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Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20

Moses tells the people of the one true God. We are heirs with Christ.

Jesus sends forth the Apostles with the promise to be with them always.



Trinity Sunday Year B 26th/27th May

In a nutshell

Moses reminds the people of all the wonderful things God did for them, by drawing them to himself with great signs and wonders.

We need to be reminded sometimes of how God has drawn us also along the path of love, and confirmed this by giving the Spirit to encourage and sustain

The indwelling Trinity of love beckons us to stay and rest within, and find peace.



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. Trinity Sunday celebrates how the Father, Son and Holy Spirit 'pull together' to love and save us.

A famous icon of the Trinity (shown above) 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 is 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.

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 live 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 they 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. Every time we profess the Trinity we recommit ourselves to die to self so that God's saving love may be realized 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.'

Richard Leonard SJ. in Liturgy Help, 2018

Raise your voices

Entrance antiphon: Blessed be God the Father and his only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit: for he has shown that he

loves us.

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

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!

Readers

Saturday Vigil Janet Neenan (Coordinator)

May: Sr Jan O'Neil June: John Betros

Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator)

May: Carol Miller June: Peter Frost

Sunday 9.30 am Adele Cornale (Coordinator) May 27th: Mark Woolford John Rouen Sunday 6.00 pm Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)

Church Cleaners

May: Paula O'Connor (and other volunteers)

Money Counters—Parish Office

June 3rd: May 27th: Group 3 Group 4 Group 2 **June 10th:** Group 1 June 24th:

Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Sr Gabriel (Coordinator) Anne Wright, Sr Gabriel May 26th:

Sunday 7.00 am Peter Frost (Coordinator)

Peter Frost, Charlie Robinson, Gary Keating May 27th:

Sunday 9.30 am Paula Hudson (Coordinator) May:

Paula Hudson, Adele Cornale, Phil Docherty

Sunday 6.00 pm Andrew Poidevin Coordinator) Paula O'Connor, Andrew Poidevin,

Therese Compton, Denise Haylen

Gardeners

Susan & Kevin Bradley

Sacristy & Altar Carol Miller and Pilar Ovelar

Altar Flowers

Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros

If rostered and unavailable PLEASE advise your coordinator

Offertory Gifts— Sat 5.00 pm Vigil Mass

May 26th

Offertory Gifts—Sun 7.00 am Mass & Sun 9.30am Mass

May 27th: Pam & John McCarthy / Leo & Cara

Mass Offerings: Your prayers are requested for the following:

Recently Deceased: Gweneth Gecker, Sergio Ovelar, Geoffrey Martin, Wendy Watson, Fr Brian Cunneen msc,

Norma Cherry, Alex Varga, Brother Ken Clancy msc, Mark Behan, Adriana Miranda, Rainier

Jessarun, Steven Bottrill, Anne Rouen (Nowra), Patricia De Lorenzo.

Toni Baily, Billie Cotter, Harry and Muriel Colthup, Negus and Ferguson **Other Deceased:**

Families, Paul Hudson, Sherry Jackson, Dale Black, Desmond & Alice Ryan.

May:

Nella Esposito, Eamon Fallon, Michael O'Sullivan, John Dawson, Austin Byrnes, **Anniversaries:**

Noel Hudson, Ned Ferguson, Cecil Byrnes, Norman Lyons, Shirley Campbell.

Sick: Pat Ewing, Geoffrey Karpin, Robyn Hutton, Alan Power, Fr Frank Perry msc,

Brother Dan Geary msc, Teresa Collins (Ireland),

Sr Kath Conlan, Gloria Dunn, Brigid Scarlett, Ellie Herbert, Cassie Andrews, Neil Thornton, Conor Cassidy (Ireland), Tony Kelly, Mary-Jane Saunders, Thelma Shepherd, Enid Hampshire, Anne Hampshire, Barry du Bois, Alistair Ross, John Miller, Maureen O'Connor, Maddy

O'Connor, Trish Shadwick, Patrick Herlihy, Alma Reid, Steve Elias,

Win Wallace, Fr John Rate msc, Fr Thoi Tran msc.

We Congratulate the Children of St Brigid's who will be making their sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday 27th at 12.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

They will receive their certificates at a Celebration Mass on Saturday 2nd June.

St Brigid's Parish Information

Mass Times Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm

Morning Tea Most Sundays after the 9.30 am Mass Weekday Masses Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30 am Reconciliation 20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass **Sacrament of Anointing** During 9.30 Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month

Baptisms By appointment, usually on the first and third Sundays of the month

Marriages By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance

Parish Office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 am to 3 pm (phone 9315 7562).

Feast of the Sacred Heart - Friday 8th June

As a parish in the pastoral care the *Missionaries of the Sacred Heart*, we celebrate this feast in a special way. Our MSC Spirituality committee have organized a number of days:-

Thursday 31st May: Fr Michael Fallon msc will be giving a presentation at **7.30pm** in the Church. (Wear warm clothing if you need to)

"Reflecting on the Mission of a Sacred Heart Parish"

There will be refreshments afterwards in the Hall.

Friday 8th June: 9.30 Mass with St Brigid's School staff and students and parents, followed by morning tea in the Hall for parishioners.

Saturday 9th June: 5pm Vigil Mass, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Sunday 10th June: 9.30 Family Mass + Children's Liturgy,

followed by morning refreshments.

All Masses this June weekend will use the liturgy of the Sacred Heart feast. (i.e readings, etc)

Fr Phil

Other Events at St Brigid's

This weekend, new edition of *Australian Catholics* is available; also *MSC Mission Office* newsletter. Please take home for your reading.

Saturday 2nd June: At our 5pm Vigil Mass, we will be celebrating our Confirmation children and

their families, with refreshments afterwards.

Monday 3rd June: 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in parish office.

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre

Men's Retreat

"Saints, Sinners and Scripture - the role of prayer"

Friday evening 29th June –Sunday 1st July 2018

Retreatants will be lead through reflections upon the nature of prayer; its role in the lives of Saints, sinners and scripture. Opportunity will be given to experience different methods of prayer and listening of the voice of God.

We commence with an introduction at 5.40pm followed by the evening meal on Friday, 6.00pm and finish with the Eucharist at 1.45pm on Sunday. We suggest you bring your bible and journal to help with your reflection. See Fr Phil for an application forms, cost \$214.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2018
Saturday 2nd June & Sunday 3rd June at all Masses.

Thank you to all who have supported our Parish appeals throughout the last YEAR . We know that It seems that all the time we are asked to give and give. But when you do help, the St Vincent de Paul winter appeal you are helping people with housing support when there is family violence and safe refuge is needed for families .

YOU can help when some problems will never be solved without meaningful support. Your support helps the society and its members and volunteers provide this help, and makes life better for so many. Miss a cup of coffee daily for two weeks and give.

ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2.00 are Taxable deductable and receipts will be issued on request.

Month of May -

We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. (Saint Clare of Assisi)





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