



*Most Holy Trinity*  
*15th / 16th June 2019*

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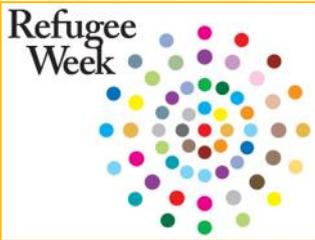
**Mass Times**

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm**  
**SUNDAY: 9.30 am**

**WEEKDAYS MASSES: This Week:**  
**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am**

**RECONCILIATION**  
**SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM**  
**BAPTISMS—By appointment.**  
**Preparation Course: 0411 883 661**

Refugee Week  
16th—22nd June



Share a meal  
Share a story



Both the first reading and the psalm response celebrate the marvels of creation and the marvellous creator who brought them into being. Proverbs states that God created all of these things through Wisdom. While later theology will identify Wisdom with both the Word of God, the second person of the Trinity, and the Holy Spirit, the third person, the reading itself does not suggest this.

Paul credits God with our justification through faith. Justification or salvation is accomplished by God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Paul does not clearly state that the love of God that we receive through the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, but one could certainly understand it in this way.

John’s theology resembles very closely that of Paul. In it, Jesus reveals the intimate connection between himself and the Father as well as himself and the Spirit. The Spirit continues the mission of Jesus, neither adding anything to his teaching nor omitting anything from it.

While this is a feast that glorifies the central mystery of our faith, a mystery that is based on the way the three divine persons relate to each other, the readings all address ways that God relates to us. If we concentrate, as the texts for today suggest that we do, on all of the ways that our Triune God has blessed us, we may be more inclined to cry out with the psalmist: ‘O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!’ (Dianne Bergant CSA)

# Parish Community



*We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Tess Powell, Stan Gard, Veronica Croft, John Odgers, Peta Hickey, Tony Hall, Jack Withers, Ken Bagnall.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ron Turner, Peter Fraser, Fr Len Egan, Ruth Wynter, Warner Hogan, Anita Williams, Kevin Thomas, Phillip Adams, Marie Dick, Brian McNamara, Leo Boswell, Bob Monk, Vera Maguire, Ken Willis, Christopher Nuttall, Thomas Huets, Ena Joseph, Mary Packer, Eileen Muldoon, Anne Slattery, Angelika Huysse, Lesley Collins, Shirley Hill-Willis, Mary Hull, Christopher McDermott, Jan Duke, Leonard Hogg Frank Williams, Jake & Maddison Murray, Nell McIntyre, Arthur Benson, Jaquelyn Parker, Phyllis Mott, Ignatius Kane, Wally Zerbst. *Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.*

## Prayer for the Sick

*We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.*

*May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.*

*We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen*

## ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 15th / 16th June		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	Colleen Day Karen Purtle Michael Byrnes	Leanne Michael Michael Stephenson Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Lindsay Michael Regan Lyn Hamilton	Trish Parkinson Kansas Michael Ann Marie Whiting Sue Betts Marissa Hart Ann McIntyre
Cantor Musicians	John Van Lint Mary Hunt	Simon Goss Val Hayes
Counters: Desmond Lum & Jane Togher		

Sat /Sun: 22nd / 23rd June		
Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator Lector 1 Lector 2	St Anne's Confirmation Commitment Students	St Anne's Confirmation Commitment Students
Eucharistic Ministers	Pauline Mulquiney Pat Hopkins Jeneice Harding	Frank Glennon Carmel Butts Cathy Nyhan MACE Sisters Dianne Treacy 1 volunteer
Cantor Musicians	Catherine & Judy Judy Foley	Bernadette & Wendy
Counters: Gordon Bryant		

## Prayer to the Trinity

Dear God, we know that we cannot fully understand how great and wonderful you really are.

But we thank you for revealing yourself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit (a Trinity of persons) even though you are still one.

Help us to learn more about you and the great love you have for each one of us. We ask this in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!



## A Thought for the Week ( Pope Francis):

*' God is love and this love is not sentimental, emotional, but the love of the Father who is the source of all life, the love of the Son who died on the cross and rose, the love of the Spirit who renews the world.'*

# Parish News



## **Catholic Mission**

Bishop Alfred Agyenta and Dr Joseph Ayembilla from Ghana are currently visiting Australia. This year our Catholic Mission Appeal will support projects in their diocese. These projects are aimed at poverty, alleviation, education, shelter and the development of children and youth.

We have been asked to host their visit to our deanery. You are invited to come along and hear about their life changing projects which are supported by Catholic Mission on Sunday 23 June 2.00—3.30pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall. If possible please bring something to share for afternoon tea.

They will be arriving in Albury about 12 noon on that day. I have volunteered us to provide lunch for them in the parish house. Someone has already volunteered to make soup so we need a volunteer to provide some sandwiches which can be delivered to the presbytery.

Since this diocesan mission event is being held in our parish community you are encouraged to come along to listen to their stories of faith and encourage them in their endeavours. RSVP to our parish office by phone or email to assist in calculating numbers attending.

## **St Vincent de Paul Appeals**

This is shaping up to be a brutal winter for many people in our community who live in poverty. St Clare's Conference operate the North Albury Care & Support Centre in Mate Street. We need your help.

- Funds are tight with both reduced donations of goods for sale and restrictions on Government Grants. The Winter Appeal is for cash donations.
- Blanket donations will offset our need to spend in order to replenish our stocks. Whatever you can donate would be greatly appreciated, donations can be dropped into the Centre in Mate Street or left in the box at the back of the Church.
- Volunteers are also needed to assist at the Care & Support Centre. If you have a couple of hours per week/month and would like to assist, please contact Trish Parkinson on 0418 167 644.

Winter appeal envelopes are at the Church doors or on the pews. They can either be posted or brought to Mass.

**Plenary Council 2020** National Theme for Discernment 1 How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. Find out more at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration—St Patrick's Chapel**

**Weekly Vacant Hours** - Fri 21/6—2-3am 8-9pm; Sat 22/6—7-8am; Sun 23/6—11-12pm; Mon 24/6—4-5pm; Wed 26/6—12am-1am. If you can fill any of these times please contact Chemai 0478 416 635 for more info.

*This weekend we welcome to the community of the church through the sacrament of baptism Lejay James French son of Drew & Dannielle; Primose May Carey daughter of Ryan & Bethany; William Charles Gatt son of Andrew & Rebecca.*

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

The sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 6 will be celebrated in our parish community on Saturday 17 August at 6pm during our celebration of Eucharist. Parents of Year 6 children not attending St Anne's who wish their child to receive this concluding sacrament of initiation in the Catholic tradition are asked to contact the parish office as soon as possible. Once we have an indication of numbers involved, we will be able to organise a preparation process.

**Parent Information & Reflection Evening** Monday 17 June at 6.00pm at St Anne's School Library.

**Commitment Masses** Saturday 22 June 6.00pm and Sunday 23 June 9.30am.

## **Children's Liturgy - Special Thanks To:**

Martin & Donna Coates of Wodonga Border Carpets for their kind donation of carpet for use during Children's Liturgy which has made their space very comfortable.

Pam McIntosh for her kind donation of coloured fabrics for display for the children.

Genn Hamam who has kindly come on board to support with the liturgies. Enquiries welcome Narelle Naughton 0417 216 488 or Louise Fifield 0439 449 714. Children's liturgy will continue on third Sunday of each month. Children's Liturgy is on today.

**The Second Rite of Reconciliation** will be held in our parish community on Monday 24 June at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church. This gathering is particularly for our children from Yr 3 who will make the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. All welcome to attend and receive the sacrament of God's healing & forgiveness.

## **Volunteers for Transport to Weekend Masses**

Would anyone be interested in taking parishioners to and from Mass on Saturday or Sunday on a roster basis? Please contact Parish Office or Kevin Kennedy 0403 454 987 if you can help.

Also if you know of any parishioner who may need a lift please contact the above.

# Liturgy of the Word

*Most Holy Trinity—Year C*

*Readings: Prov 8: 22-31; Rom 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15*

*Responsorial Psalm:*



O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth.

## 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!



## Reflection on the Readings

The names Christians give to God – Father, Son and Spirit – are both ancient and important. But we should never think they exhaust the possibilities of God's reality. Creator, mother, lover, redeemer, Saviour, higher power or friend all go some way to help us put words around our experience of our God, who is more and beyond all names we can possibly use.

The naming of God, however, is an important, but secondary focus to today's feast. There are two other facets to it that are more central.

The first is that the Trinity declares that relationships are at the very centre of God. We believe that the Father, Son and Spirit are in full communion, communication and relationship with each other at all times, in all places. To know Jesus is to know the Father and the Spirit and vice versa. They are one. This special relationship also indicates to us that nothing should matter more in our lives than our relationships with one another. To be like the God we profess every Sunday is to commit ourselves to our relationships, in all their varieties. To work hard on our relationships is, for a Christian, to touch the divine.

The second extraordinary thing we celebrate today is that the Father invites us into this loving relationship with Him, Jesus and the Spirit. What is especially consoling about this is that we are the only world religion that believes our God took our flesh. So through Jesus' life, teaching, compassion and sacrificial love we not only discover who he is, but, at one and the same time, we find out what God and the Spirit are like.

Some people think themselves unworthy of such invitation. Others argue they have to be a better person to deserve such an offer. While both of these responses to God's invitation are understandable, they fail to take into account that in Jesus we have been made worthy of God's love and if we are waiting to get to a certain level of goodness to deserve God's love, we will wait forever.

God invites us into the compassionate embrace of the Trinity where we are and as we are, so that we can become all that God knows we can be. We don't have to get good to get God. We have to get God before we can get good.

Let's not be like the small boy who once said to me, 'The feast of the Trinity is all about that old bloke, his younger son and that bird.' On this Trinity Sunday let's celebrate the intimacy and dignity to which we are called by signing ourselves with the focus of our love – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. ( Fr Richard Leonard SJ)



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