

GOSPEL

Jn 3:16-18

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.*God sent his Son to save the world through him.*

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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**HOMILY****PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED***Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / Aorn of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.**PREFACE OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY***After the Preface, we sing or say:***All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.****Heaven and earth are full of your glory.****Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he****who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest.****THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace***LAMB OF GOD**

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.**REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL****A MYSTERY, NOT A PROBLEM**

Though often used interchangeably, the words 'mystery' and 'problem' are not synonymous. While it is sometimes possible to solve a problem, one simply has to learn to live with mystery. Death, suffering and pain, for example, are mysteries that one has to accept as part of life. To turn them into 'problems' that must be solved is to open oneself to deep despair.

St. Augustine of Hippo grappled with the mystery of the Trinity. In a famous encounter on the seashore, he was taught by an angel disguised as a child. The heavenly being reminded the mortal that his intelligence is like a small hole that one digs in the sand beside the ocean. Just as the hole cannot possibly contain all the water of the ocean so Augustine's intelligence, great though it be, was too limited to understand fully the mystery of God. The saint was advised to stop trying to find a solution to this 'problem' but to live the mystery of the Triune God with his brothers and sisters.

Brother Raphael Arnaiz Baron, a Trappist monk who died in 1938, was beatified in August, 1992, by Pope John Paul II. His biographer describes him as the 'happiest man on earth.' People who knew him never forgot his smile, his humility, and charity. Sanctity is none other than God's life within us. By becoming God's loving presence on earth, he lived mystery of the Trinity that attracted wonder and awe. For Brother Raphael, life was never a problem to be solved, but a mystery to be lived.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

11 June 2017

A GOD OF TENDERNESS. God did not wreak vengeance on the Israelites in the wilderness when they began to worship a golden calf. Rather, God came among them in tenderness and compassion, forgave their sin and restored the covenant. This God became incarnate in Jesus and dwells among us in the Spirit. As we marvel at the unconditional love of God we exclaim: Glory and praise forever!

INTRODUCTORY RITES**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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.**PENITENTIAL ACT**

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; /

you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.**LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING**

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving. 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, 'Lord, 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.

R. Thanks be to God.**RESP PSALM**

Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.
R. Glory and praise for ever!
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.
R. Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

R. Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

cf. 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!



The Catholic Communities of Rose Bay and Dover Heights



Issue 5

The Most Holy Trinity

11 June 2017

Shepherd's Message — Fr Chris Slattery

The opening words of this weekend's Gospel from John gives a wonderful summary of the Gospel and God's yearning to journey with us on our pilgrimage to the Father's house: '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' (John 3). I pray that we open our hearts to this incredible love being offered graciously to us and that we support each other in our journey of faith.

On Tuesday I will be celebrating Mass at Wentworth House for our parishioners residing there. Everyone is warmly welcome to this celebration.

On Friday morning, we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8.30am. It is a special time to allow the Lord to love us as we silently pray together. After this Mass we pray the Rosary in honour of the Mother of God. Everyone is very welcome!

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated after the 9.00am Mass on Friday 16th June. This sacrament allows us to experience the healing power of Christ for all types of illness.

I will be away from the parish on 'long service leave' from 18th June until 25th August. Father Kelvin Lovegrove has been appointed Administrator of the parishes along with Watsons Bay by the Archbishop and will be assisted by Father Gerald Gleeson, the Vicar General. I thank Fr Kelvin and Fr Gerry for their assistance. Please remember me in your prayers.

May we allow the Divine flow of the Trinity shine in our lives!



Prayer of the Week

Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God. Glory be to the Son, who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven. Glory be to the Holy Spirit, who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty. Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Weekly Liturgies

Sunday Mass
St Mary Magdalene: 8am, 10am, 6pm
St Therese (Sat night vigil): 5pm
Weekday Mass
St Mary Magdalene, Rose Bay: Tue-Fri 9am
Confession
Tues-Fri after 9am Mass (or by appointment)
Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 8:30am-9am

Announcements

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. Register online today at, www.acyf.org.au.

McAuley Primary School is now enrolling students for Kindergarten 2018. Please call 9371 8786 for an appointment.

A reminder to all parents whose children are currently in Year 3 or above and have not yet received their First Holy Communion; preparation classes are on the 13th, 20th and 27th August at 5pm, with the 2017 First Holy Communion taking place on Saturday 2nd September at 5pm. If you have not already done so, please forward a completed enrolment form found on our website, and send it to sacraments@magdalene.org.au, along with the necessary documentation.

Let Us Pray For...

The Sick: Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Paddy Nolan, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, John Johnson, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke, Dick Mahoney.
The Deceased: Moira Gannon, Vincent Purcell, Joan Lovegrove, Jack Zucco, John Costello, Mary Ellen George, Bruce Conolly, Domenico & Elena Malzone, Billy Dolan, Adrian Lee, Marie Turnbull, Sonya Lineham, Mark McGowen, Anne Pohlmann, John Fenech, Nell Moylan, Norman and Josephine Slattery, John Chaplain, Richard Charles Leo Carroll, Cesar and Teofila Buon.



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Weekly Reflection



The Trinity is the high point of our faith. When we come to see God, what we will see is the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the enormous love between them – namely, the Spirit. God does not manage the world from a distance. God is more present to us than we are to ourselves. Through

the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus, God has taken the world into his own triune life of love. "God is love"

The Trinity truly is a 'mystery' – God's presence in a way I cannot fully understand, but wish to be 'led' into. Therefore I need to enter this prayer really slowly and with great trust that God will reveal himself to me in his time and in his own way – the way that is best for me.

It is night-time and I join Nicodemus, a leading Jew, who has the honesty to tell me that he is 'lost' and longing for light in his 'darkness'. I may want to pray for the 'light' to know more of the love of God and what is the true meaning of my life. I watch and listen in awe at Jesus' words - his gentle encouraging help to Nicodemus.

The Triune God loved me so much that they sent not just comforting words, but one of themselves...."God so loved the world ..."

I wait till he turns and talks to me. What happens...?

St Mary Magdalene Roster—18th June

| 18th June | 8am | 10am | 6pm |
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| Welcomer | Maureen Coffey | | |
| Info Desk | | | |
| 1st Reader | Meg Wild | Sue Heavener | Sara Watson |
| 2nd Reader | Evelina Giusti | Nicholas Carney | Frances Walsh |
| Eucharistic Minister | Meg Wild Tina Dahdah | Sue Heavener Glenys Granger | Frances Walsh |
| Acolyte/Altar Servers | Paul, John, Saxon/ Darcy & Harry Moffet | Tricia/John & Michael Oliveri, Jay Mabee | |

St Therese, Dover Heights Roster—17th June

Commentator— Marie Manche | First Reader— Patti McGowen
Second Reader— Marie Manche | Acolyte/Senior Server— Graham Motum

From Pope Francis

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, which leads us to contemplate and worship the divine life of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: a life of communion and perfect love, origin and aim of the universe and of every creature:

God. We also recognise in the Trinity the model for the Church, in which we are called to love each other as Jesus loved us. And love is the concrete sign that demonstrates faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And love is the badge of the Christian, as Jesus told us:

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). It's a contradiction to think of Christians who hate. It's a contradiction. And the devil always seeks this: to make us hate, because he's always a troublemaker; he doesn't know love; God is love!

We are all called to witness and proclaim the message that "God is love", that God isn't far and insensitive to our human affairs. He is close to us, always beside us, walking with us to share our joys and our sorrows, our hopes and our struggles.

He loves us very much and for that reason he became man, he came into the world not to condemn it, but so the world would be saved through Jesus (cf. John 3:16-17). And this is the love of God in Jesus, this love that is so difficult to understand but that we feel when we draw close to Jesus. And he always forgives us, he always awaits us, he loves us so much. And we feel the love of Jesus and the love of God.

The Holy Spirit, gift of the Risen Jesus, conveys divine life to us and thus lets us enter into the dynamism of the Trinity, which is a dynamism of love, of communion, of mutual service, of sharing. A person who loves others for the very joy of love is a reflection of the Trinity.

A family in which each person loves and helps one another is a reflection of the Trinity. A parish in which each person loves and shares spiritual and material effects is a reflection of the Trinity.

True love is boundless, but it knows how to limit itself, to interact with others, to respect the freedom of others. Every Sunday we go to Mass, we celebrate the Eucharist together and the Eucharist is like the "burning bush" in which the Trinity humbly lives and communicates; for this reason the Church placed the feast of Corpus Domini after that of the Trinity.