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Sunday 7 June

The Most Holy Trinity

From the Dean's Desk

Dear friends,

This Sunday our liturgy provides us with what must be one of the most difficult of all aspects of our faith – that of the **Trinity**. The Trinity is a mystery that can leave us a little baffled as we struggle with terms such as co-equal, consubstantial and co-eternal. And yet, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that **'the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them'** [CCC # 234]. As complicated a mystery as it is, it is perhaps the first theological aspect of the faith that was presented to us at an early age, when our parents and educators taught us to bless ourselves **'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'** Last week we were presented with an aspect of the life of the Trinity when we celebrated **Pentecost** – the work of the **Holy Spirit** in the life of the early Christian community and beyond.

Thankfully the readings for today's liturgy allow us some knowledge of the life of the Triune God. Our image of the Old Testament God is usually one of wrath, anger and unrelenting judgement. And yet today's first reading from **Exodus [34:4-6.8-9]**, has God making a profound self-revelation about the Godhead: **'...a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness'** [v 6]. What a tremendous description of God. In the second reading [2 Corinthians 13:11-13] we have Paul referring to **'the God of love and peace'**. He concludes his letter with the salutation that we normally hear at the beginning of Mass: **'the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.'** The Gospel reading [John 3:16-18] reminds us of God's love for us, so much so that **'he gave his only Son'** so that through our belief in Him we may **'not be lost but have eternal life.'**

When we speak of God as Trinity, we are not referring to three Gods. We cannot speak of God as Trinity without speaking of the economy of salvation – our continued relationship with God, the ways in which God had revealed to us through the ages his Presence, ultimately in the



Person of Jesus Christ. In contemplating the mystery of the Trinity, then, we find that our readings tell us something of **God's activity** - an activity based on his love for us. In the Trinity:

- we experience a **Father who creates out of love;**
- we experience a **Son who redeems and reconciles out of love; and**
- we experience a **Spirit who inspires and sustains out of love.**

In the Nicene Creed we state that we believe **'...in One God, the Father, The Almighty, maker of heaven and earth...in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son...for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven...born of the Virgin Mary...suffered, died, and was buried...rose again...ascended into heaven...will come again...and his kingdom will have no end...we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets...'** These statements speak of the working and continued presence of the Trinity in our human story. The Trinity speaks of a God who invites us to share the community of love which is part of the life of the Trinity. I invite you to meditate on the icon by Rublev of the Trinity found in our Cathedral Hall. It speaks to us of the invitation that is extended to all of us to enter into its community of love.

Our contemplation of the Trinity then is one that invites us to live out these attributes in our dealings with others, so that in and through our love for each other our actions may be **creative, reconciling, inspiring and sustaining**. In living such a life then indeed **'the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit'** will certainly be with us.

*Fr Bob Bossini,
Dean and Parish Priest*



Updated Covid-19 Restrictions and how they will affect us.

Mass, Weddings and Funerals at St Pat's

'The NSW Government have revised restrictions for places of worship to take place from Monday 1 June 2020'. These include:

up to 20 people can attend weddings, 50 at funerals and 50 at places of worship, subject to the four square metre rule.

Pews in the Cathedral & Chapel have been marked with a sticker to help you maintain the 1.5m social distancing requirement.

If you wish to attend Mass you will need to register with MassRegister.com.au just once, to provide your contact details. Once numbers reach 50, you are welcome to join in the celebration of Mass in the Cloister via the sound system.

Weekday Mass - If you are attending 12.30pm Mass, the doors are open from 12pm for Angelus and The Rosary. Do hope you can join us.



Changes to our Live Streaming

Live streaming on weekdays - as most of our viewers are attending Mass, live streaming will discontinue for the **12.30pm** Mass from Tuesday 9 June.

Streaming for the **6.30am** Mass will continue for the time being.

Live streaming on weekends - Live streaming of weekend Masses will continue for the time being.

Online Masses can be viewed at the Cathedral's Facebook page.

The 11am Mass on Sundays can also be viewed on this Youtube [link](#)



Reconciliation

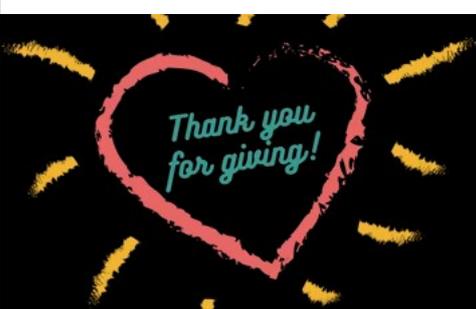
Reconciliation for Tues 9 June to Friday 12 June - 11.15am - 12.20pm and Saturday 8.30am and 5.00pm.

Please note that strict social distancing rules will be applied.

Confession will take place in the Cloister Function Room.

Public Holiday Monday, 8 June

Mass for next Monday will be at 8am only. There will also be no confessions. Public holiday timetable to be observed.



Planned Giving

Thank you to the many parishioners who have been dropping in their Planned Giving envelopes and have kept up their automatic deductions. We also have another option if you would like to make a donation/payment to St Pat's. Visit our website and on the top menu you will see a tab 'donate'. You can make a Planned Giving payment, pay an invoice or make a 'one off' donation. Many thanks for your continued support of your parish.

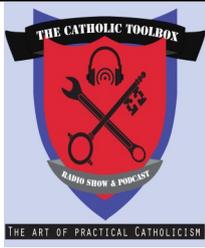
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

A note of thanks...

To all the people who work behind the scenes making sure we are bringing Mass to as many people as possible - thank you.





The Catholic Toolbox, Radio Show and Podcast

Host: George Manassa

Time: Tuesdays 8pm-9pm

Network: 1701AM and cradio.org.au

Topic: The Sacred Heart of Jesus by Fr John Rizzo

Date: Tuesday 9 June



From the Diocese

Pre Marriage Weekend Courses to Recommence

I am very happy to inform you that as COVID-19 restrictions are being eased we have reinstated our weekend Pre Marriage Courses. The first weekend course, provided no new restrictions are imposed, will be held on the 24th & 26th July at our usual venue at Blacktown. To book for the Weekend Course or the online SmartLoving Engaged preparation please go to www.parracatholic.org/pmp We will observe all social distancing and hygiene provisions. We look forward to welcoming you or your family and friends to our Marriage Preparation Program. For more information and assistance please contact Marisa on 8838 3460. Should there be newer restrictions introduced, we will advise.

Life Family & Marriage Office - Diocese of Parramatta

IFM Offerings 2020 (Institute for Mission)

IFM is leading the way with seminars/workshops both physically and virtually. Topics and subjects include:-

- practical Leadership;
- theology of Ecology;
- life to the Full;
- the Faith Feed (25-39 year olds); and
- the Parish Feed - to name a few.

Visit us at www.ifm.org.au or 9296 6369 or facebook/ifmconnect. We would love to hear from you.

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Perpetuals: Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, Norm Hector, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood Family, Pat & Jim Hartman, Royan & Andrews families, Don Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Dr Joseph Malouf, Abel Moses, Jimmy & Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen and Sally Boujandy, Jack Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Watson Lee, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam and McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester Family, Rogan Family, Adcock, McMillan families, Love family, Hooper family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



St Patrick's Gift Shop

Mobile 0419 153 195

The Gift Shop is now open to a limit of three customers at a time. Only Credit card and eftpos facilities will be accepted for the time being.

We stock Religious goods, Ethical products, Sacramental gifts and many more items to celebrate a time in your life or someone special.

Please note varied shop days/hours (as of this weekend).

OPEN:

Tuesday to Friday 10am – 2pm & Sunday 10am – 1pm.

CLOSED:

Mondays and Saturdays.

