



# ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

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**04 June 2023 - The Most Holy Trinity (Year A)**

## Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass  
7:30am Morning Prayer  
8:00am Mass  
9:30am Mass  
11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir  
6:00pm Mass

### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer  
6:30am Mass  
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)  
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon  
12:30pm Mass

### SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer  
8:00am Mass  
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)  
9:30am Mass (Old Rite)  
5:00pm Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8:00am (No Adoration or Confession)

### WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation  
Tuesday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary  
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (September - April)  
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

### MONTHLY PRAYER

First Friday Devotions: 6:30pm

### OTHER CONNECT GROUPS

**Playgroup:** Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

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## Putting flesh on the bones of the unknowable

AS YOU ARE AWARE, the clergy here at the cathedral, Father Chris, Deacon David and I, take turns at writing the front-page reflection for each weekend's bulletin. As the Trinity is a notoriously impossible theological concept to comprehend fully, it is fair to say that none of us were looking forward to writing the reflection for Trinity Sunday this year! Nonetheless, the lot fell to me, and so I offer the following reflection with the understanding that it will inevitably fall short of doing justice to the subject at hand. It might be worthwhile checking the explanation of the Trinity given on the children's page towards the end of the bulletin!



But what is so important about God as Trinity that the Church deems it worthy of a separate Sunday celebration, like Pentecost or Corpus Christi?

The answer to that question is, I suppose, as varied as the people of whom it is asked but one valid response is that which forms the title of this piece: putting flesh on the bones of the incomprehensible. God is certainly an entity we can never know fully during our time on earth, but God clearly does not want us to wallow in total ignorance of God's nature. Were that the case, I think very few people would bother practising their faith; indeed, there would likely be no faith in God at all. Who would want to worship that which we cannot know even a little?

Fortunately, our understanding of God as Trinity gives us some marvellous insights into an otherwise unknowable God. Most obviously, for us as Christians, we see the nature of God in the person of Jesus Christ, one whose mission encompasses love, mercy, acceptance, healing and life. Jesus talked of his intimacy with his Father and spent countless hours in prayer to him, often extending throughout the night. Jesus' intimacy with his heavenly Father and the fact that we too can call God our Father, gives us insight into the person of the Father, the God who seeks intimacy with us and considers us God's children. The First Reading today from Exodus, written some six hundred years before the birth of Jesus, talks of "a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness." Finally, the person of the Holy Spirit is known to us as that which inspires us to live out the mission of Jesus and make him manifest to all whom we encounter, thus continuing his presence in a very tangible way here on earth in our own time.

Most importantly, we see in the relationship between these three persons of the Trinity a dynamic of love. The gospel this weekend seems to mention only the Father and the Son, but in fact the love between the two is the Spirit made manifest. The Trinity is the fullness of love, a love that is beyond our comprehension as mere human beings, and every comparison we make to try and understand something of the "love nature" of God as Trinity will fall well short of doing God justice.

Nonetheless, whilst it is an interesting and important theological exercise to understand the nature of God as Trinity, what is of greater importance is that we make our trinitarian God manifest by our manner of living and loving as disciples of the one God sent for our salvation, Jesus Christ. In doing this we put some tangible flesh on the bones of a God that would otherwise be totally unknowable to those we encounter.

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*

*Fr Robert*

# LITURGY GUIDE

## ENTRANCE RITE

### Entrance Procession

Holy God, we praise thy name



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name,  
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn  
3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



1. Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;  
2. an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing,  
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, three we name thee,



1. all on earth thy pow'r pro - claim,  
2. che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim,  
3. while in es - sence on - ly one,



1. all in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;  
2. in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
3. un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee,



1. in - fi - nite thy vast do - main,  
2. fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord:  
3. and a - dor - ing bend the knee



1. e - ver - last - ing is thy reign.  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
3. while we own the mys - te - ry.

Text: *Te Deum laudamus*; German: *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*; Ignaz Franz 1791-1790 tr. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth 1820-1900, alt.  
Tune: GROSSER GOTT 78.78.77; Melody adapted from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c.1774;

## TRINITY SUNDAY - Year A



### Focusing the Gospel

#### Key words and phrases

- God so loved, gave his only Son, that the world might be saved
- 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.
- Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.
- Glory and praise for ever!

#### to the point

The solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity could fittingly lead us to reflect on God's power, majesty, and mystery. The readings, however, focus on the graciousness of God which we experience as mercy and saving love. As we experience God in this way we are moved to live in community with that same graciousness (second reading).

### Connecting the Gospel...

#### to the second reading

Whenever the Christian community lives as St. Paul directs, it is manifesting concretely the graciousness of our triune God.

#### to culture

All of us know how difficult it can be to live with others. What makes community possible is the safeguarding not of individual rights but the generosity of graciousness.

Introit 11:00am

Benedicta sit Sancta Trinitas

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and its undivided Unity;  
we shall ever give thanks, for dealing with us according to his mercy.  
V. O Lord, our Governor, how admirable is your name in all the earth!  
(Tob 12:6 Ps 8)

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Confiteor

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,  
(all strike their breast, three times)  
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.

Cel: May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**R. Amen.**

## Kyrie

Missa 'Pater cuncta'

Chant Mass XII

VIII

Missa Pater cuncta c.XII.

**K** -y- ri- e e - le- i- son. (repeat)

Chris-te e- le-i-son. (repeat)

Ky- ri- e e - le - i- son. (repeat)

Kyrie 11:00am

A Joyful Mass

E & B Grella

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.  
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Lord,  
have mercy.  
Christ,  
have mercy.

## Gloria

Mass Shalom

Smith/Mason

Refrain (All)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,  
and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

### Verses sung by the cantor

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

R. Glory to God.....

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.

R. Glory to God.....

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.

R. Glory to God.....

A - - - men.

Gloria 11:00am

A Joyful Mass

E & B Grella

Sung by the cathedral choir. All SIT

## Collect

Let us pray.

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,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus (34:4-6, 8-9)

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.**

## Responsorial Psalm

(Daniel 3:52-57)



## Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (13:11-13)

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

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat

R. Twynham



Cantor:

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
To God who is, who was, and who is to come. **R.**

11.00am

Chant Mode VIII



## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (3:16-18)

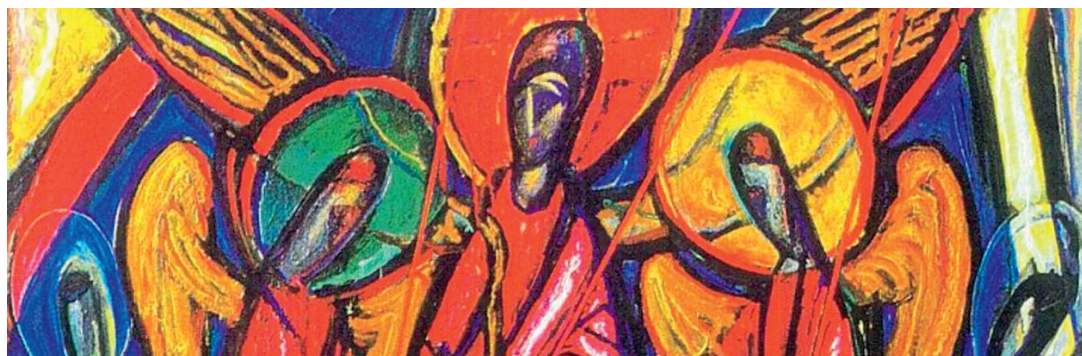
Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'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.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**





# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Homily

### Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all kneel.*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Universal Prayer

### PREPARATION OF THE OFFERINGS

At this time, gifts of offering are brought to the altar  
and collection plates are passed along the pews.

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### Offertory Motet

Duo Seraphim

G. Aichinger

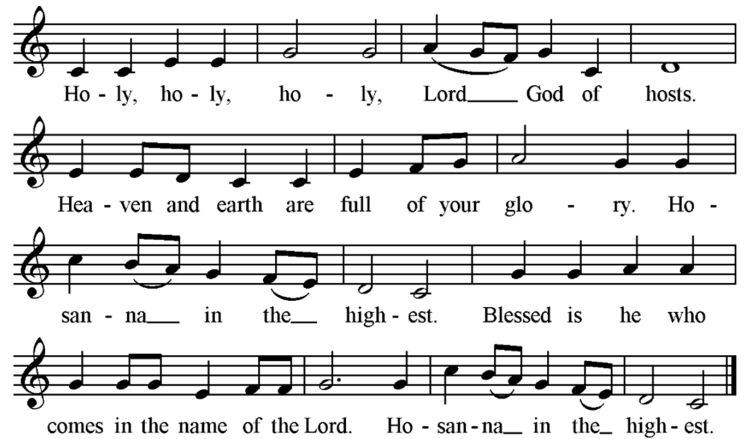
Two seraphim cried to one another:  
Holy is the Lord God of Sabaoth.  
The whole earth is full of his glory.

There are three who bear witness in heaven:  
the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit:  
and these three are one.  
Holy is the Lord God of Sabaoth.  
The whole earth is full of his glory.

### Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

Mass Shalom

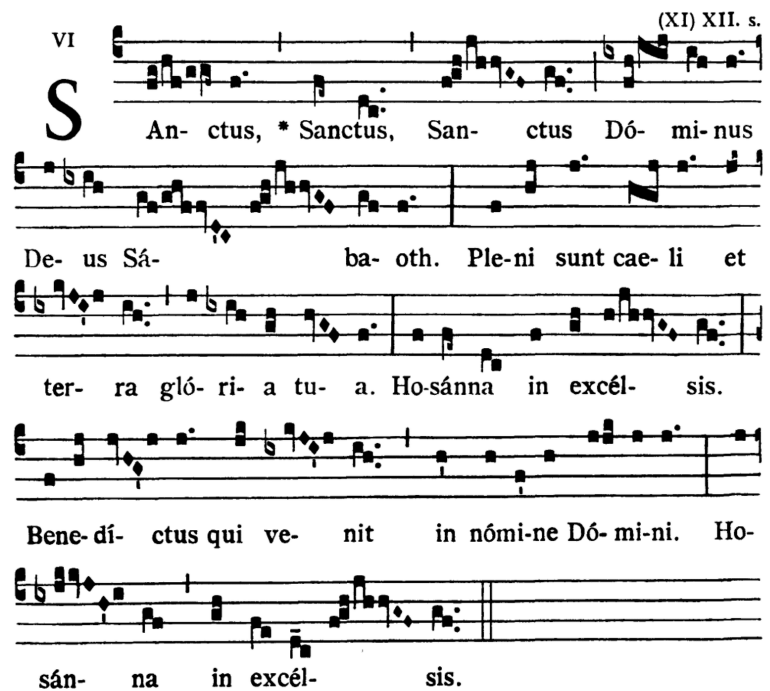
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### Sanctus 11.00am

Missa "de Angelis"

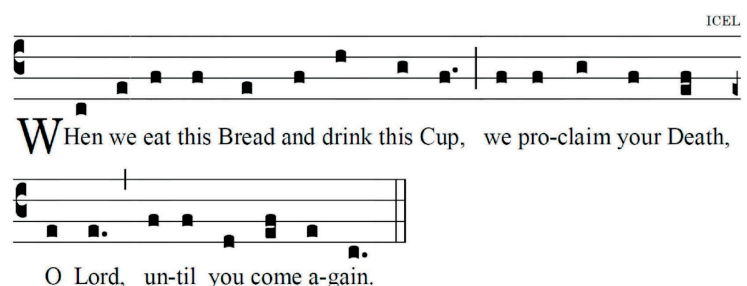
Chant Mass VIII



### Mystery of Faith

Missal Tone

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Amen

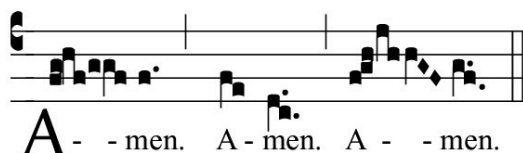
Missal Tone



A - men

Amen

Missa "de Angelis"



A - - men. A - men. A - - men.

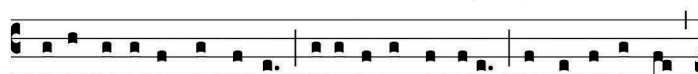
## COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

On the first Sunday of each month at St. Patrick's, the Lord's Prayer is sung in Latin. Please join in singing the "Pater noster" below.



Pa-ter noster, qui es in cae-lis: sancti-fi-cé-tur nomen tu-um;  
Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name;



Advé-ni-at regnum tu-um; fi-at vo-lúntas tu-a, sic-ut in cae-lo  
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as



et in ter-ra. Panem nostrum co-ti-di-á-num da no-bis hó-di -e;  
it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;



et di-mitte no-bis dé-bi-ta nostra, sic-ut et nos dimít-timus de-bi-tó-  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass



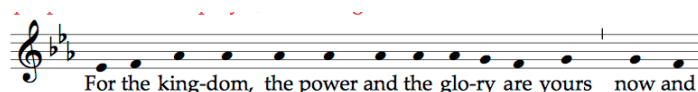
ri-bus nostris; et ne nos indú-cas in ten-ta-ti-o- nem; sed lí-be-ra  
against us; And lead us not into temptation; but deliver



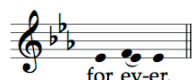
nos a ma- lo.  
us from evil.

Cel; Deliver us, lord, we pray,...

... and the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ.



For the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and



for ev-er.

Agnus Dei

Chant ad lib. II



-gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-ré-re  
no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi : mi-se-  
ré-re no- bis. Agnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis peccá-ta mundi :  
dona no-bis pa- cem.

Agnus Dei

A Joyful Mass

E & B Grella

Communion Antiphon

Benedicimus Deum Coeli

Let us bless the God of heaven and utter his praises before all  
who live; for he has dealt with us according to his mercy.

Communion Hymn

Trinity Song



1. Fa- ther, in my life I see You are God who walks with me!  
2. Je- sus, in my life I see You are God who walks with me!  
3. Spi- rit, in my life I see You are God who walks with me!



1. You hold my life in your hands. Close be- side you I will stand.  
2. You hold my life in your hands. Close be- side you I will stand.  
3. You hold my life in your hands. Close be- side you I will stand.



1. I give all my life to You. Help me, Fa- ther to be true.  
2. I give all my life to You. Help me, Je- sus to be true.  
3. I give all my life to You. Help me, Spi- rit to be true.

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## Prayer After Communion

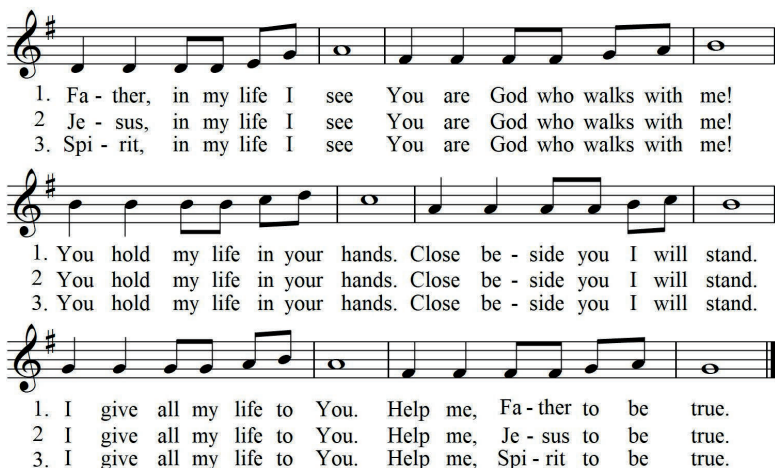
May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,  
bring us health of body and soul,  
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# LITURGY GUIDE

## Communion Hymn

## Trinity Song



1. Fa - ther, in my life I see You are God who walks with me!  
2. Je - sus, in my life I see You are God who walks with me!  
3. Spi - rit, in my life I see You are God who walks with me!

1. You hold my life in your hands. Close be - side you I will stand.  
2. You hold my life in your hands. Close be - side you I will stand.  
3. You hold my life in your hands. Close be - side you I will stand.

1. I give all my life to You. Help me, Fa - ther to be true.  
2. I give all my life to You. Help me, Je - sus to be true.  
3. I give all my life to You. Help me, Spi - rit to be true.

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## Next Week's Readings:

### The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

#### Readings:

##### First Reading:

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16: He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

##### Psalm:

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 : R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

##### Second Reading

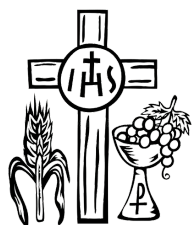
1 Cor 10:16-17: Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

##### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia! (Jn 6:51-52)

##### Gospel:

Jn 6:51-58: My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.



## 8:00AM MASS PROPER



Detail from the Rublev "Trinity" Icon, early 15th century

## 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.

## Responsorial Psalm

Daniel 3:52-56

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!**

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!**

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

**R. Glory and praise for ever!**

You are blest in the firmament of the heaven.

**R. Glory and praise for ever!**

## Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Glory to the Father, to the Son and the Holy Spirit to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Communion Antiphon

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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## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays. Check for exceptions. Family members and guests are requested to be present at the Cathedral at least fifteen minutes before the usual commencement time of 12:45pm.

**Weddings** are by appointment only.

**At least six months' notice is necessary.**  
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

**First Eucharist and Confirmation**  
Please contact the Parish Secretary.

## HIRING of ROOMS

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or [enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au](mailto:enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au)

## Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretary, Pat, by **12:00noon on Thursday**. Please note that material must relate to the parish and its mission. Don't forget that businesses can advertise on the rear page of the bulletin too!

## JUNE IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH!

### Stewardship and the Holy Trinity

*"...help one another." (2 Corinthians 13:11)*

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday, an acknowledgement and celebration of God's nature as just one God but three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The very nature of God is love for, as we read in the scriptures, "God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them." (1 John 4:16)

The picture you see to the right is a modern rendering of the famous "Rublev Icon", an icon which depicts the incident in Genesis 18 when

Abraham and Sarah provide hospitality to "three men" who visit them at Mamre. Sarah, past childbearing age, is promised a son the following year, a prophecy which proves true.

The point is clearly made in the story that Abraham and Sarah have been providing hospitality to God, in love, and God rewards them. Their provision of hospitality is not conditional, but they are rewarded nonetheless.

We might reflect this weekend on the nature of our giving of time, talent and treasure. Do I give to receive some reward, or is my giving reward enough itself because it is done with love?

### Personal Reflection point:

How do I see the giving of my time, talent and treasure to my parish as an offering of love to both my fellow parishioners and my God?



## Stewardship: what is it?

During the month of June, beginning on Sunday 11 June, the parish will be launching a stewardship renewal program with the purpose of not only increasing financial resources but to create a culture of gratefulness and discipleship.

The program is as follows:

**11 June** - Launch by the priests

**18 June** - Witness talk

**25 June** - Pledge

**01 July** - Thank you

Please note that giving envelopes for those who are currently giving by envelope will be available on **Sunday 11 June**.



**"THE HARVEST  
TRULY IS  
PLENTIFUL, BUT  
THE LABORERS  
ARE FEW."**



# PARISH NOTICES

## First Eucharist - Sunday 11 June

Over sixty children of the parish have excitedly been waiting to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time at the 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 11 June**.

We thank their parents and Sacrament team of the Cathedral who have been working collaboratively to prepare the children for this important step in their faith journey.

Please pray for the First Communicants as they prepare to welcome Christ into their hearts, that their First Communion day will begin a lifelong love of the Eucharist.

## Vinnies Sleepout - Cathedral Hall

In order to show our solidarity with the homeless and to raise funds for St Vincent de Paul, there will be a sleepout taking place in the hall on the night of **Thursday 22 June**. More details will be made available next weekend, but for those who might be interested, please mark this date in your diary. Many thanks to members of our parish Peace, Justice and Ecology Group for this initiative!

## The Sisters of Saint Elisabeth Convent

have been rendering spiritual, social and financial assistance to the sick and the suffering who stay at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs, the boarding home for mentally challenged adults, the rehabilitation centre for mentally challenged children, the municipal hospital No.2, and a TB clinic, for more than fifteen years.

Icons, crucifixes, wooden and alabaster crosses, vestments, church goods and other religious items are made with prayer and love in the workshops of the Convent. In order to foster the social ministry of the Sisterhood, our sisters arrange trips to different countries visiting Christian parishes and monasteries. It enables us to make the faithful aware of our charitable work and to offer the goods made by the sisters and people who undergo rehabilitation. **We will be at St Patrick's Parish on the weekend of 24 & 25 June.** Please come and say hello and take a look at what we do while you are there! *The Sisters of St Elisabeth, Belarus*

## Public Holiday - Monday 12 June

Monday 12 June is the King's Birthday and, as a public holiday, this means that there will be just the one Mass at 8:00am. The church and the cathedral precinct will be closed from 9:00am. This means, of course, that the usual Reconciliation and Adoration will not take place on that day. Thank you.

## Corpus Christi Procession

After next Sunday's 11:00am Solemn Mass, there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the precinct of the cathedral, followed by a brief period of Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome to be a part of this. Please bear in mind that this will extend the Mass by about 20-25 minutes.



## Submissions for St Pat's Matters

All going well, the next edition of St Pat's Matters will be out in June or July. Some articles are already on file.

The stories in your faith journey matter. Please share them!

### Topics to consider:

- First Holy Communion - share your child's/family's journey to receiving their First Holy Communion.
- Why you love being a St Pat's Parishioner.
- Sharing your involvement in Ministry.
- How Faith in God shapes daily life for you and your family.
- Articles and archival photos relating to the longstanding history of our remarkable parish - its priests, people and events.
- Seniors' Morning Tea - your take on the talk.
- Questions for Fr Robert's column, Knowledge of Our Rituals Matters and
- Mothers' Matter: share memories of your mother's influence in your lives.

Email submissions to M Polizzi: [balmap5@bigpond.com](mailto:balmap5@bigpond.com) or leave at the parish office marked for St Pat's Matters.

## Parramatta Catholic Foundation Good Samaritan Appeal

The Diocesan appeal took place recently with the focus of this appeal being on raising awareness and funds for our Aboriginal Catholic Care drop-in centre at Emerton.

If you haven't had a chance to donate and would like to, the envelopes are still available in church or you can make a donation online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)



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# PARISH NOTICES

## Seniors' Ministry: 20 June

The next seniors' ministry gathering will take place in the hall on Tuesday 20 June. This will be a morning tea, starting at 10:00am.

We have a wonderful guest speaker lined up to guide conversation and there will be plenty of time to catch up with old and new friends. All seniors are invited.

To register, please call Pat or Donna in the office on 8839 8411.

## Holy Hour for Vocations - 21 June

What is a Vocation? The word vocation comes from the Latin verb *vocare* which means 'to call'. God calls or invites you to a particular vocation: single life, marriage, consecrated life or priesthood. Vocation in the Church isn't a job or career – it is the way God invites you to live out your baptismal calling; to love and give yourself to others.

In order to do this we need to be strengthened by the grace of God. As such I invite you to Holy Hour for Vocations - a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament asking for:

- an increase of all vocations
- renewed fidelity in one's vocations and
- give due honour to Our God.

Come join us on the Third Wednesday of the Month at 7:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

*Fr Chris*

## The Bible Timeline - The Story of Salvation

The Bible Timeline study program (24 sessions) takes you on a guided journey through salvation history.

The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the entire bible and introduce you to the beautiful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life.

Sessions will be held in the Cloister Function Room, on scheduled Saturdays from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. For a list of dates please pick up a flyer.



## Anyone for Mahjong?

Mahjong is a tile-based game originating from China. This game is gaining popularity, hence this notice.

A parishioner (Lynn) who has been learning this game would like to gauge the interest in having a group play here on a regular basis.

If this is something that interests you, contact the parish office and we will pass on your details.

*"Good health is not something we can buy. However, it can be an extremely valuable savings account." – Anne Wilson Schaef*

## World Youth Day 2023 - Barbecue

Sunday barbecues resume today, **04 June**, after the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. This is always a great opportunity for building community. So, stop by for a few minutes after Mass to let your kids play with other kids while you say hello to another parishioner.

Our pilgrims have a little further to go in their fundraising endeavours, so any support is appreciated!



## Legion of Mary

Legion members gather on Tuesday evenings in the Cloister Cafe weekly. The Legion of Mary is a group of Catholic Christians who meet each week who share their experience of service to Mary the mother of Jesus.

Prayer is of great emphasis at the weekly meeting and this is complemented by active work that has been carried out by each member between meetings.

We are always open for new members of any age. If you would like more information on what the Legion does and what's involved, contact Geraldine on 0434 799 902.

## Fr Chadi Ibrahim

Some of you may have seen Fr Chadi around the cathedral in the mornings over the past week or so. Whilst it would be great to say that we have another priest on staff, this is not so! Fr Chadi was recently appointed Parish Priest of Holy Name of Mary Rydalmere. At the time of his arrival the presbytery was in the process of being demolished for rebuilding. In the meantime, Fr Chadi will be living in the flat at the rear of the presbytery and will be heading off to Rydalmere each day to minister in his new parish.

Fr Chadi would like me to stress that whilst he is living here, which will likely be for many months, his focus is Rydalmere Parish and so he will not, except under extraordinary circumstances, be ministering here. He will probably be happy to chat with you if you run across him though! *Fr Robert*

## Car Park Turning Circle

Thank you to the vast majority of you who do the right thing and refrain from parking in the turning circle, but there still seems to be a small number of people who feel that they are an exception to the rule concerning parking here. Please do the right thing. The turning circle is there for two reasons: firstly, to facilitate manoeuvring of vehicles leaving the car park and secondly, to assist **emergency vehicles** should they need to use it. If you feel you have a valid case to park in the turning circle, please approach me personally and we can discuss the matter. *Fr Robert*

# PARRAMATTA DIOCESAN SYNOD 2023

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

***“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert”.***

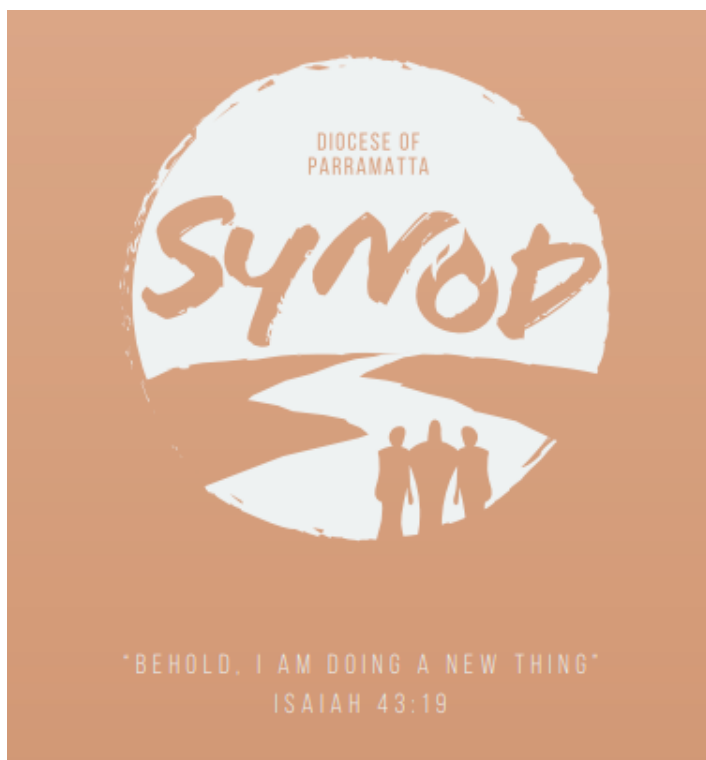
(Isaiah 43:19)

Our guiding passage for the Synod is taken from a larger section of the Prophet Isaiah which was likely written toward the end of the Babylonian exile. This section broadly speaks of the Lord's plans to liberate and restore his people Israel, reminding us that God has saved his people before, and will again. As readers we are meant to see the connections between the two events – captivity in Egypt and exile in Babylon – but this is where verse 19 offers us a new insight to the old stories.

This verse presents a subtle yet vital turn in the purpose of the prophet's line of reasoning. God is most certainly affirming that he was the God of the Exodus, but he also asserts the wonderful freshness of his new act which is in process. In the past, God had made a way through the waters of the Red Sea; now he would make a new way, through the desert!

As we move towards the Diocesan Synod, let us reflect on the guiding passage as we discern ways we can respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to be a more synodal church.

We ask you to pray for the Bishop and the Synod and encourage you to continue the conversation by asking some of the fundamental questions given here. Let us not be afraid to be challenged but trust in the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit.



## THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS

Last week we learned of the composition of the Synod. This week we hope that information given below will help you prepare for the consultation evening on Saturday 03 June.

The fundamental question that will guide the journey towards the Synod is:

***In what ways can we respond to the call of the Holy Spirit to be a more synodal Church in the Diocese of Parramatta?***

The Diocese of Parramatta, will use the three key dimensions expressed as pillars of a synodal church to guide local discussions for submissions. These are Communion, Participation, and Mission.

To assist participants to explore the fundamental question, the following questions aim to provide a framework for discussion in a one-on-one or group setting. The hope is that participants continue to dialogue with the desire to 'walk together' as a people of God, and with the whole of humanity. These questions serve as a catalyst for discussion. Participants are welcome to explore topics relating to the life and mission of the local Church beyond the questions provided.

### Communion

1. What are the factors that make a great community? What brings people together?
2. How can the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains deepen communion, and still honour the rich diversity of our community?
3. How do you try to accompany or 'walk with' family and friends through their struggles and joys?

### Participation

1. What are the challenges or pressures that stop you from being more engaged in your local faith community?
2. How can we encourage greater participation in the life of the Church at both a local and Diocesan level?
3. How does your community effectively identify and share the gifts of its people?

### Mission

1. What do you believe the mission of the Church is in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains?
2. How do we ensure the ongoing nourishment of our faith communities, while expanding the tent for others to be included?
3. Describe your local community and the needs you perceive. What are the ways in which we can meet the needs of today and into the future? Provide one practical suggestion on how we could meet that need.



# FROM THE DIOCESE

## Congratulations!

To Fr Chris de Souza VG who has been made Genral Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference. Fr Chris is known to many of us and as well as being a Vicar General in our diocese is also the Parish Priest of St Oliver's, Harris Park. We congratulate Fr Chris on this important appointment and pray for him as he journeys to Canberra in a couple of months' time to take up his new role.

## Natural Fertility Zoom Session: 08 June

Have you ever wondered what Natural Family Planning (NFP) is? In this session we will explore how it's different to contraception and why the Catholic Church encourages us to use it! You are warmly invited to attend a session on Thursday 08 June from 7:00pm-8:00pm via Zoom. To register and receive the link, please contact [catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org](mailto:catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org) or call 0400 427 605.

## Safe Parishes Week: 05 – 11 June

From 05 to 11 June, we celebrate our third Safe Parishes Week in the Diocese. Safe Parishes Week is a tangible reminder of our shared commitment to having a zero tolerance of abuse across our Diocese. The Safeguarding team are presenting a Training Festival of mandatory and elective face to face modules at Bishop Bede Heather Centre in Blacktown. Please contact your Parish Office or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org) for the full Safe Parishes Week Training Program.

## Parramatta Tribunal

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm for enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted in person, via Zoom and telephone interviews are available for those unable to attend the office. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email [tribunal@parracatholic.org](mailto:tribunal@parracatholic.org).



## Positions Vacant:

- Claims and Legal Officer – Diocese of Parramatta
- Applications close 10:00pm Monday 05 June.

More details  
at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

## Marriage Preparation Courses in 2023

Getting married in 2023? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit [www.parracatholic.org/pmp](http://www.parracatholic.org/pmp) to view weekend course dates in the New Year, to book and pay. An online preparation called SmartLoving can also be booked via the website. For more information, email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) or phone Karin on 0419 242 435 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

## Soul Food Podcast

Do you find life & faith inspiration by listening to the experiences of others?

Pastoral Formation's Soul Food Podcast features life & faith stories of people from our diocesan family. Listen now for FREE via our website or on Spotify: <https://pfparra.org.au/soulfood/>

## Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is offering English and citizenship classes at its All Saints of Africa Centre, 63 Allawah St, Blacktown. Courses are subsidised by the New South Wales Government. Please register to participate in the program by phoning 0477 952 024. You can also contact Nepean Community College on (02) 4724 9000.

## Chaplaincy Masses

### • Nigerian Catholic Community

The Nigerian Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:00am at Holy Family Church, South Granville, 200 The Trongate, Granville. For more information, please contact Fr Chinonye Akamadu on 0451 174 438 or [chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org](mailto:chuk.akamadu@parracatholic.org) or Stella Nwosu on 0405 478 472.

### • South Sudanese Catholic Community

The South Sudanese Catholic community come together to celebrate Mass every Sunday at 2:00pm at Mary, Queen of the Family Catholic Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. For more information, please contact Deacon John Cinya on (02) 9622 1125 or [John.Cinya@parracatholic.org](mailto:John.Cinya@parracatholic.org)



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# Prayer Intentions

## We pray for our beloved dead...

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

**Recently Deceased:** Granoma Chan, Dionisio Quirante, Teresa Gaffney, Paul Canh, Teresa Mau, Ike Brooks, Mary-Ann B. Frani, Rachael Kee Xin Wei, Domenic Long, Colin B Linwood, Tony Dahlen, Nancy Perry

**Deceased:** James & Elizabeth Kovejic, Bonifacia Mabalut, Vivencia Salvador, YT & Deanna Hsu, Lewis & Nazar Nissan, Regina Yousif, Ronald Paterson, Elizabeth Srinivasan, Benamina De Vera, Cedric Cunningham, Family members, Michael Perez, Vittoria Tuema, Julia A Cruz, Awanda, Elie Hindy

**Anniversaries:** Paul Mahoney, Felipe Manubay, Josefa Manubat, Peter Van Tilburg, Joseph Tuema, Aidrian Pol O'Domnaill, John & Danny Doolub, Lucy D'Mello, Baptist Coelho, Fernando Guillema, Marietta Pasquin Tumabini

**Perpetuals:** Paul Mahoney, Louisa & Arthur Baxter, Nat Fedyk, Robert Dearie, Norm Hector, Bokeyar family, David family, Japour family, Paula Loto'aniu, Peter Van Tilburg, Margaret Angela Roberts, 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 & Sally Boujandy, Jack & June Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Watson Lee, Ian & Pat Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Hooper family, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Walter Townsend, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam & McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Robert Andrews, Sylvester family, Rogan family, Adcock & McMillan families, Love family, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory and all deceased parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's

## We also pray for...

**Sick:** Emerlinda Sarreal, Habib Nohra, Susan Rodricks, Leonard Close, David Mannall, Barbara Younis, Cyril, Angela & Ostelio, Lilly Risk, Jerome Nyambane, Jeffrey Mousley, George Abela, Patrick Marion, Flavia, Baldo Polizzi, Michelle & Ryan, James Murphy, Louie Wehbe, John Lowe, Marcel Melick, Peter Newman, Edward C, Vincent Rowan, Daniel & Alicia Altmann, Gerard Noonan, Ian Marshall, Lilian Hassin, Maria Davino, Sharon Webb, Paul Peters, Terry O'Brien

**Special Intentions:** Anne & Natasha Perrottet, Claudia Suttie, Audrey Perrottet, Julien & Alexander Perrottet, Anne & John Perrottet, Heidi Perrottet, Raveen, Kathleen Donovan, Rachel Lawrence, John Patacsil, Michael Perez, Peter Newman, Emerlino Sarreal, Melaia Lakai, Leonardo Close, Mary Rose Tito, Michael Perez, Madeleine Suttie, Francesca Ryan, Helen Perrottet, Elizabeth Nubla, Luise, Naleen, Tian, All mothers living & deceased, Antonio Gatmaitan, Victoria Antonio, Ankica, Nikola, Mara, Bozo & Stephen Senjak, Chmielewski Ruzica, John Anare, Rafael Senjak, Melina & Joe, Santos family

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...

**Izabelle Lok**

## WEDDINGS

We also welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following couples who were recently married here...

**Emily Feszczuk & Joshua Neville**

**Amelia Mailangi & Kelly Marka**

**Andrea David & Aldrin Clores**

Please pray for them and their families.

## POPE FRANCIS' Prayer Intention for June



### *For the abolition of torture*

"We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families."

From Pope Francis...

*From a tweet  
dated 29 May*

"The People of God, in order to be filled with the Spirit, must therefore journey together, "do Synod". That is how harmony in the Church is renewed: by journeying together with the Spirit at the centre. Brothers and sisters, let us build harmony in the Church!"

## Saint of the Week

**08 June - St James Berthieu (1838-1896), Priest and Martyr**

Jams Berthieu was born in 1838 in France. He was ordained a priest in 1864. At the age of 35 he joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and in 1875 left for Madagascar where he spent the rest of his life. The local people started fighting in order to chase away the French Colonialists and to destroy the Christian faith. The colonial authority managed to suppress the rebellion. But, in 1896, during another rebellion, Fr Berthieu was taken prisoner, beaten and put into prison. He was asked to reject his faith in order to save his life, but he said he preferred death to apostasy. On the night of 08 June 1896, while he was praying, he was shot dead and his body thrown into the river Mananara.

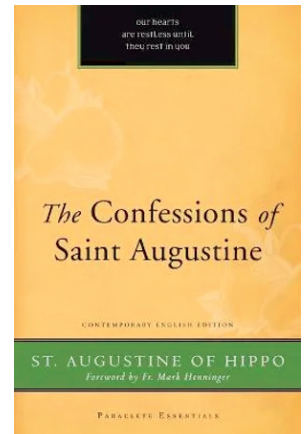


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## “Quote of the Week”

"For when I am wicked, confession to you [God] simply means being displeased at myself; when I am good, confession to you means simply not attributing my goodness to myself."

**St Augustine**  
(354 - 430)  
Bishop and Theologian  
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## DID YOU KNOW?

**...that the nature of God as Trinity was the source of enormous debate in the early Church as well many heresies?**

It is tempting to think that after Jesus had returned to heaven and sent the light of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, everything about the nature of God was established and everyone who was a disciple of Jesus got on with the job of spreading the Good News without any major concerns.

Of course, that definitely wasn't the case!

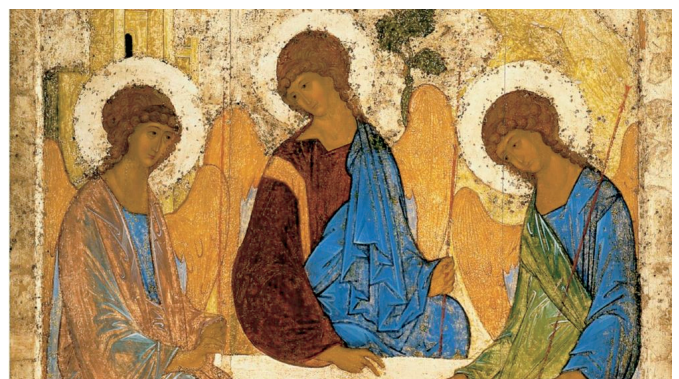
Amongst most people of faith there was no real issue about God as Trinity but rather the relationship of the persons of the Trinity with each other. For example, were all three Persons divine? Did the Holy Spirit proceed from the Father and the Son, or just the Father? Were all uncreated, or was the Son created by the Father?

These questions were not resolved quickly, nor without vigorous debate. Indeed, the question about the procession of the Holy Spirit from both the Father and the Son (the Catholic position) still differs to this day from the position of the

Orthodox Church which holds that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father only.

Perhaps the best-known heresy that dominated the early Church was the Arian heresy, named after the theologian Arius (256-336). In essence, he taught that the Son was created by the Father and so was not divine - he was simply the greatest of all creatures - and not of one nature with the Father.

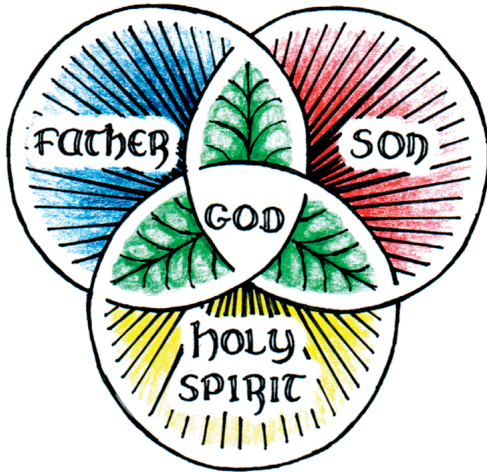
As expected, the Church sought to define its belief about the nature of God held a series of councils to this effect, perhaps the most famous being the Council of Nicea (325) which formulated the Nicene Creed still used in the Church today, an indeed by all orthodox Christians. It was amended at the Council of Constantinople (381) and so its formal title is the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed.





# The Kids' Bulletin

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity  
June 4th, 2023



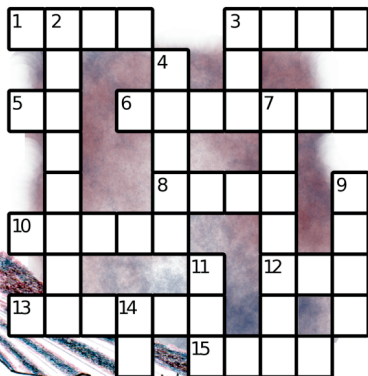
What does the word "Trinity" say about God?  
Use the code to find out!

Y H F E E T E F J O A J  
I A O A E U O X  
D E G H I N O P R S T  
X E U H L A O T F J Y

## God So Loved The World Cross-Word

\_\_\_\_\_(3d) so \_\_\_\_\_(10a) the world  
that he \_\_\_\_\_(3a) his \_\_\_\_\_(15a) Son,  
so that \_\_\_\_\_(2d)  
\_\_\_\_\_(11d) believes \_\_\_\_ (14d) him might  
not \_\_\_\_\_(13a) but might have  
\_\_\_\_\_(7d) \_\_\_\_\_.(8a) For  
God did \_\_\_\_\_(12a) \_\_\_\_\_(1a) his Son  
\_\_\_\_\_(9d) the \_\_\_\_\_(4d) to  
\_\_\_\_\_(6a) the world, but that the  
world might \_\_\_\_ (5a) saved through him.

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading. Then fit them into the cross-word



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ETERNAL  
EVERYONE



## The Holy Trinity

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Holy Trinity. "Trinity" means "three" and tells us that there are three Persons in God. There is only one God, but God is a relationship of the Father and the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.

Each of the Persons in the Holy Trinity is really God, so the Father is really God, and Jesus is really God, and the Holy Spirit is really God. But they are not all the same Person. Each of the Persons in the Holy Trinity is also equal to all the others. So the Father is not greater than the Son or the Holy Spirit; they are all equal.

Sometimes we can understand the Holy Trinity as if it were like a family. Each of the persons is different, but the family wouldn't really exist if any one of them were missing. The Holy Trinity is also a relationship of love. Because God is so full of love He wanted to share it with others, so that is why He made us! When we live the way God wants us to we are joining in the life of the Holy Trinity. Isn't that amazing?



Answer to puzzle on front page: Three Persons in One God.  
Across: 1. send 3. gave 5. be 6. condemn 8. life 10. loved  
Down: 2. everyone 3. God 4. world 7. eternal 9. into 11. who 14. in

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## Saint William of York June 8



JUST A FEW MONTHS AFTER HE FINALLY TOOK HIS PLACE AS BISHOP OF HIS PEOPLE HE SUDDENLY DIED. IT WAS SUSPECTED THAT HE WAS POISONED.

VERY SOON AFTER HIS DEATH MIRACLES STARTED HAPPENING AT THE TOMB OF ST. WILLIAM. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS STORY THAT EVEN IF WE DON'T SEEM LIKE WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS LIFE WE CAN STILL BE HOLY AND PLEASE GOD. WE CAN ALSO LEARN NOT TO BE SPITEFUL TO THOSE THAT HURT US.

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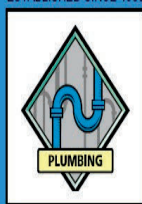
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