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Most Holy Trinity

Year A

June 2nd/3rd, 2023

The mystery of the Trinity

Years ago, I was asked to take a parish-based catechetic class for children from a government primary school. I started by trying to work out how much the children knew about the basics. I asked, 'When we make the sign of the cross, what do we say?' 'Father, Son and Holy Spirit' came the firm reply. So far so good! I tried upping the bar. 'What do we call the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?' There was complete silence. I tried another track. 'What do you think of when you make the Sign of the Cross?' There was an awkward silence and then a bright little boy cheerily said, 'The old man, the young fella and the bird!'

No one can blame those children for the poverty of their images of the Trinity. Many older Catholics have similar images from paintings and holy pictures. The mystery of the Trinity means that in whatever way we portray God as Father, Son and Spirit it will always be inadequate and incomplete. No one has ever seen God or the Holy Spirit. No one has a portrait of Jesus. All the images and words we use for the Trinity are more a reflection of our faith than the final word about God. God is always more than any name we use or any concept we have. The special insight into God we celebrate today is that relationships are at the very centre of who God is.

It took the early Christians four hundred years to fully grasp what Jesus was on about when he spoke of his relationship to the Father and Spirit. They struggled to understand how and why God would have three faces and yet exist as One Being – love as One, act as One. They settled the 'how' of the Trinity's nature by teaching us that the persons of the Trinity are co-equal, co-substantial and co-eternal. They settled the 'why' of the Trinity by reflecting that their experience of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit was an encounter of love. They knew the core of God was not an idea or a principle, but was a loving relationship. Furthermore, the early Christians knew that they were invited into this relationship.

What was true for them is true for us. Think about this for a minute: we believe that the God who creates, redeems and sustains the world seeks us out and invites us into a loving relationship. This is what gives us our greatest dignity and urges us on to share this message with everyone we meet. What a privilege! What an invitation! What a God!

It also follows that if relationships are at the core of God then, for those of us who accept the invitation into the Trinity's embrace, relationships are meant to be our core business too. We are not to be isolated believers or private disciples. The degree to which we understand today's feast will be shown in the care we take in our many and varied relationships, be they social, intimate, professional, civic or international.

Every time we do anything to form new and good relationships, mend those which are broken, help other relationships to be deeper and richer or just enjoy the ones we have, we discover one thing: Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast.

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Readings: Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58

READINGS FOR MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)

Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)

You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)

You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

Second Reading

2 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

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.'



Parish Diary

Saturday, June 10th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday, June 10th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, June 11th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

This week we welcome

6:00pm Sat Fr John Lai
7:30am Fr John Lai
9:00am Fr Tom Elich
6:00pm Sun Fr Regi Versasis

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

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.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Nancy Tiainen. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Robyn's team.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

TODAY at St Agnes' Church at 9:00am.

HOSPITALITY AFTER 9:00AM MASS

Hospitality will be offered after 9:00am mass today.

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, June 5th please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza (Coles end of plaza) commencing 10:00am. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up. Everyone is welcome.

WEEKEND HOSPITALITY - ST JOACHIM'S

There will be **NO** hospitality after mass on Saturday, June 10th. There will be a cuppa after the 7:30am mass on Sunday, June 11th.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

A Youth and Family Mass is held on the second Sunday on the month. Our next mass will be held on June 11th at the 6pm mass at St Agnes Church, this will be followed by hospitality.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation program is open to all baptised children in Year 3 and above. If you would like to receive a copy of the invitation, please email Rachel at sacpr.hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COST \$4 Available in the churches this weekend.

- New Shepherd for Toowoomba diocese - Bishop Ken Howell.
- Cathedral honours Carpenter's labour.
- Brisbane Summit 2023 - Coverage
- Becoming 'a listening Church'
- Centacare reaches out to prisoners at crucial me.
- Brisbane begins year of celebration for the 150th anniversary of its Catholic 'heart'.
- The power of a First Nations scholarship.
- Redcliffe parishioners build stronger spirit after deluge.

CONTINUING THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PARISHIONERS AT SUMMIT 23

I came to the Summit with an open mind, conscious of my need for a spiritual uplift and the never-ending search for an answer to my human doubts dating from my tragedy 4 1/2 years ago. Furthermore, I desired to find out how I+ may be of use to my Parish and serve God better than just being a Rostered Reader, doing Statues, feeding the hungry in my home country... I gathered bits and pieces of answers from the various issues that were presented. I was very impressed by Bishop Tim's expose on the ecological, cultural, historical and sociological evolution of our Catholic Belief System. It validated my previously acquired sensibility and proper discernment in the way I should use my time to guide/help others to preserve the values/virtues of our Catholic Tradition in a World where Free Choice is the norm, and that we can only do with the Holy Spirit as our Guide and helper, strengthened by constant prayers.

Coupled with the above, I was deeply moved to tears of joy and nostalgia by the music and songs extolling the GREATNESS AND GOODNESS OF OUR GOD (with hands raised above). And the words "IF I BELIEVE, I DO NOT NEED TO UNDERSTAND" is my comforting line whenever I am tempted to ask "WHY?" in an effort to fully accept/appreciate Jesus' Decree in my daily life and doubts.

Carol Borromeo-Zangerle

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SPIRIT OF HOPE CITY PRAYER MEETING

St Stephen's Chapel on Wednesday 7th June 2023 (10.45 - 12.15pm) following the regular 10am Mass. Please join us for a morning of prayer, praise and worship. We will continue to call on the Holy Spirit to lead us in praying for Renewal for our City Brisbane, Australia and the World. For further details contact: Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

CORPUS CHRISTI 2023

Are you proud of your Catholic faith? Are you looking for an opportunity to bear witness and Help "make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19)? On the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 11, join with over 4000 other Catholics making a public testimony of faith by walking in a Eucharistic procession through the streets of Brisbane city. It will be a colourful display as groups gather from all across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to represent their parish or cultural community.

Commencing at 2:00pm the Corpus Christi Procession will start and end at the Cathedral of St Stephen and feature prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

The weekend (10th & 11th June) will also feature a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition in the Cathedral precinct's Francis Rush Centre and a vigil night of adoration 7p:00pm Saturday to 8:00am Sunday in the Mary MacKillop Chapel.

Find out more at www.corpuschristibrisbane.com

A QUIET WEEKEND RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Friday, 30th June at 6:00pm – Sunday 2nd July at 3:00pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Experiencing God's Love and Light through the Spirituality of St Clare of Assisi. Hosted and Facilitated by: Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries. Cost: \$380 (\$350 for concessions) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for special diets), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation. To register or to enquire: 0409 524 283; grace@dragonflyministries.net.au



7:00pm Saturday 10 June 2023

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End

The St Francis Social is a good ol' fashion dance for Catholic young adults aged 18 - 39, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure!

All profits from this event (including ticket sales, drink purchases and raffle tickets) will be donated to Emmanuel City Mission to help fund the amazing work they do to support the homeless and vulnerable in Brisbane.

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FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT**



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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.



We are committed to the
**NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS**

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.