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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Mass Times

Week Day

Monday - NO Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday
5:30pm

Weekend

Saturday - Vigil - 5:pm
Sunday - 10:00am & 5:00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday
4pm - 4.45pm

Adoration - Holy Hour

Friday's 6pm - 7pm

Pray the Rosary

Before 10am Mass on Sundays

ACU MASS - 12pm Wednesday

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All Welcome

If you are in Urgent need of a Priest
out of office hours call - 6248 8253

Most Holy Trinity



PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is

NOON TUESDAY

Please contact the office Ph. 6248 5925

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Entrance Antiphon

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.

FIRST READING

First reading - Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

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, 'The 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.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Responsorial 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!

SECOND READING

Second reading - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gospel Acclamation - cf Revelation 1:8

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

Gospel - John 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Communion Antiphon is NOT recited when hymns are sung.

Communion Antiphon - Gal 4: 6

Since you are children of God,

God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our young parishioners who are receiving their Eucharistic Lord for the first time this weekend. We pray that they will always welcome Jesus into their hearts as their strong, true and gentle friend. We might pray the children's prayer for them and with them.



**Jesus in the Eucharist, I believe in You,
You have promised me yourself,
and Your word is true .
Son of God I long for You
come to me and stay.
Be the bread that helps me grow
more like you each day.**

TRINITY SUNDAY



Today is not the day to either explain or make any conclusive statements about the Trinity. If I could explain the Trinity fully I would in fact be God myself-and we wouldn't want that!!!

Only God can fully explain himself and can fully understand himself, we cannot either here on earth or even in the life of heaven.

The doctrine of the Trinity is proposed to us by Jesus himself. All of what we know about the nature of God comes from him and thus this teaching is part of what we call revelation, that is, a specific revealed declaration unique to Christianity. The concept of the Trinity is not the creation of a human mind nor can a human mind unravel it. Our understanding of God then does not come to us via our reason but by a teaching proposed to us by Christ in faith.

We believe in the Trinity because Jesus Christ, true God and true man, revealed it to us plain and simple.

Cont... Much like the doctrine of the Eucharist which we will encounter next week, the teaching we encounter is based on who we believe Jesus to be. Is he Lord, liar or lunatic?

Apart from our belief in Jesus' credibility there is something to be said about the concept of God as mystery. Mysteries are not an affront to our reason; all it may suggest is that we are not at a moment in our development to understand them. However the mystery of the Trinity is not even one of these, the mystery of the Trinity goes further than this, it is beyond us for the very reason that God as being, God as the beginning and end of all things must always transcend his creation. For some being to be God, if we understand what being God might be, it would seem rather logical that God could not be just 'worked' out by creatures. If God could be worked out like a mathematical theorem or a Sudoku puzzle we wouldn't really esteem him much, would we? God would be just like any other thing in the universe.

There is an unbridgeable gulf between what it is to be God and what it is to be a creature. As much as we might desire to 'work' God out we really overstep our boundaries when it comes to understanding who we are and who God is. St Thomas Aquinas, as bright as he was and as dedicated to this subject than most taught that "**we cannot know what God is, but only what he is not.**"

This did not mean that Aquinas gave up on his task, but his task was not meant to "work" out God. Aquinas did teach that there are a number of positive things we can say of God that are meaningful for us such as God is infinite, or God is wise or such, however he is cautious about these descriptions of God too, for whilst these descriptions of God

Are affirmed of God with respect to what is signified, a perfection that is present in God in a pre-eminent way; they are denied to God with respect to the way in which they signify, because we can only understand them in deficient human terms. Such attributes are predicated or describe God analogically.

For Aquinas then, and us, all of our speech about God that is positive, or what we can say intelligibly about God, will always be limited and analogical. This scenario is such because we do not know what it is to be God. For us to say he is good or wise, or loving is to only say that from our limited experience of what it is to be good or to be wise or to be loving. We cannot see these attributes from God's side. What we do know is that God's love, God's wisdom etc are far more profound than we can even fathom and this is the most exciting thing about God as mystery, and that is, whatever we can invoke positively about him we will always find ourselves falling short, if we say God is loving then God's love must be more profound than any love we've ever given or received, and that goes with the rest of the attributes we might describe of God.

As a finishing note it would be well to understand with these attributes that God's being, his essence, his what-it-is-to-be, his very nature, and his activity, are one and the same, that is they are one act. God's is-is to do. God's being and willing are one and the same thing.

We must say then from this understanding that God doesn't just give love, rather that God **is** love, God is wisdom or God is infinitude. God's activity is not separate from him and this understanding likewise upholds God's uniqueness as the object of our worship but also that in recognising this we begin to grasp the profound nature of

Cont....God's wanting to create us and know us and love us.

God loves us then not as an extension of himself or as an afterthought but that when God loves us he gives his very self to us and this is seen most acutely in the trinity-the father creates us, the Son redeems us, the Holy Spirit sanctifies-this is God's way of relating to us-giving himself to us. Let us then in turn give praise to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit both and always unto the ages of ages. Amen.

¹Summa Theologiae Q.3 preamble.

God love you all. You're all in my prayers.
Fr Mannes OP

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council

Criteria for nominees

- A healthy, vibrant, and deep, prayer life.
- A skill set which will contribute to the well being, renewal, and mission of the parish.
- A desire to promote a mission oriented community not just a maintenance one (knowledge of Divine Renovation will be an advantage).

Thank you, you all continue to be in my thoughts and Prayers.

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ONLY ONE MAN

Trinity Sunday. Fr Richard Finn OP

explains why belief in the Trinity is necessary for salvation.

Can we be saved by what we believe? Can we be damned for what we don't believe? At first hearing, the words of Jesus in today's Gospel may sound harsh, or perhaps worse, repellent, offering a deeply troubling image of a God who consigns to hell all those whose ideas don't match the prescribed orthodoxy. Where, we might say, is the love in that?

Yet, there are occasions when we can only be saved by what we believe: disbelieve the sign which tells you of the minefield you are about to enter, and your life will be short. Moreover, Jesus doesn't tell Nicodemus so much *what* to believe, as in *whom* to believe, in whom someone should place his or her trust; and life at times certainly depends on the place we trust in others. The cancer patient entrusts himself or herself to the surgeon. The passenger entrusts life and limb to the driver or pilot. To cross safely the treacherous sands of Morecombe Bay, we must trust an experienced guide. Whether there is just one person in whom we must put that trust or many among whom we may choose will depend on the plight in which we find ourselves.

What, then, is humanity's essential plight? We are beset by many crises, not least the environmental degradation of our common home, and the many, varied, sufferings attendant on warfare and poverty across the globe. However, underlying these specific crises is an age-old inability of men and women to live together sociably, peaceably, justly, and kindly. Our crises are symptomatic of a deep-seated failure of the human heart which we call original sin. We inherit a refusal on humanity's part of God's full gifts, a warped desire to go it alone, the upshot of which is a propensity to sin. We lack what it takes wholeheartedly to love God and neighbour, indeed we lack even what it takes to love ourselves properly. Alienated from right relationships to God, self, and neighbour, and left to our own

Cont...devices, or vices, we are simply incapable of sharing God's love, His eternal life.

It is *this* plight from which only one man can save us, in whom we are invited to place our trust, the Lord Jesus Christ. For He stands revealed as the Divine Word made flesh, whose ministry of preaching and healing, whose self-sacrificing Passion and death, articulated in human terms His utter love for the Father and for us, indeed formed a uniquely powerful prayer for our salvation. That prayer as the human expression of the infinite and eternal love of the Divine Word for the Father finds its necessary answer in the Resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us first at Pentecost and now sacramentally in baptism and confirmation. As St Paul told the early Christians at Rome, 'God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us' (Romans 5:5). As St Augustine repeatedly explained, this is God's love for God. As members of the Body of Christ, we share in the Son's love for the Father, and know ourselves as loved by the Father, united with Father and Son in the Spirit.

It is this love that gives us an appetite for Christ's teaching, a delight in creatively and intelligently living out His commandments. Only because God has blessed us in this way, with new life in Christ, can St Paul urge his fellow Christians at Corinth to 'agree with one another' and 'live in peace', because they can have been given a share in the love shared between the persons of the Holy Trinity.

The doctrine of the Trinity which we celebrate this Sunday is then at the heart of the Christian religion, not because it offers us an abstruse dogma, but because it articulates the relationship of shared love into which we are drawn for our salvation. For this let's give heartfelt thanks and praise.

WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY

Behold, I make all things new. (Rev. 21:5)

A women's Eucharistic Retreat Day with the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. Saturday 24th June - 10.00am - 4.00pm St John Vianney School, Waramanga
Registration : <https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>
Questions: sydney@op-tn.org
Nashvilledominican.org - @dominicansistersaustralia

ST THOMAS MORE ANNUAL DINNER

St Thomas More Forum Annual Dinner: Friday 23rd June at 7pm Mecure Hotel Ainslie, speaker is Madeline Brennan KC. She is a practicing barrister and daughter of Sir Gerard Brennan (former High Court Chief Justice dec.) and sister of Fr Frank Brennan SJ OA. Register now at <https://bit.ly/stm-230623> by 11am Friday 16 June 2023. For more info. email forum@stthomasmore.org.au. Cost \$90.00 (Dinner and wine)

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PRAYERS

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:

Mary Martin, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Mimma Gia, Philip Bailey, Veronica Cornelly, Rosa Maria Santos, Peter Catlin, Beth Delos Santos, Ursula Ramsay, Sue King, Fr Ellis Clifford, Joe Schimizzi, June Pollard, Awny El-Ghitany, Pamela Sandy, Elizabeth Webster, Una Ford, Terry Stephens, Maureen Blood, Una Bell, Lily Copeland, Neville Caulfield, Maggie McKeon, Maria Bankovsky, Carmel Slammon, Katey Tuite, Brian & Suzanne Brown, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our recently Deceased: May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord.
Graeme Clarke

PRAY THE ROSARY Sunday Mornings prior to 10.00am Mass the Rosary will be recited. Please join in.
CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on Wednesdays. Contact the office for details.
DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 10.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.
BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on Thursday evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or www.wccm.org
WEEKLY READER FORMATION - Formation sessions are on Wednesday evenings. These sessions provide reflection on the Scripture readings for the following Sunday. All parishioners are invited. – Meet in the church Office.
HOLY ROSARY WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE The Holy Rosary Women's Faith Circle returns on Thursdays. Please join us as we share life, break open the word, pray for and with each other. Contact Emily at emilykathrynhall@gmail.com for further information.
VERBUM BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-35
On recess at the moment. It will restart in early June with the Eucharist in Scripture.

ROSTER 10 - 11 June

Saturday 5.00pm - Acolyte - M. Tran / D. Gauchi
Reader - C. Barbaro, M. Dawes
Sunday 10.00am - Acolyte - K. Linard
Reader - C. Rheinberger, A. McCarthy
Computer - J. Cortese
Sunday 5.00pm - Acolyte - L. Kim
Reader - J. Curnow, K. Watson
Computer - J. Kim

Who is God?

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

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