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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
16 June 2019

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From the Pastor's desk.....

At the moment I'm reading a book on the Trinity by the American Franciscan Richard Rohr. The book is titled *The Divine Dance*. Unlike most books on the Trinity, which tend to be rather formidable and heavy going, this book is aimed at a general readership. Nevertheless, Rohr takes us on a spellbinding journey as he probes the mystery of the Trinity and its huge implications for our lives and our society. Above all, it is an invitation to participate in the very life of the Trinity itself.

Throughout the history of Christianity, the danger has always been to view the Trinity as something outside of ourselves. An idea, a doctrine, even a theological puzzle.

While the Trinity is certainly a mystery, it is not a conundrum, an unsolvable problem. Rohr warns against taking a solely intellectual approach to the Trinity, which is ultimately dry and unrewarding. Rather, Rohr quotes heavily on the mystics to show that the Trinity is something that is experienced in prayer. "God is not only stranger than we think, but stranger than the mind *can* think. Perhaps much of the weakness of our first two thousand years of reflection upon the Trinity – and many of our dogmas, for that matter – is that we've tried to enter this space through the door of our logical mind instead of through the door of prayer."

As this book takes a contemplative approach, it's appropriate that I conclude with this prayer to the Trinity by Richard Rohr.

God for us, we call you Father.

God alongside us, we call you Jesus.

God within us, we call you Holy Spirit.

You are the eternal mystery that enables, enfolds, and enlivens all things,

Even us and even me.

Every name falls short of your goodness and greatness.

We can only see who you are in what is.

We ask for such perfect seeing –

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

Amen.

Peace & blessings,
Gerard

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am
Liturgy of the Word with Communion:
Tues 9:30am

Baptisms:

1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
or by appointment with the priest



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.

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Becoming Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]

St John the Apostle Parish runs a RCIA program all year. If you know someone who would like to become Catholic, please contact the parish office for more information.

Parish News.....



Congratulations to

Carlee-Ann Tonkin

who will be received into the Body of Christ in our Community on Saturday 22nd June at 5:00pm Mass.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING ENVELOPES 2019-2020
Are now available in the foyer for collection.

Pins & Needles Craft Group

Monday 17 June

7:15pm Parish Library



SMS & EMAIL COMMUNICATION

The parish office can send messages & reminders via SMS and email.

Please provide the parish office with your mobile phone number and email address if you would like to receive communication in this format.



Sacrament of the Eucharist. Formation Evening for Parents

Monday 24 June 2019

7:00pm – 8:30pm

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the following masses

Saturday 3 August 5:00pm

Sunday 4 August 10:00am

Saturday 10 August 5:00pm

Sunday 11 August 10:00am

Feast of the Sacred Heart Friday 28 June

Mass will be celebrated at 9:30am followed by a morning tea in the foyer.

Please bring a plate for morning tea.

Fr. Gerard will celebrate mass at

St John the Apostle Primary School at 12:00noon

Come inside.....

THE CHURCH FOYER IS HEATED

To maintain the heat in the foyer and to conserve energy would you please close the door when entering the church. Thank you.



Reconciliation Action Plan [RAP]



The Parish Pastoral Council is developing a Reconciliation Action Plan and is seeking people who may be interested in being part of the development committee. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in being involved in this initiative.

Guinness and God Series 2019 *Believe*



When: Wednesday, 19 June

Time: 6:30 PM – 9:00PM

Where: King O'Malley's, City Walk, Canberra

Join us as key speakers share their own understanding of faith and ethics, discuss what lies at the heart of the Christian faith, and explore Christianity in contemporary culture. There will be live music, drinks and dinner from 6:30pm, with the panel commencing from 7:30pm.

CONCERNED CATHOLICS OF CANBERRA - GOULBURN - PUBLIC FORUM

Presenter: Frank Brennan SJ AO

Topic: "Our Church or Our Museum?
contributing to a confident, humble,
listening, and questioning Church".

Date: Wednesday 26 June

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Cost: Free

Venue: Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture

Phone: 0417 603 697

Email: concerned.catholics.cangbn@gmail.com;

Website: www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

#MERICI60 CONCERT

Friday 9 August &

Saturday 10 August

Concert & Fundraiser

College Auditorium, Braddon.

7.00pm (arrival and seating at 6.30pm)

Tickets and refreshment packages available at www.trybooking.com/BCWAY. All funds raised will be used to improve indoor and outdoor learning spaces for students.



The parish governance bodies, the Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, Liturgy Team, & SJACare will hold a combined meeting on Thursday 4 July at 7:30pm in the Parish Library.

Reflection

A circle dance of Love

The mystery of Trinity is embedded as the code in everything that exists. If there is only one God and if there is one pattern to this God, then we can expect to find this same pattern everywhere else.

The “Blessed Trinity” is supposed to be the central Christian doctrine. And yet many of us were told that we shouldn’t try to understand it because it’s a “mystery.” I see *mystery* not as something you *cannot* understand; rather, it is something that you can *endlessly understand!* There is no point at which you can say, “I’ve got it.” Always and forever, mystery gets *you!*

When we describe God, we can only use similes, analogies, and metaphors. All theological language is an approximation, offered tentatively in holy awe. We can say, “It’s like . . .” or “It’s similar to . . .”; but we can never say with absolute certainty, “It is . . .” because we are in the realm of beyond, of transcendence, of mystery. We absolutely must maintain humility before the Great Mystery; otherwise, religion worships itself and its formulations instead of God.

The very mystical Cappadocian Fathers (Gregory of Nyssa, Gregory Nazianzen, and Basil of Caesarea) of fourth-century eastern Turkey eventually developed some highly sophisticated thinking on what the Christian church soon called the Trinity. It took three centuries of reflection on the Gospels to have the courage to say it and offer the best metaphor they could find. The Greek word they daringly used was *perichoresis* or circle dance.

Whatever is going on in God is *a flow, a radical relatedness, a perfect communion* between Three—a circle dance of love. God is Absolute Friendship. God is not just a dancer; God is the dance itself. This pattern mirrors the perpetual orbit of electron, proton, and neutron that creates every atom, which is the substratum of the entire physical universe. Everything is indeed *like* “the image and likeness of God” (Genesis 1:26-27).

Taken from: *Trinity: MIA*, by Richard Rohr OFM

Heart Spirituality

The Sacred Heart, the real symbol of Jesus’ love

The Sacred heart is the real symbol of the love of Our Lord for us. A symbol is an object that gives us knowledge of another object, through the analogy it has with it. Saint Bernard understood it this way when he exclaimed: “O Lord Jesus! Your Heart has been wounded on the cross so that in this wound, visible to our eyes, we can see the invisible wound of your love.” In the same way, our adorable Saviour expressed himself to Blessed Margaret Mary: “My heart loves the world so passionately that, unable to hold within itself the flames of this burning love, it needs to spread them by means of you.” The choice of this symbol should not surprise us; it had to be this way, for it is based on truth. All peoples and our sacred books testify that, of all the parts of the body, the heart contains in itself the reason why it is the overall symbol of love, and the basis for this relationship, while the feet, hands, eyes are only one particular expression of it.

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.152f, Paris 1900)

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

Trinity

What, then, should be the response of the Christian steward to this sublime mystery? All we can do is worship and offer our lives back to God in total gratitude for calling us to live in the richness of such unfathomable love. This week, let’s re-invite God into the midst of our lives and make sure the way we spend our time and energy each day shows Him our profound gratitude for His many gifts to us, but above all the gift of Himself in the Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com

“To be on earth the Heart of God”

*Let us pray for those who are sick.
We remember them in our Masses*

Recently Deceased: Josef Zabar

Anniversary: Wendy Hawes, James Webb,
Ingrid Soria, Marie Tyack, Mavis Southwick,
Sheila Phillips, George Carney, Ann Joyce,
Kerry Montgomery, Maureen Ashley, Helen Heindl,
Francis Quinn, John McAppian, Eileen Gehrig,
Christopher Robinson, Vivienne Thompson,
Lucy Wilcott, Noni Glover, Jean Chapman,
Robert Cocks, Joan Loughry, Dulcie Henshaw,
Adrian Uhr, Giovanni Scalora, Jason Murray,
Arthur Yee, Kevin Maloney, Nathan Jones,
Daniel O'Connor, Eileen Schmich

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 7.30-8.15 pm
Morning Prayer:	Mon, Tues, Fri 9:10am
Stations of the Cross	First Friday Monthly After 9:30am Mass
Children's Mass	Second Sunday monthly 10:00am
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm
Children's Choir	Wednesday 4:15 - 5pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Coffee Club	Fourth Sunday after 10:00am Mass
Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Lucky Shot Espresso Bar Kippax
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

LIBRARY NEWS: "Falling into the arms of God", "Praying the New Testament as psalms", "Praying the hours" and "May I have this dance?" are some of the books on display this week.

RESPONSE TO THE 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!

Readings – 23 June 2019

First Reading	Gen 14:18-20
Psalm	Ps 109:1-4
Second Reading	1 Cor 11:23-26
Gospel	Luke 9:11-17

23 June

Reading Roster

5:00pm	Elaine Laycock, Margaret Luck
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Shane Murtagh
10:00am	Judy Lane, Ann Reynolds
6:00pm	Marian Crowley, Andrew Luck

23 June

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Marie McKie, John Drury, Terry O'Brien, Margaret McMahon VACANT
8:30am	Violet Duve, Agnes Pham, Gerard Teng, Ted & Clare Kell
10:00am	Robin Williams, Libby Costello, Pat Sheppard, Erin Pitt, Maida Kajkic
6:00pm	VACANT

23 June

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Judy Netting
8:30am	Fay Stephenson, Margaret Ohlin
10:00am	Margarete Gill
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	17 June	Mary Cruickshank
Grounds	22 June	David Pigram, Mike Lavis Matthew Garton
Counting:	23 June	Group 4
Church Cleaning:	17 June	Carol Blyth, Beatrice Williams

On a Lighter note

How do you stop an astronaut's baby from crying?
You rocket!

What is fast, loud and crunchy?
A rocket chip!