

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday - Year C

15th - 16th June 2019

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

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 the 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

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

R/ O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judges 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.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 16:12-15

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 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

On this Trinity Sunday let us join heartily in songs of praise to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. And let us give thanks that this Triune God loves us more than we can imagine. Let us give praise for our God's everlasting presence in our lives in this age and in the age to come. Let us savour a God who offers us the very best mystery of all, a love that is beyond anything we can ask or imagine.



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian), 10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (English) & Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday 7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

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One God in Three Persons

Trinity Sunday is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality as distinct from an event in the life of Jesus or the growing Church. It is a day for the Church to celebrate how it understands and experiences God in our lives and in our faith community. The philosopher Descartes spoke of the difference between the 'god of the philosophers' and the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.' It is the difference between the God as studied and defined as an abstraction from other entities and God as experienced in fundamental relationship with us in all the ups and downs of human living.



God is described in many ways: as the ultimate source of life, the ground of all being; as the 'mind' behind the evolving universe; the One who cares, the One who liberates, One who is closer to us than our very selves and yet One who is far beyond our imaginings. But how clearer could the nature of God and God's relationship with us be described than in the letter of John: "God is Love".

There is a trinity of ways that we can come to perceive the mystery of 'God'. We understand and appreciate God as creator and sustainer of all that exists. Through Jesus we have come to relate to God as 'Father' to express our faith in God's concern, care and compassion which evokes reciprocal trust and love from us.

God's love has been revealed to us in the life, teaching and giving of Jesus the 'Son' and it is by the Spirit of God's love that we, as children of God and 'made in the image of God' are born to proclaim and live in relationship with others. We come to realise that we are not separate from God but exist within God.

*'You reveal yourself in the depth of our being
Drawing us to share in your life and love...'* Trinity Sunday opening prayer

This prayer reminds us of Jesus' challenge to look into the heart, to get below the surface if we are to know what someone is really like. It reminds us of John's statement that when we love we live in God and God lives in us, for God is Love. (1John 4) It can remind us of the belief that the sacred and the human are not separate but intertwined." (Michael Morwood, 'God Is With Us' 1994)

Welcome to our Parish Feast Day Celebration of the Sacred Heart



The Feast of the Sacred Heart, our parish and Primary School patron feast, falls on Friday 28th June this year. We like to celebrate it as one Sacred Heart Family. As Sunday 30th June is in the Term 2 school holidays, with the permission of the Archbishop's Office, we will celebrate the Sacred Heart Feast on Sunday 23rd June.

Mass will be celebrated in the church at 10:30am, and the celebration will continue in the Parish Hall on David Street. Our special guest will be Father Asaeli Raass who is the Vice Provincial of the SVD in Australia. Please make your way to the Parish Hall between 11:30 am and 12:00pm for a few hours of food, entertainment and dancing. See you there!

PS: There are many ways to participate in this event. Find out how from the ladies and gentlemen with the lists of activities in the foyer after Mass today.

World Refugee Week: 16th – 22nd June

During Refugee Week, we are invited to raise our eyes from our own walled-in world to look down through God's eyes on the world in which we live. We are invited to look with God's compassion on the people running to safety or fenced in by barbed wire, excluded from society.

We are invited to look at ourselves and ask what compassion might ask of us. As always the answer will begin with little things, with seeing people as people and not as problems.

Among vulnerable, young people are many who came as refugees. We recognise that for them, finding a home in Australia does not heal all the wounds of people's past. They continue to need our compassion and help as they begin to make connections with their new society. A small step to building a more just world.

Dates to Remember

Sunday 23rd June:

Parish Feast, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Monday 24th June:

Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

Saturday 29th June:

Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul

Sunday 30th June:

Corpus Christi Sunday

Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome:

**Camryn Carla Van Maanen
and Oscar Lawrence Jermyn**
into our Parish family



Plenary Council 2020



After consulting more than 222,000 of the Catholic faithful on what they think God wants of the Church in Australia, six National Themes have been discerned for consideration by Plenary Council 2020. The Themes show a "clear desire" for a Christ-centred Church, president of the Plenary Council Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, said.

"We worked to discern what people were yearning for as we move into this next stage of preparing for the Plenary Council," Archbishop Costelloe said. "Accordingly, the six National Themes for Discernment flow from that primary goal of being a Christ-centred community of people."

The six National Themes for Discernment are: Missionary and Evangelising; Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal; Prayerful and Eucharistic; Humble, Healing and Merciful; A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community; Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform. Plenary Council Facilitator, Lana Turvey-Collins, said the next stage of preparation for the Council would be a time of prayerful consideration of the major questions raised by the faithful.

"The emergence of the National Themes for Discernment is an important moment in our journey towards the Plenary Council," Ms Turvey-Collins said. "It is an expression of the sense of the faith from the faithful and, from this, we can proceed in our discernment of what the Spirit is saying to us in Australia."

The fruits of what is discerned during this time will shape the agenda for the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020.

Read more on: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

We Care – Responding to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act

From the earliest times, Christ's followers have set themselves apart by their care of the vulnerable (Acts 4:34). On 19 June 2019, the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act (VAD) comes into effect. It legalises euthanasia and assisted suicide. Despite what the law may say, our Christian tradition affirms that every life, including those of the sick and suffering, is sacred. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are never part of end of life care.

Pope Francis has encouraged ordinary Catholics everywhere to resist euthanasia and to protect the old, the young and the vulnerable from being cast aside in a "throw-away culture." We are called to follow Christ by accompanying people with compassion, sharing hope not fear.

The Bishops of the Catholic dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst, echoing Pope Francis, have published a pastoral letter including practical guidance on ways we can be conscientious objectors to euthanasia. Copies of the letter are available in our parish and online: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia. Please read and share it.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Help End the Pain of Poverty

During the last 12 months, our Sacred Heart Conference has carried out over 350 visits to neighbours struggling to meet basic day to day living costs, many living in very sad conditions.

We have outlaid approximately \$87,000 in assistance. Summaries of our expenditure and revenue are attached to brochures available today.

During this time parishioners, friends and students generously donated over \$21,000 through the poor box, personal donations, the Winter and Christmas Giving appeals. Once again your support of this year's winter appeal will be most appreciated.

To donate, envelopes are available on the seats or you may prefer to place a donation in the boxes in the church. We also welcome new volunteers to join us; the more volunteers, the more people we are able to assist. Please contact Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445 for more information.

Liturgical Formation: Combined Ministry Workshop

Wednesday 19th June, 12.30–6pm (12.30pm: Registration and light refreshments)

St Andrews Parish, 76 Springs Road, Clayton South
The day includes formation for those involved in Ministry of Communion to the Sick, Readers of God's Word and the Ministry of Welcome. Those engaged in these ministries through local parish service or outreach to homebound or hospitalised sick or elderly will find this day enriching. Participants are welcome to attend one or more sessions to develop and assist their personal faith, knowledge and practice of these vital ministries. Those seeking registration must be known and endorsed by their local parish priest or hospital. Cost: \$20



Last Week's Collection: 09/06/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1217.94

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$473.25

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Cleaning Roster: Saturday 22nd June 2019 Rebecca/Belinda

Thank you for your help!

Sacred Heart Parish Children's Liturgy of the Word



To be kept informed of developments, please fill out the expression of interest register in the Church foyer or contact Natalie on 0422 718 681.

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

*Peter Bourke, Brian Donnellon,
Barbara Fitzgerald,*

*Stanislawa Kotowski, Maria Santa Lucia,
Stephen Meese, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe,
Veronica Parkes, Rosie Potter, Lidia Razzi,
Raul Reinal & Ercolina Zoppi*

Those who have died

*John Bourke (11th month), Charles Buhagiar
& Santino Casalis (6th month)*

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



Pope Francis Theology Series

A pope's teaching as well as in the choices he makes or in the orientations he offers, his teaching and his style are imbued with a theological perspective and ask theologians to confront with them.

The Pope Francis Theology Series calls upon the expertise of eleven theologians from various countries, aims to show us what theology is at the base of such incisive words and such simple gestures with which Pope Francis has made us so familiar.

There are eleven easy volumes written in a captivating way, yet able to show in a rigorous way the deep roots of his thought and action. For more information contact: Coventry Press at enquiries@coventrypress.com.au

Alight Family Fiesta

Saturday 21st September, St Bede's College Mentone

At a time when living Christian family life can feel like swimming against the tide, **Alight** is an event that will strengthen everyone – especially parents – to be renewed in their mission. Fr Leo Patalinghug, a priest and chef, will serve up a creative presentation of faith and food that will have the whole family wanting more. Rides, food and live music will help to make this a joyful celebration for the whole family! To register or for more info, look for the Alight flyers in your parish or visit www.cam.org.au/alight19

Roster for weekend of 22nd - 23rd June 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Terry Murphy	Barbara Fitzgerald Marlene Vergou	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Paiano T.	Gugliotti A. Ilardi L.	Mancini M.
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Anne Stuart	Teresa Bernardini Eileen Stevens	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Jessica Suppiah Marijana Jurjevic	Sharon Kotz	Jessica Suppiah