



St Paul Apostle Catholic Community

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Trinity Sunday- Year A 2011 June 18th-19th

REFLECTION

Years ago I was asked to take a parish-based catechetics 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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This Week

SUNDAY 19th June
Trinity Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism Preparation

MONDAY 20th
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

TUESDAY 21st
8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass
9.30am Adoration

WEDNESDAY 22nd
7.00pm Mass
7.30pm Meditation

THURSDAY 23rd
9.00am Mass
North School

FRIDAY 24th
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Adoration

SATURDAY 25th
Reconciliation 10.30am
6pm Mass

SUNDAY 26th
9am Mass
11am Mass 6pm Mass
Baptism Welcome

Parish Calendar, News & Events

DIARY DATES

- June 18/19th** Confirmation candidates present
Saint's name & Sponsor's name
at the Mass they attend
- June 19th:** Baptism Preparation 3.45pm
- June 20th:** Grief & Loss Week 3
- June 21st:** Family Night 3 Confirmation
Parents, candidates & sponsors
- June 27th:** Grief & Loss Week 4
- June 28th:** Reflection for Ministers of the
Eucharist & Lectors at 7.30pm-A
Passionist Companions
- June 28th:** Reflection for Ministers of the
Eucharist and Lectors at 2.30pm
- July 2nd:** Workshop Day for Confirmation
- July 21st:** Confirmation Mass 7.30pm
- July 22nd:** Confirmation Mass 6.00pm
- July 23rd:** St Paul Apostle Parish Feast 11am

Confirmation: This year Bishop Elliot will be coming to our Parish for Confirmation on Friday July 22nd at 7.30pm and on Saturday July 23rd at the 6pm Mass. People who normally attend the Saturday 6pm Mass may wish to attend a different Mass that weekend because of the additional numbers who will be present.

Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors: There will be two opportunities for reflection in June before the feast of Corpus Christi so please put the following dates in your diary **June 28th 7.30-8.30pm** and **July 2nd at 2.30pm-3.30pm:** Please note change of dates

St Paul Apostle Parish Dinner Dance



THE GRAND ON CATHIES LANE
90 CATHIES LANE
WANTIRNA SOUTH (Mel Ref
63D11)

3 COURSE DINNER,
PRE-DINNER DRINKS,
HOT/COLD

SAVOURIES, BEER, WINE,
SOFT DRINKS
COST: \$60

16TH JULY 2011
7PM-12.30AM

BAND: THE JOURNEYMEN & DJ
PRIZES AND SURPRISES GALORE

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Contact: Oswyn 0434429579; Kath 0418 328847;
Bernie 0418 590228 Andrea 0433 300458 or Zoe
Cresswell—0411 759784

St Paul Apostle Feastday Celebration: We would welcome volunteers to help in planning a celebration for **St Paul Apostle for July 24th** Please contact the Parish office. It would be great if you can support the team with this event.

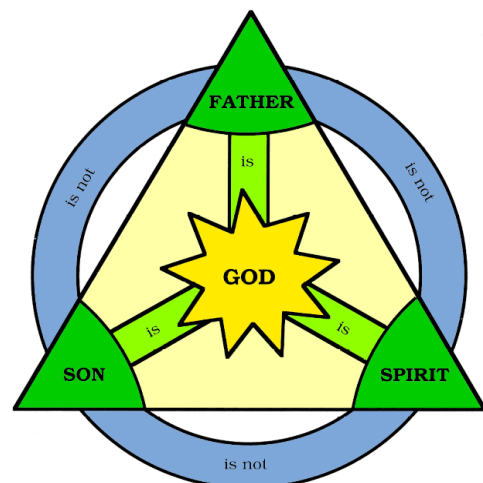
Propagation of the Faith Appeal: This weekend Catholic Mission ask us to contribute to the outreach work of the Church to areas that are hard to reach. There will be a 3rd collection this weekend.

St Vincent De Paul: Vinnies is one of the ways in which members of our parish reach out in support of others in need. Vinnies are in need of some generous people to assist with the Home visiting ministry. It is not difficult and a more experienced member will always be with you on visits. Why not give it a try? For more information ring Liseby on 0405 470 638 or 9700 1827. Or E-mail: liseby @[hotmail.com](mailto:liseby@hotmail.com). On the weekend of **July 9th/10th** there will be an opportunity to donate cash or non-perishable in date foodstuff for Vinnies.

Parents Building Solutions: Last session—June 28th 9-30am to 11.30am in the Annexe. Contact Barbara from Parentzone on 5991 2200 if you wish to attend.

Ministry of Communion to the Sick: There are some people in our Parish who regularly take Communion to the people who are homebound, sick or in Viewhills. This is usually after **9am Mass** on Sundays and when we have sufficient people it works out about once every month or five weeks. It is a great privilege to be able to do this and it helps people to remain connected to the community. If you are already a Minister of the Eucharist and would like to have a conversation about doing this ministry please contact Sr Brigid at the Parish Office. If you are not a Minister of the Eucharist but would be interested in finding out more of what is involved please make contact too. Thank you.

Come Away Day July 21st 10am-3pm: This is a day when people can take some time to reflect on their own lives in the beautiful surroundings of Holy Cross at 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe. It is only 40 minutes from here at most! The day includes Mass. BYO lunch and an offering of \$15-20 is requested.



Carers make a difference!

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WITHOUT
BARRIERS

Life without Barriers is seeking compassionate people willing to share their home with children and adults, who may have a disability, that require their support and care.

Carers can be single, living with a partner or have their own children.

We offer excellent training, support and financial reimbursement to assist carers in enhancing a child or adults quality of life.

For more information please contact us on:
hostfamilyvic@lwb.org.au or **03 5990 3200**
Website: www.lwb.org.au

Marriage Celebrations

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year?

The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 24th July at 11.00am** by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register contact the Life, Marriage & Family on:

9287 5579 or lmf@cam.org.au.

Alternatively register online at: www.lmf.cam.org.au

Registrations by Friday 16th July.

Catholic Care Marriage Enrichment Opportunities

Relationship Day Sunday **3rd July**

Difference to Eternity Sunday 16th October

For further information contact: 92875516

karin.kaiser@centacaremelbourne.org.au

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Married couples –this is an opportunity to invest in your own relationship which underpins your family life. The next weekends are **19th–21st August**. For bookings and information contact Peter and Erika Smith on 03 9899 0824 -e-mail vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Other News & Events

Eastern Suburbs Filipino Community

June 26th 2011

Feast of our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady's Church
Bedford Road
Ringwood

3.20pm –5pm
Novena and Mass

Contact: Pol Arboleda 0425 704035

Heart of Life Spirituality Centre - First Saturday of the Month Prayer Day

Saturday Prayer Day is on July 2
10.00 am – 3.30 pm.

The theme of the day is "Come, Lord Jesus: **Centering Prayer / Christian Meditation**" and it will be led by Brian Gallagher msc.

These days have proved to be very popular and you are most welcome to come along.

The cost is \$50.00 and BYO lunch.

Phone: 9890 1101 to book

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK: (Trinity Sunday)

Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9
2 Cor 13: 11-13
Jn 3: 16-18

NEXT WEEK: (The Body & Blood of Christ)

Dt 8: 2-3 14-16
1 Cor 10: 16-17
Jn 6: 51-58



This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Edmund Dichosa, Suzanne Michel, Teresa Leong, Lisa-Maree O'Hara, Edward Hale, Jorge Canales, Anne Payet, Shirley Frank, Ivan Velupillai, Mickee Raveche, Joan Druett, Jenny Conyers Mckenzie, Joyce Peters, Eklas Odisho, Ator Odisho, Lilian Alyson Jillian Mendoza, Brian Brennan, Cory Brennan, Doreen Harris, Beth Flores, Manuel Guinto, Bert Geileskey, Joseph H. Padamadan, Angela Lai, Khoshaba Zaia, Steve Blackburn, Mary Dirckze, Alyzée Dromart, Maria, Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar

For those who have died

Eric Daly, Vera Bird, Steven McGee, Bernard Ingram, Mervyn Setunga, Michael Gherxi, Giuseppe Rullo, Godwin Bower, Sylvan Dalpathado, David Mutthumani, Rita Pillai, Felix McGaw, Jorge Serrano, Primus Fernando, John Thaddeus, Timothy Daubeney, Pierre Ludwig Clark, Ivan Prugovecki, Frank Siemensma, Telesia Pesamino Tusa, Margaret Le Thi De, Ivanka Janucko, Leonardo Eamiguel, Alton Estere, maura O'Higgins, Erminia Pahor, Melville Assauw, Virgil D'Souza, Maria Nhi Thi Pham, Edgar Smith, Michael Choo, Filomena Calonica, Lya Mein,

May they rest in peace

**St Paul Apostle
Catholic Community**

Priests:

Fr Tim O'Toole CP (PP)
Fr James Fernandez CP
Fr John Auram CP

Pastoral Associates

Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP

Parish Staff

Mrs Liz Spear
(Administration & Finance)

**Passionist
Community**

Fr Peter Addicoat CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Tim O'Toole CP
Fr James Fernandez CP
Fr John Auram CP

**Sisters of Cross and
Passion**

Sr Anne Cunningham CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP
Sr Joan Smith CP

**St Paul Apostle
North Primary
School - 9700 6068**

Principal
Mrs Christine White

**St Paul Apostle
South Primary
School - 9700 3663**

Principal
Mrs Helen Greenhill

**St John's Regional
College - 9791 3366**

Principal
Mr Andrew Walsh



Rosters for this Weekend: June 18th –19th (3rd Sunday of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	L. Phan, C & S Fernandes	D & S McGuire, C Tinney	T Bugge, M Longano,	D & W McMahan
Sacristan	P Miller	D & S McGuire	A Gargano	K Jayasinha
Gifts	D Turner, M. Pereira	D & H Jayasuriya	O'Connor Family	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs.	A Rosario, K Rolfe, R.	N Dimitrakis, E Kee	C De Silva, A Astin, M Lam	M Keating, K de Alwis, P Mendonca
Communion	P Negri, I & M Whiteman, M Boissezon, C Emmanuel, L Phan, K De Zilva	E & W San Giorgio, M La Blanche, D Vaifale, A Nadarajah, P Smith, D O'Hara	G Johnson, D Kearney, W Barr, M Dawson, R O'Connor, E Foulrize, Z Carlow	M Meerwald, D Candido, E Rebeiro, K Alwis, V Hassett, P Carvalho
Servers	J Satyagraha, N De Zilva, F Bensley	V Jayetileke, M Harper, D De Silva	M O'Connor K Mehes, J Madeira	M McMahan

Rosters for Next Weekend June 25th –26th (4th Sunday of Month)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	S Stone, A & R Gonsalves	J Bilton, A Judge	A Gargano, A Costa, J Solari	D & W McMahan
Sacristan	M. Maillard	N Raveche	L Forkgen	S Jayamah
Gifts	R Vaz, G Tyszka	N & S Dimitrakis	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs.	L Flood, M Ryan, M Rolfe	J Callery, L Lapierre,	H Greenhill, C. White L .Newman	N Fernando, C Bird
Communion	S Stone, S, B & J Herbert, S Sharp, D. Arena, P Perera	B & E David, J Aldag, F Hall, D Mariette, K McArdle, M Nadarajah	J Solari, Y Sherwin, C De Souza, J Foenander, H Greenhill, G Calixto	K Jayasinha, R Mathias, J Cattania, N Sangalang
Servers	J D'Souza	S Jayasuriya, V Jayetileke, K Dimitrakis	M O'Connor, K Fernandes, A Del Socorro	M McMahan
Communion to the Sick after 9am Mass	Roster A: C De Silva Roster B: E David	Viewhills: P Mallac & C Kennedy		
Cuppa: S Stone, B & J Carvalho A Nadarajah, B & E David, E Gunawan A Gargano K Jayasinha	Church Prep Team 6 P Mallac & Team	Flowers C Beech	Counting L Cresswell, I Hen-eric, C. Quinless	Rosary Trindade Family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes	\$3,110.38	\$ 2,305.50
(303 pledges)		(146received)
Credit Card &	\$2,333.04	\$2,333.04
Direct Debit		
(177 pledges)		
Cash		\$ 391.80
Parish Total		\$ 5,030.34
Priests (2nd Collection)		\$ 1,135.55

Thank You

Sacraments:

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Marriages require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCCUS marriage preparation program, or a Centacare Course.

Anointing of the Sick is held during Mass on the 1st Friday of the Month at 9am. Before going to hospital for major surgery, why not ask one of the priests to pray with you and anoint you.

Children's Sacraments require full participation in the preparation phase.

Registration forms in the Parish Centre.