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One of the hardest subjects in our church studies is about the Trinity. It is very hard to understand and explain. In today's gospel passage we see a glimpse of the Trinity.

Have you heard about the schism of Arianism? (c. AD 256–336). Arianism is a nontrinitarian Christological doctrine which asserts the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who was begotten by God the Father at a point in time, a creature distinct from the Father and is therefore subordinate to him, but the Son is also God (i.e. God the Son). Arian teachings were first attributed to Arius, a Christian presbyter in Alexandria of Egypt. The nature of Arius' teaching and his supporters were opposed to the theological views held by Homoiousia Christians (is a technical theological term used in discussion of the Christian understanding of God as Trinity, regarding the nature of the Trinity and the nature of Christ.) The Arian concept of Christ is based on the belief that the Son of God did not always exist but was begotten within time by God the Father.

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed is taught by saying that the Holy Spirit is worshiped and glorified together with the Father and the Son, suggesting that he was also consubstantial with them: the Trinitarian doctrine, God exists as three persons or hypostases, but is one being, having a single divine nature. The members of the Trinity are co-equal and co-eternal, one in essence, nature, power, action, and will. "The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" are not names for different parts of God, but one name for God because three persons exist in God as one entity. They cannot be separate from one another. Each person is understood as having the identical essence or nature, not merely similar natures.

Jesus promises us an advocate that is the Holy Spirit. Ever more we need the advice and help of the Holy Spirit during this time of lockdown. The only criteria is, keep my commandments, yes if you love me you will keep my commandments. I remember in our younger days none of us really want to listen to our parents as kids but still if they wanted you to do something; as a last trick parents may ask you '*if you love me you will do it; well I have heard it many times*'. You can't escape from that loving force most of the time. It is the power of love that helps you to live and move around. You love so you obey it.

The greatest fear of our human life is insecurity. It's very hard. But here Jesus says I will not leave you orphans. The assurance of Jesus is not a temporary adjustment but everlasting solution. Yes this faith leads us; this belief encourages us and motivates us.

One of the religious sisters from India produced a musical album in this Corona season which starts with Go... Go... Go away Corona... Go away from us, we have Jesus, saviour of the world; which was so popular and really pushed our faith through this season of struggle. A lot of people were motivated by this amazing song.

Again Jesus is asking us to be in communion with his Father and Spirit and invites us to recognise the presence of the Triune God in our lives. The gospel invites us to turn towards you and to others to recognise the ever-living presence of God. May this season of physical restrictions open our hearts and minds a bit more towards God and to realize the accompanying presence of Christ in our lives. Please remember nothing can stop us from being with God.

With every blessings, Fr Jason Antony MCBS

Readings: The Ascension of the Lord**Acts 1:1-11****Ephesians 1:17-23****Matthew 28:16-20**

READINGS FOR SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!



Gospel John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave your orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.’



National Volunteers Week

Many thanks to all our parish volunteers for your continuing support to our parish community. As this is National Volunteers Week I want to thank you for your goodwill, commitment and sacrifice. Your generosity makes a big difference to our community.

May God bless you.

Fr Jason

Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open

WE REMEMBER

We remember John Langridge, Michael Connors and Jill Power.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

PARISH OFFICE SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

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St Joachim's team - Tuesday, May 19th.

ABUNDANCE YOUTH

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Our faith sustains us through challenging times.
Now, more than ever, your support is needed to
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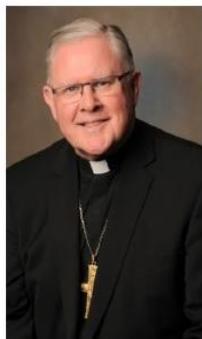
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It's hard to know what the church and society are going to look like when we emerge from the COVID-19 restrictions.

The one constant throughout our pre and post-pandemic worlds, however, will be the volunteers who remain at the heart and soul of what we do.

As we prepare to celebrate a National Week in your honour, my thanks goes out to all the volunteers, wherever you may be offering witness – in parishes or prisons, hospitals, courts or respite and drop-in centres.

In spite of the many challenges posed by this medical crisis, you still stood ready, in ways both creative and courageous, to continue outreach on our behalf and for that the Archdiocese is indebted to you.

Without you we couldn't do or be what Jesus Christ calls us to do and be.

Most Rev Mark Coleridge
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