

Weekly Bulletin

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, YEAR B

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“TRINITY IS NOT A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED BUT A MYSTERY TO BE LIVED.”



There is a humorous story told about a man who was suspected of being out of his mind, climbing a tree. Many were worried about this. So, they shouted at him to go down from the tree but he did not. They called the community leader to convince him to go down but he was not convinced. They even called the mayor but it's hopeless. Finally, they called the parish priest of that place. So, the parish priest went to the place and they asked him to make a blessing in case he would fall down and die. So, the priest made the Sign of the Cross. After a while the man went down from the tree and the people were surprised why it happened that way. The people asked the man how come he came down after the blessing with the sign of the cross. The man said, "I don't know about the sign of the cross; he told me if I don't come down (vertical line), he would cut my throat (horizontal line). I was petrified and came down.

If there's any consolation, the amusing story shows how mysterious the Holy Trinity is. This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity. The Catholic doctrine teaches that there are three divine persons—Gods the Father, Son, Holy Spirit. All three are distinct but only one. G.K. Chesterton once said that one of the reasons he believed in Christianity was because of its belief in the trinity. If Christianity had been made up by a human person, it would not have at its very centre a concept that is impossible to grasp or explain: the idea that God exists as one but within three persons.

How do we understand the trinity? We don't! "God, by definition, is ineffable, beyond conceptualization, beyond imagination, beyond language. The Christian belief that God is a trinity helps underscore how rich the mystery of God is and how our experience of God is always richer than our concepts and language about God." This feast celebrates the many ways God makes his presence known in our lives, in the manifestations of his love in our lives and our world. The salient features of this mystery can be summed up like this:

*God does not exist in solitary individualism, but a community of love and sharing

* God is not a loner. He is a community of persons. There is perfect unity among them.

* Our family of origin is **TRINITY**... We came from this family and we go back to this family. The one unifying factor of this family is **LOVE**.

We are made in the image and likeness of God, and God is communion, and therefore so are we. Humans strive for union with God and with each other. We reach out for companionship. Every hug or embrace gives indirect testimony to the Trinity. We mirror our origins.

God is love and unity undivided, and we strive for the same. Think of the most satisfying moments of your life. I would suspect that they were times when you felt safe and loved and cared for. When you sat on your mother's lap, when you were held or hugged, when you were affirmed, when you were simply in the silent presence of someone you loved and when you had someone in your life.

So, it is no wonder that we, who are made in God's image and likeness are also essentially about relationships. Relationship is what God is all about: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A missionary bishop had to celebrate confirmation for a group of handicapped children. He was asked to avoid any difficult language and he was nervous. He noticed the parents stroking their children. He spoke this message to the children: "Dear children, your Mom and Dad, brothers and sisters love you. That is why they gently stroke your head, your hair and face, and that is what happens when I confirm you today: the good Lord gently strokes you because He loves you so much. So, when I make the sign of the cross on your forehead with the oil, our heavenly Father is stroking and caressing you."

A few minutes later, as he touched a cerebral palsy victim's forehead, the little boy said with great difficulty the words, "Stroke me, God." The boy had gotten the message: God was stroking him.

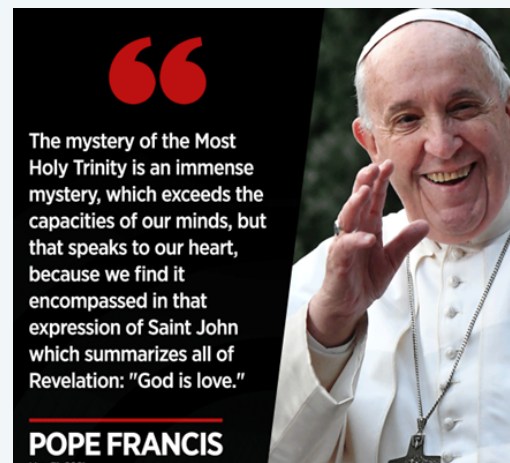
The bishop said, "I do not know what some might think of that theology, but basically this is what God is all about."

God stroked the people of Israel. The Father stroked the Prodigal Son. Jesus stroked the children, and stroked the lepers, and laid His hands on the eyelids and heads and ears of those who were handicapped or afflicted. In brief, the bishop did not try to explain the Trinity. He summed up the message of Christianity in one word: that God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is love. And we all need that love and depend on that love if we are to be whole and complete. (Sources duly acknowledged)

We are encouraged to celebrate the Holy Trinity, the community of love, sharing and sacrifice.

God's blessings

Fr. Vince



The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is an immense mystery, which exceeds the capacities of our minds, but that speaks to our heart, because we find it encompassed in that expression of Saint John which summarizes all of Revelation: "God is love."

POPE FRANCIS

May 31, 2021

This Sunday's Readings



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.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below; there is no other.

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: Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

R: 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. **R**

By 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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

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 co-heirs 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

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

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.'

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.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Friday 31st May - **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday 1st June - **St Justin, martyr**



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Congratulations



TO OUR
FIRST HOLY
COMMUNICANTS!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

We would like to Thank all those who have expressed their willingness to be a part of the parish pastoral council. I will get in touch with you shortly.

Fr Vince



Kindly say a prayer for the **construction of the Parish Admin Office & Priest's residence** to commence with the providence of God.



Parents, would you please encourage your children to be a part of the **Junior server ministry (altar servers)**? The date and time of their training sessions will be announced shortly.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain

Philippians 1:21

JOIN ME FOR THE

**FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
REMEMBRANCE OF MY BELOVED MUM**



AROCKIAMARY

(16th September 1929 - 27th May 2023)

MONDAY 27TH MAY 2024 | 7PM MASS

FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP

If possible, bring a plate to share with others. **Fr Vince**

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Estelito Fenis, Tom Nayler,
Louela Davis, Linda Dysoco,
Judy, Catherine, Elizabeth, Monika,
Naza Nazah, Maree Buttenshaw,
Robert Power

Recently Deceased

Carmen Coppini,
Bishop Peter, Kevin Holden

Anniversaries

Arockiamary Savarimuthu,
Florence Rodrigues,
Frank Moio, Marta Wiatronski

PARISH ROSTERS

01/02 June 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	George Davidson	Lynette Rodrigues Michael Marston		Kathy Saad Susan Boulos	Kathleen Burows Dominic & Lynnette Rodrigues	Anton Massillamany	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon
Sun 8.00am	Anne Marie Lyons	Will & Angela Finnane		Barbara Rosario Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Lynnette Rodrigues	Linda Tsang Jessica Tapiador		Elaine Gade Evelyn Artiaga			

08/09 June 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Thomas Russo	Eli Ogrizek Leah Garcia		Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	Lawrence Tsang Geoff & Barbara Rosario	Pierre Salomon	Pam McKay Annabel Manlutac Gail Dick
Sun 8.00am	Anthony Wong	Jodie MacGregor Helen Wong		Helen Wong Barbara Rosario			
Sun 10.00am	Eddie Appleby	Lorna Argal Astrid Kossim		Elaine Gade Sheila Tapiador			

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Every Wednesday 7pm

Join the Novena and let us pray to our Mother Mary for the welfare of human beings, especially those who seek her intercession.

MAY - Month dedicated to Our MOTHER MARY

Please join us at **7pm every night** in the month of May to recite the Rosary and honour our Mother Mary.

VINNIES - NEW MEMBERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Our Vincent De Paul meets every fortnight in the **Meeting Room**.

Next Meeting is on **Tuesday 28th May at 7:00pm**.

Please join us and make a difference to our community.



Our parish would like to congratulate **Fr. Tadeusz Seremet** on his **30th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination**. May our Lord Jesus continue to bless his mission and service of bringing the Gospel to others.

RYDALMEN

Our objective, is to be a place for men in the Parish to come together and speak freely and openly with a Christian viewpoint.

This is usually demonstrated in doing the following activities on a regular basis:

1. Lenten Program from Ash Wed to Easter
2. Bible Readings
3. Ted Talks for Example Brene Brown "In the Arena"
4. Sermons and other talk by Clergy for example Fr. Robert Baron
5. Movies or shows for example Jesus, Bible, Passion of the Christ
6. Encouragement to attend the Men Alive Maxx weekend and do daily scripture reading using the SOAP format
7. Building up fellowship among men of different age brackets
8. Other as suggested by Members of the group from time to time

Group Name : **Rydalmen**

What's app : **Rydalmen**

When : **Meet on The Third Thursday of every Month**

Where : **Parish MEETING Room**

Time : **7:15pm for 7:30pm to 9:00pm**

What to Bring : **Small plate of nibbles (Optional)**

Next Meeting : **20th June 2024**

Topic will be : How to apply the S.O.A.P. format to the daily reading of the scripture and what does this mean.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

*Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Every Wednesday 7:00pm*

First Friday of the Month

7:00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu

Parish Priest

Cheryl Percan

Parish Secretary
Tue / Wed / Fri
9am to 4pm

Deacon Leon

Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator

Diane O'Shea

Childrens Liturgy Coordinator

Allison Markarian

Lectors Coordinator

Glenys Oxlee

Senior Server Coordinator

Anton Massillamany

Finance Chairman

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Rydalmen Coordinator

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