



St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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TRINITY SUNDAY [Year A] Sunday 7th June, 2020

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 The Lord, God ruler of all, merciful and loving

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and Praise For Ever [Daniel 3]

Second Reading: Corinthians 13:11-13 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and 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 God sent his Son to save the world through him.

The Blessed Trinity and us

Every year from Christmas to Pentecost all the traditions of the Christian Church celebrate, re-visit and deepen their understanding of life in the light of the Scriptures and particularly in the light of the life and teaching of Jesus. The second half, roughly, of each calendar year is launched by the celebration of Trinity Sunday: indeed for many centuries the Sundays through June to November were identified as the First, Second, Third, etc Sunday after Trinity. The focus throughout this second half of the year is on making sense of and leading life lived in relationship with God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit and with all other creatures. So this Sunday, officially named in our tradition as Trinity Sunday, has pivotal importance.

I'd like to suggest that the weekends and the weekdays of the next six months are a great opportunity for all of us, despite [or perhaps blessed by] the current "lockdown", to re-examine and renew our personal, family and community lives in the light of who God really is. I seriously invite you to go more deeply into what the Scriptures, the insights of spiritual writers, the art and music of the centuries reveal to us about God. Not to just stand at a distance, puzzled and confused affirming perhaps that God is both "One and Three" but leaving it there in our heads – rather than allowing ourselves to be drawn into relationships with and in God.

Reproduced over the page is a copy of a wonderful piece of art created in the Fifteenth Century of our era by a famous Russian maker of icons – Andrei Rublev. The original icon is displayed in the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow. It will, I assure you, be well worthwhile, through Google, to bring up, on whatever screen you have, Rublev's icon. It was inspired by the experiences described in the Book of Genesis, the very first book of the Hebrew Scriptures [our Old Testament].

Paraphrasing and summarising the passage from Genesis:

'The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great tree of Mamré. Abraham looked up and saw THREE persons standing before him and he hurried towards them, bowing low to the ground. Then Abraham asked his wife, Sarah, to take three measures of the finest flour and make bread. He went off to select a choice tender calf and had it prepared for them to eat. The Three persons ate, but Abraham and Sarah withdrew and stood apart under a tree.'

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Clearly Abraham and Sarah honoured their guests, the three guests, but they, feeling unworthy, did not join in the conversation or the meal. They felt unworthy!

Enter Jesus into this picture! He says, clearly: My Father is your Father! I am your Brother. We are daughters and sons together! The loving and truth we share, we also share with each and all of you.

Look closely at Rublev's icon: there's a fourth place at the table! His original icon had a mirror in that fourth place – so that you and everyone else could see ourselves/themselves at the table, part of the family; eating, drinking talking and listening, part of the life of that "Divine Family".

Please think and talk and pray about all of this. The Blessed Trinity is so much more than a Mystery/Truth to be believed. God is a living experience of knowing and loving and being loved into which each of us is invited and unconditionally welcomed.

God's Blessings on your week, Hal



IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING MASS AVAILABILITY

From Monday, 8th June weekday Mass will recommence. As the government restrictions currently stand at 20 people only, St Patrick's will offer Mass - **Monday to Friday, 7am and 5.30pm, and Saturday, 7am**. This will also be offset with Masses available at St Thomas More's – **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9am and Tues at 5.30pm**.

Attendance at these Masses will require recording of contact details, which will be destroyed once contact tracing is no longer required by the government. To make life a little quicker in the long run, everyone will be given a card and number, so when returning you will only need to produce your card to have your number recorded to make the process more streamlined. **You are the only one who can use that number.**

✠ **We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently:** and those who have died from Covid-19 in Australia and beyond. *May perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.*

✠ **We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Joseph O'Neil, Fr. Joseph McKey (1982), Fr. Kevin Noble (2010), Fr. Charles Casey (1930), Fr. Joe (Pat) Hall (2019).

✠ **For all those who are ill in our community, especially** Maria Brown, Fr. Jamie Collins, Mary Twidale, Leona Parker, Helen Hoddle, Kim Ireland, Fr. Don Murray, Christine [Faus] Barron, Greta Berge, Matt Vlietstra, Jean Denison, Jo Tuite, Dr Peter Reiter, Elijah Rolls, Hayden Smith, Rita Berry, Juanita Umipig, Patricia Whyte (nee Stark), Margaret Walker, Rita Blacker, Kristina Dawidowicz, Nora Machin, Mary Allen, George Pardon, Tina Hobson, Bev Boundy, Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Stephanie Shine, Andrew Supple, Mary-Ann Hine, Kathy Allan, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Teresita Pamulaklakin, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, and anyone suffering the effects of Covid-19.

Anointing Mass: As I'm sure you appreciate the next Anointing Mass scheduled for 6th June is cancelled. All going well the next celebration will be on the 12th September.

Unit for Rent One bedroom unit for an elderly person at St Patrick's Community Village is available for rent. To register an expression of interest, please contact Celia Waters at the Parish Office on 07 46371500.

Thank you for your prayers for Fr. Don Murray. Fr. Don is recovering from a 4 hour operation relating to his cancer from a previous occasion. We continue to keep him in prayer as he continues to recover. Also Fr. Jamie Collins suffered a heart attack earlier this week and was flown to Brisbane. He is recovering well and will spend 6 weeks rest before returning to ministry. Please keep him in your prayers also.

Mass in the Home: As from 1st June, the restrictions have risen to gatherings of 20. With this in mind the priests here at St Patrick's would like to invite you to consider a home Mass. This would allow you to invite others to your home. We are very keen to connect once again with you and feel this would be a beautiful way to gather once again. There is nothing extra needed, except a candle and small table! We ask that you contact the front office here at St. Pat's on 4637 1500, or admin@stpats.org.au leaving your name, contact number and preferred date and time for a Mass. After we discuss availability, one of the priests will make contact to make arrangements. Looking forward to begin reconnecting with each of you. God Bless our journey together.

PLANNED GIVING: Anyone concerned about their giving, there are options you may wish to consider. Please contact Celia at the Parish Office to discuss these options or you may simply like to do a bank transfer into St Patrick's Cathedral, BSB 064 786, Acc. No. 51289 0100, Ref PG (envelope number). We understand the difficult financial burden that everyone is encountering at this time, so do not feel obliged or pressured to give at this time. Thank you.



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We are very happy to announce that as from tomorrow, Monday, 8th June

St Patrick's Cathedral and St Thomas More's will be offering daily Mass.

Following Government restrictions this will be capped at 20 people.

St Patrick's will offer 2 Masses a day – Monday to Friday, 7am and 5.30pm, and Sat. 7am.

St Thomas More's will be Tues at 5.30, and Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri at 9.00am

All distancing, sanitizing, contact details, and cleaning procedures will be followed.

To make things a little easier in the future, when we are allowed to gather in larger numbers, as you arrive for Mass for the first time, your details are given for contact tracing, you will be allotted a number and given a card for your use.

Which means that after you have been registered, to make it quicker in the future, all you will need to do is present your card and the number will be recorded. A central record of your details pertaining to that number will be kept at the front office, should information be needed for contract tracing for a particular day. This system is in partnership with St Thomas More's, so a card issued in either place can be used in both places.

Please know that this information will not be used for any other reason, and will be destroyed once contact tracing is no longer a government requirement.

Looking forward to once again celebrating Mass with you. We apologise in advance to those people who will come to celebrate Eucharist but find that the approved number has been reached. It saddens us all that we have to exclude anyone for these celebrations, but we encourage you to take note of the other Mass times and come again.

To quote a line from the hymn, The Servant Song, which we say to each other this day - "I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through"

God Bless.

Fr. Michael, Fr. Tom, Fr. Nandana, Fr Hal and Michael Bermingham.



HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S LIVE STREAMING: (feel free to sing along!!)

Opening Hymn: Firmly I Believe and Truly

1. Firmly I believe and truly God is three and God is one;
And I next acknowledge duly
Manhood taken by the Son.
2. And I trust and hope most fully in that manhood
crucified; and each thought and deep unruly do to
death as he has died.
3. Praise and thanks be ever given, with and through
th' angelic host, to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Psalm (Sung):

Glory and praise forever!

Alleluia Verse:

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

Reflection: Trinity Song

1. Father in my life I see
You are God who walks with me!
You hold my life in Your hands!
Close beside You I will stand!
I give all my life to You!
Help me Father to be true!

2. Jesus in my life I see
You are God who walks with me!
You hold my life in Your hands!
Close beside You I will stand!
I give all my life to You!
Help me Jesus to be true!

3. Spirit in my life I see
You are God who walks with me!
You hold my life in Your hands!
Close beside You I will stand!
I give all my life to You!
Help me Spirit to be true!

Recessional Hymn:

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom the world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
2. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom heav'n and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be ever more.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace to people of good will. We praise you,
we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord
God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you
take away the sins of the world, have mercy
on us; you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer; you are seated at the right
hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are
the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father.
AMEN.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of
heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty; from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting.

AMEN.