

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**The Most Holy Trinity Year C**  
**First Reading** Prv 8:22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs  
*Wisdom was born before the earth was made.*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud: The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2*

**(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him?
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet.
3. All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters.

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**Second Reading** Rom 5:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

*See Apoc 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** Jn 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate  
**Painting the Picture of God**

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion of Divine Life between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship and yet the most perfect unity. God is Divine pulsating, shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love. In fact, the best name for God is 'Being-in-Love'. What does this mean for us? How often have you heard: 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? If God is threefold Being-in-Love, then you and I are made to live in relationship – not in solitary. We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient. It will turn out to be a Hellish choice. When we live as much self-giving as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we are Divine Life pulsating into a particular time and place through us. Each time we bless ourselves, a bit of a Catholic routine, we are invoking the threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life. Be careful, there will be consequence! You could become more God-like! We could pause for a moment, slowly make the Sign of the Cross which recalls our baptism: 'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit', and promise to image that Name in our lives.

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**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**Monday 13th:**  
 St Anthony of Padua

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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Choir Practice**  
**Monday @ 1pm**

**Wrap With Love**  
**Tuesday 14th June**  
**@ 10am**  
**Meeting Room**

**Craft Group -**  
**10am**  
**Thursdays**

**"Enjoy the Good News" Wednesdays**  
**after 9.00am Mass**

**Adoration Tuesday**  
**@ 4.30pm**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
**Thursdays after Mass**  
**Venue: Corrigans Cove**  
**All Welcome**  
**COFFEE N CHAT**

**HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY YEAR C**

**PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK - 13th June - 19th June**

- Tuesday:** Adoration 4.30pm  
 Mass 5.30pm
- Wednesday:** Mass 9.00am
- Thursday:** No Mass - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion 9am
- Friday:** Mass 9.30am
- Saturday:** Reconciliation 9.30am  
 Vigil 5pm
- Sunday:** Mass 9am, 5pm

**RETREAT: Your prayerful support is requested for Deacon Eden this week whilst he undertakes his Priestly Preparation Retreat**

**ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD - JUNE 24TH @5PM**

Transport to the Ordination: If you intend to drive up to the Cathedral for Deacon Eden's Ordination, and have a spare seat or two in your car, please let the office know before next weekend and we will offer the seats to others who may not be able to drive themselves.

Many thanks

**Choir Practice for Confirmation and Eden's First Mass in the Parish: MONDAY JUNE 13 AT 1PM & THURSDAY JUNE 23 AT 11.30 AM IN THE CHURCH.**

**We'd love more people to join us for these two important celebrations in our Parish. Any questions? Please ring Phil 0428593191**

**Pope Francis  
Monthly Prayer  
Intentions  
JUNE**

**Families**

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

**Confirmation**  
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Bernard's at the 5pm Mass on June 25th. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers

**MINISTRY SUNDAY- JUNE 11TH & 12TH**

As you come into the church you will be given a Ministry sheet and a pencil. After Communion, you will be asked to fill that out indicating what ministry support you are able to offer the Parish. You are all asked to try and commit to **AT LEAST ONE MINISTRY**. Please place your completed forms in the box indicated in the foyer. Many thanks for your kind assistance.

**FR EDEN LANGLANDS** will celebrate a Parish Mass on the 26th June at 5pm in appreciation for your prayerful support of him during his Pastoral Placement year and as a Deacon.



There will be a Parish celebration following the Mass, so we invite you to put it in your diary and come to Mass and the Festivities to follow. A bbq will be held in the Meeting Room. **All are welcome.**

There will be a retiring collection this week and next for an ordination gift for Eden. Collectors will be at the doors of the church after Mass

**St Vincent de Paul  
Winter Appeal**

June-August If you can spare adult/ children winter gloves, socks, beanies, blankets, doonas, sleeping bags. Please place in containers in the foyer. These will be given directly to families. We are not collecting tinned food and clothes - these need to be taken directly to the Vinnie's shop. **Many thanks for your ongoing support**



This week Sr Paulinus RSJ will be celebrating her 100th birthday. There is a card in the foyer for people to sign and we will send it to Sister as we wish her a very Happy Birthday from St Bernards Parish

**Remembering the Sick:**

Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill, Beverly Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

**Parish Financial Support**

During the coming week or so, a Finance Council representative will be speaking to you about money. It's always difficult, especially in times when people are under economic pressure and limited income. Also, the request is made whilst being aware of diminishing numbers in the Congregation. We would like to thank you for your generous and selfless support prior to this information talk, but as you will see there are real needs that we are trying to meet. Thank you **Fr Tom**

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided. **We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara, Steven Smith, Anton Miloloza, Petronila Aballe, Rosemary Cahill

**THE TRINITY - GOD'S DEEP LOVE FOR US**

The Feast of the Trinity is about the intimacy of God's presence to us in our world.

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ shares historical insights which enable our understanding of this mystery of our faith.

The Feast of Trinity Sunday was celebrated throughout the whole Catholic Church only quite late - in the 14th century. In earlier times every Sunday was dedicated to the Holy Trinity. This was evident in the frequent reference to the Father, Son and Spirit as one God in the prayers of the liturgy. No special feast was needed.

The prayers and the focus of the Feast are very theological. That is to say, they express the Church teaching about the Trinity rather than exploring the place that Father, Son and Spirit have in the life of Christians and of the Church.

The emphasis on teaching about the Trinity can be traced back to one of the greatest challenges to Christian faith that took place in the 4th century.

Christians became divided by the way in which they thought of God. Previously they had all prayed to the Father and to Christ and had recognised the work of the Spirit in their Christian lives. At the same time, they had insisted that the Christian God is one, in contrast to the many Gods of the pagans. Few were concerned how these convictions fitted together. In the 4th century, however, there was fierce debate in which the foundations of faith were at stake.

The crisis began when some Christians questioned the relationship between Jesus, the Son of God, and God the Father. The Christians who believed that Jesus was lesser than the Father then forced their opponents to address another central question. If Jesus, the Son of God, the Father and the Spirit are all God, how can they be the One God to whom Abraham and Jesus prayed, and not two or three Gods.

*The Church called to resolve the disputes did not explain how God is three and one, but used the language of one God in three Persons to assert both that God is one being and that Father, Son and Spirit share fully in divinity. The prayers and sermons on the Feast of the Trinity make that point again and again. It is not an explanation but a way of speaking that respects the full mystery of God's love for us.*

It really celebrates something much deeper: the depth of God's involvement with us in the salvation that Jesus brought us. It insists that when Jesus spoke to us, God speaks, when Jesus dies on the cross, God dies in him, that when Jesus rises and ascends to God he takes us with him and that when the Spirit works within our lives and Church, God works within us.

*The Feast of the Trinity says that our world is not God's colony under colonial management but is God's home. It is about the intimacy of God's presence to us in our world and in the Church through Jesus.*

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