



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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MOST HOLY TRINITY

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May 25th/26th, 2024

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

One of the things we often hear in times of domestic, local or international crisis is that 'everyone pulled together'. We are rightly proud, and a few times amazed, at how people can set aside their differences and strive for the common good. Sometimes this experience of working together has the long-lasting benefit of breaking down boundaries. Other times, sadly, old enmities, prejudices and suspicions return when the crisis is over.

Trinity Sunday celebrates that whether we are in crisis or not, in season and out of season, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit do nothing but 'pull together' to love and save us. What we glimpse as the best attribute of our family, town or nation defines who our Christian God is, and what they see, how they judge and the way they act toward the world.

A famous icon of the Trinity depicts the three persons at a table where there are four place settings. The final place, in the lower half of the painting, invites the viewer to take the seat and join them. It's profound theology and masterful art, but we can quickly misunderstand it.

We are not just personally invited to join in the very life of God, and pull together with them in their loving and saving of the world. The seat at the table is reserved for all of humanity.

In practical terms it is impossible to profess belief in the Trinity, on the one hand, and then work at things which pull the human family apart, on the other. It is scandalous to hold to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and be known as racist, bigoted and sexist, to not care about refugees or those who die each day of starvation. We cannot keep signing ourselves in the name of a Triune God and then work hard at getting richer and more secure while the rest of humanity grow poorer and lack the necessities for human dignity. Ghandi once said, 'I love the New Testament and the Christian ideas about God and I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians practise what they preach.'

Trinity Sunday is not about theological mathematics, working out how three goes into one. It's about gaining the strength at this Eucharist to pull together to see that all of God's children have the opportunity to hear the good news of how much God loves us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and so can take their privileged place at God's table. Most people will learn about the saving love of God primarily through the way they observe us seeing, judging and acting.

It's not by accident that in our Catholic tradition the usual moment we invoke the Trinity is when we make the sign of the cross. It reminds us that 'we cannot have our cake and eat it too'. Every time we profess the Trinity we recommit ourselves to die to self so that God's saving love may be realised for everyone, everywhere.

So let's not only profess our belief in the three persons that make up our one God, but live the life that goes with it, 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars.

He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory

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

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

**Parish Diary**Monday, May 27th

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, May 29th

Mass Cancelled

Thursday, May 30th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Friday, May 31st

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, June 1st

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

The Most Holy TrinitySaturday, June 1st

Mass (Vigil) 6:00pm
(includes Celebration of 1st Communion)
St Joachim's

Sunday, June 2nd

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
(includes Celebration of 1st Communion)
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION PRAYER

Creator Spirit,
All creation once declared your glory,
Your laws were honoured and trusted,
Forgive us our neglect
as our country approaches
the most critical moment in its history.
Listen to our prayer as we turn to you,
Hear the cry of our land and its people,
Just as you heard the cry of Jesus,
your Son, on the Cross.
Help us to replace our national shame
With true national pride
by restoring the dignity of our First People
whose antiquity is unsurpassed.
May our faith and trust in you increase.
Only then will our nation grow strong and
be a worthy place for all
who wish to make their home in our land.

Amen.

Readings – Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Travis Crossland. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

WELCOME MASS

This weekend we welcome the Higgins family as they prepare to have Ripley baptised in the Parish this month.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality after 7.30am mass this weekend.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – MARIA AND CARMELO CASABELLA

Maria and Carmelo would like to invite parishioners to stay after 9:00am mass this Sunday and join them for morning tea.

CANCELLATION OF WEEKDAY MASS

There will be **NO** mass on Wednesday evening this week. Fr Thomas will be involved with the Sacramental Program.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, May 28th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Agnes' next roster day is Thursday, May 30th. Please advise the MOW kitchen on 3397 9150 of your availability.

PARISH HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality aft the 6pm mass at St Joachim's and 9:00am mass at St Agnes' next weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

 CLOW is held at the 9am mass at St Agnes' on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during school terms. (children under 5 to be accompanied by a parent). All children are invited to join us for CLOW next Sunday, June 2nd. All parents are very welcome!

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

 There will now be a plastic crate at St Joachim's Church each weekend for anyone who is interested in supporting our Containers for Change program. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who are already supporting this parish initiaive.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST COMMUNION

GOD'S MERCY AND PRACTICE NIGHT Celebration of God's Mercy** for First Communion

will be held on
Wednesday 29th May, 6.30pm
at **ST JOACHIM'S CHURCH**

After the celebration, we will be having a practice run of receiving the Eucharist.

Please allow enough time to sign in and find your seat before the session starts.

Don't forget to bring a pencil and your child's mass passport.

****All children must attend to be eligible to receive their First Communion****

CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On the weekends of June 1st /2nd and 8th/9th, the children who are enrolled in the Sacramental Program will celebrate their 1st Communion at the 6:00pm Saturday and 9:00am Sunday masses.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Parish Spotlight ~ Reconciliation Week

What does Reconciliation Week mean to the parish?

Here at the parish we are reflecting on what has gone before us and how on a personal level our connection with First Nation's people has begun. We are fortunate to have First Nation's representation in our parish community and parish schools who actively acknowledge the Jagera and the Turrbul people as the traditional owners of the land.

What examples of First Nation's engagement are there in the parish?

We are seeing that our parish schools are engaging with First Nations people through their curriculum that includes storytelling incursions, the indigenous naming of places and the commissioning of murals by indigenous artists. One key example of this engagement is the Darlo-Bol-Pu mural painted by Peter Mulcahy at Joachim's school in Holland Park.



What is the meaning behind this mural and what is its connection to First Nation's people?

In researching this mural and in consultation with Chris Ioannides, previous school principal from St Joachim's, the story behind its origins is very authentic. It came about from a grade 3 indigenous incursion with Peter Mulcahy about First Nation's storytelling. This incursion was so inspiring for the children that the school commissioned Peter Mulcahy to design and paint a mural that was inspired by the senior student's ideas around country in Holland Park and their connection to the land. Each element of the mural is also a reflection of the school's vision and mission providing further connection between the parish school and its traditional owners of the land.

How is our parish fostering a connection with First Nation's people during reconciliation week?

In addition to acknowledging the traditional owners of this land during mass, the St Agnes Church is exhibiting artwork from parish school students who have been inspired by First Nation's storytelling. Furthermore on Monday the 27th May the St Joachim's school in Holland Park are welcoming parishioners to attend their 2pm Reconciliation Week prayer liturgy.

CHANGE OF MASS TIME – SATURDAY EVENING



As from June 15th, the Saturday evening mass at St Joachim's Church will commence at 5:00pm.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CANDLE VIGIL

FRIDAY MAY 31ST
6:00PM

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CCR HEALING MASS

Are you in need of healing prayer for you or your family? An invitation is extended to attend a healing Mass at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bardon on Fri, 7th June, at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass together with a personal prayer. Prayer ministry will also be offered after Mass for anyone who would like further prayer. Supper provided. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com



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