, rehearsals or costumes, no auditions or any expectation that you need a good voice to join. Although we are singing religious material, there is no expectation that anyone in the group has a particular religious conviction or does not. This is just about a community of people making a joyful noise.

EVENTS

2 June - MARRIAGE AS MISSION

If you are a couple who has been married for ten or more years we would love to hear your ideas and let you know about ministries designed to support engaged and married couples. Please join us for an Archdiocesan "Marriage as Mission" afternoon tea from 2-4pm in the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's. Contact: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au or 0429 192 869 Registration: <http://bit.ly/marriageasmission> . A donation of \$10 per couple on the day would be appreciated.

2 June - KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The next meeting of the KSC will be at 11.00am - 1.00pm in the Parish Centre behind the St Benedict's Parish Church, Narrabundah. See the KSC website www.ksca.org.au for further information. Contact Bob Perkins on 6247 2977."

2 June - SHADOW AND TRANSFORMATION - What is meant by "Shadow" and how is it a powerful means to transform our lives? Seminar by Dr. Patricia Moroney, Spiritual Director and Jungian Analyst/Psychotherapist; **Saturday 2nd June** from 10.30 a.m. till approx. 1 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Strangway St., Curtin, Free entry. Please register by phoning 6286.3388.

6 June - CONVERSATION WITH PAUL COLLINS

Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn is hosting a conversation with noted author and media commentator Paul Collins and media commentator Paul Bongiorno at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in Curtin from 7:00-8:00pm to discuss Paul Collins' most recent publication - *Absolute Power: How the Pope became the most influential man in the world.*

13 June - BLACKFRIARS LECTURE SERIED

Dr Mike Freeland will be presenting on "The first 1000 days of life" **When:** Wednesday 13 June **Where:** Australian Catholic University, Canberra Campus

7-14 July - FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a public Short Course "From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals" in the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre in Forrest, over two Saturdays, July 7 and 14. Leading scholars will investigate a Christian theology of dying and death and explore how the Order of Christian Funerals celebrates death in a specifically Catholic way. Registration is essential, at: http://www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses. For more information phone 02-9701 4751

14 - October - "MARIAN PROCESSION"

Save the Date - This year will be a celebration of 100 years since the foundation of St Clement's Monastery. Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Yllana will be leading those gathered.

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.

ROSTERS 2 / 3 June 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	I. Buckley	
Readers	A. Blakey	M. Cox
Presentation of Gifts	Blakey Family	
EMOE	Volunteer	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	J. Smith	E. Smith
Presentation of Gifts	Flynn Family	
EMOE	N. Clarke	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	R. Tanzer	
Readers	J. Cooke	M. Mallett
Presentation of Gifts	Lestone Family	
EMOE	B. Affas	S. Tanzer

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	L. Kim	
Readers	M. Brotohusodo	Volunteer
Presentation of Gifts	R. Walpole	
EMOE	J. Curnow	V. Van der Sanden
Counters	F. Higgins	N. Higgins I. Buckley