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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

The Most Holy Trinity
7 June 2020

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From the Assistant Pastor.....

The Most Holy Trinity

There is a very old story about St. Augustine, one of the intellectual giants of the Church. He was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to conceive of an intelligible explanation to the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a small boy on the beach, pouring seawater with a shell into a small hole in the sand. "What are you doing, my child?" asked Augustine. "I am trying to empty the sea into this hole," the boy answered with an innocent smile. "But that is impossible, my dear child," said Augustine. The boy stood up, looked straight into the eyes of Augustine and replied, "What you are trying to do - trying to comprehend the immensity of God with your small head - is even more impossible." Then he vanished. It was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson. Later, Augustine wrote: "You see the Trinity if you see love." According to him the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the heart than with our feeble mind.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is not something to argue about or even study. It is something more. Something to pray about and to live. We live in the world of Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. This world is not somewhere in outer space. It is the same world of everyday. God is my Father. I am his child. He loves me even though I am unworthy of his love. Christ is the Son of God. He is my brother. He died and rose for me. Through him all other people have become my brothers and sisters, and Holy Spirit is the bond of love between us all. To speak in a simple way we should have direct and child-like faith, which was often, praised by Christ himself.

Love and Blessings,
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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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COVID-19 **Updated Protocols** **30 May 2020**

Our Church doors are open 8:30am - 5:00pm for private prayer.

We are limited to 20 people in the church at any one time.

Register your name, contact number and time you were in the church.

Please practice physical distancing at all times.

Use Hand Sanitizer when entering and leaving.

Reflection

Father, Son & Spirit

The template of all reality is Trinity: "Let us create [humanity] in our own image," the creation story says (Gen. 1:26). God is essentially shared life, life in relationship. In the beginning is relationship, we might say. Within the Trinity, Father, Son, and Spirit perfectly love and are perfectly loved. We come to know who God is through exchanges of mutual knowing and loving.

Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit.

God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

The Trinity is unhindered *kenosis* or self-emptying, self-giving, holding nothing back. Jesus modelled such vulnerability and surrender: becoming human, serving the poor and the sick, and giving up his life.

Resources used: *Reflection*, by Greg Sunter, & *The Body of Christ*, by Richard Rohr OFM

Heart Spirituality

The central place of the Heart of Christ

In Jesus creation gives itself to God totally; it loses itself in God, its supreme rapture and aspiration. And doesn't this union of love take place above all in the Sacred Heart? The Heart of God hastens down to his creation, borne by the weight of an infinite love, and the heart of creation rises towards God, drawn by an attraction that dominates all others. It is in Jesus that these two hearts meet, and they unite so profoundly that the two hearts become one, and this single Heart is the fruit both of heaven and of earth: "See the sprout of which the Prophets spoke! The heavens have given it like dew, the clouds have poured it out like rain, and the earth has seen it spring from within it. Creation has a purpose, it has one fruit to produce: it is your Heart, my Jesus!"

Jules Chevalier msc
(Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus p.76f, Paris 1900)

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

Stewardship

Our Gospel passage from John reminds us that the stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the imitation of our Most Holy Trinity. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes might not perish but might have eternal life." He gave Himself, in the person of His Son, for love of us. We must love this God back now by giving ourselves, our lives, to Him.

Amazingly, the more we give of ourselves to God in love, the more we will find the "grace of the Lord, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within us." The God of the universe — this mysterious, Triune God — invites us to an ever-deepening intimacy with Him when we make our lives a loving gift to Him and to others through the stewardship way of life.

[Stewardship Reflections from TheCatholicSteward.com](http://TheCatholicSteward.com)

"Be on earth the Heart of God"

Parish News.....

PUBLIC HOLIDAY NOTICE

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday 8 June 2020 for
Queen's Birthday.

WEEKDAY MASS

It is a government requirement that only 20 people can be in the church for Mass at a time.

If you are interested in attending morning mass, you must contact the parish office and register.

When you arrive you must register your name and contact number on the form provided on the registration table.

There is hand sanitizer provided, please use it.

CALLING KNITTERS @ SJA KIPPAX

Vinnies Night Patrol is seeking your assistance with

Scarves, Beanies and Gloves.

If you are a knitter and would like to knit for Vinnies Night Patrol, there is wool available in the basket in the church foyer. Many thanks

For more information, contact Sabina Van Rooy mobile 0428329951 or email sm.vanrooy@bigpond.com

TIME ● TALENT ● TREASURE

We have gaps in all of our ministries and we need new volunteers.

We need our rosters prepared and organized for when we all gather again for Mass.

Please contact the parish office for further information.

The ministry commitment period is 1st June 2020 to 31st May 2021.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING ENVELOPES 2020-2021
Are now available in the foyer for collection.



Recently Deceased:

Shirley Erickson, mother of Graham.
Br. Samuel F.M.S. [Terry Mason]

Anniversary: Roxanne le Cornu, Stefanie Seaton, Mary Stinton, Margaret Keogh, Thomas Guy, Stephen Carew, Elizabeth Strike, Jack Draper, Marie Johnson, Evelyn Weinman, Ian Cupitt, Denise Doyle, John Bray, Dorothea Guilfoyle, Ilona Ham, Elsie Dickason, Robert Scarr, Wendy Hawes, James Webb, Ingrid Soria, Marie Tyack, Mavis Southwick, Sheila Phillips, George Carney, Ann Joyce, Kerry Montgomery, Maureen Ashley, Josef Zabar, Helen Heindl, Francis Quinn, John McAppian, John Bray, Dorothea Guilfoyle.

KIT @ KIPPAX Contributions to KIT

Thank you for your contributions to KIT. Please keep them coming. Thank you.

COMMUNICATION - If you have not been receiving Emails from the parish office, check your junk and spam folders. We have been advised of issues with some Internet Service Providers and bulk emails.



Petition to the Chief Minister of the ACT

To the Chief Minister of the ACT,
The Catholic Community in the ACT wishes to thank you for your leadership during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Catholic Community has and will continue to cooperate fully with the ACT Government in combatting COVID-19.

We request:

That the Catholic Community be permitted to conduct religious services with no more than 50 persons from 11.59pm Friday 19 June 2020.

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/petition-to-the-chief-minister-of-the-act/>

Becoming Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation of an Adult [RCIA]

please contact the parish office for more information.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during 10:00am Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 7:30pm Rosary 7:00pm
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Friday of the Month 8:00pm – 9:00pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

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
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.



TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**

Download the app through the app store on your mobile phone.

Contact the parish office for more information.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Glory and praise for ever!

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 –14 June 2020

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

24 May Reading Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

24 May Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

24 May Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	18 May	
Grounds	23 May	
Counting:	24 May	
Church Cleaning:	18 May	

On a Lighter note

I burnt 2000 calories yesterday.
Left the brownies in the oven for too long.