



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 3rd / 4th June 2023

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. 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.



Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.

Scriptural context – Trinity

At no point in the New Testament is the term 'Trinity' used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.

Living the Gospel – Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.

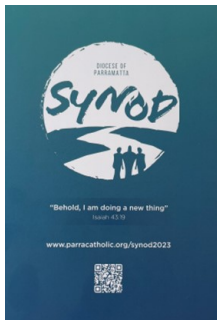
DIOCESEAN SYNOD

On **June 24th from 6.30 to 9.30 pm** there is a Western Deanery Consultation for the Synod at

Holy Spirit Church, St. Clair.

You are invited to participate in this consultation .
You can register at

www.parracatholic.org/synod2023



Our parish will hold listening and consultation for the Synod locally.

More information will come next week.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Last Sunday at the 10am mass we celebrated Pentecost with a Multicultural Mass, welcomed new parishioners, followed by hospitality

We thank everyone who worked hard to make our Pentecost celebrations meaningful. We acknowledge the support of Liturgy team, Banners, altar decorations and hospitality group who prepared gathering after the Mass. Thank you everyone who brought their cultural food to share with us all.



PLANNED GIVING

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RECENTLY DCECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Frank Sciberras

and for his family

His Requiem Mass will be held on
Thursday 8th June at 11.00am

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Robert (Bob) Hardy

and for his family

His Funeral Service will be held on
Tuesday 13th June at 11.00am

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mercedita Catalan, Joseph Bugeja, Frank Sciberras, Kerry Harriden, Robert (Bob) Hardy, Millie Bout and all who have died from COVID-19.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Francisca Casono, Ted Brock, Babies Noah & Sophia Attard, Mabel Silva, J A Emmanuel, Maria Kershaw, Faaio, Ioane & Vilo Tuliatu and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

DECEASED: Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, Margaret Donnoley, John Nettar, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

SICK: Elwyn Geerin, Helen Wakeling, Gregory Hurney, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Bracar, Baby Ema De-Gioga, Daryle Young, Todd Soden, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Ivan Topic, Michelle Zotz, Lyn De Vos-Brocktoff,, Nympha Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Charles Tabone, Billy Downes, Sue Wheelahan, Heather Whitborn, Phil Thatcher, Michael Vella, Stanley Mascarenhas, Trevor Rowe, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Lisa Sperineck, Roger Wilkom, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecilia, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, Jane McCann, George and Lena Caruana and all who suffer from COVID-19.

PARISH NEWS

Mass Readings for 10th / 11th June Solemnity of the Most Body & Blood of Christ

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| 1st Reading | Deuteronomy 8: 2 - 3, 14 - 16 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 147: 12 - 15, 19 - 20 |
| 2nd Reading | 1 Corinthians 10: 16 - 17 |
| Gospel | John 6: 51 - 58 |

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ONE OF OUR MINISTRIES IN THE CHURCH?

Become a Minister of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying or Minister at the Altar.

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Course is running again starting on 4th of September in Blacktown. Application forms are available from the Parish Office and must be returned to the Office by Monday 21st August.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: FINANCE COMMITTEE

Do you have a background in finance, fundraising, property or insurance and have a few hours to spare for a meeting bi-monthly?

We are seeking Expressions of Interest to join our Parish finance committee.

If you are interested please email your EOI to joe@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Are you an Architect or do you know one ?

We are looking for a suitable qualified architect to help with some design work for our parish. If you are able to help please contact Rodney on 4721 2509 or email

manager@stnicholasofmyra.org.au



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Children liturgy will be held at the 10.00am mass each Sunday.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Holy Communion

Practice

Tuesday 6th June 5.00pm - 6.30pm

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Thursday 8th June 7.00pm

The Holy Communion masses will be held at our normal weekend masses (except 7.00am) on

Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th

Saturday 17th, Sunday 18th

Please be aware there will be extra people attending these masses.

BISHOP'S GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,
Thanks to the kind prayers and support that showed to Catholic Foundation appeal for First Nations people. This fund will be used by the diocese to give practical support and development opportunities. So far we raised **only \$3095.00**. Unfortunately we did not get much response to this appeal. We only raised a quarter of our parish quota. As you know this charity is tax deductible. You can claim the amount of this **donation in your tax return**. Please write your name and address for tax receipt. If you can, please be generous to this charity. Envelopes are at the doors of the church. Thank you in advance.
Fr. Joe, PP.

HOUSEKEEPING

Dear friends,
We have a duty to look after our parish property. It is our responsibility to make our church and other facilities to keep it clean. Every week we have cleaners come to clean our church and its facilities. Please be considerate enough to leave the toilet clean after your use. Please do not put paper towels on the floor of toilets or to flush. Place them in the containers. The toilets are getting blocked all the time. Keep them clean as you leave for the next person to use. Thank you for your understanding.
Fr Joe, PP.

CALENDAR

| Monday 5/6 St Boniface Memorial | Tuesday 6/6 | Wednesday 7/6 | Thursday 8/6 | Friday 9/6 | Saturday 10/6 | Sunday 11/6 The Most Body & Blood of Christ Solemnity |
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| Safeguarding Parishes Week | | | | | | |
| 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Baptism Preparation Hall | 6.45am Mass 9.30am Mass 5.00 - 6.30pm First Holy Communion Practice | 9.30am Mass 11.00am Legion of Mary in Hall 2.00pm Mass: Governor Phillip 7.00pm Mass & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena | 9.30am Mass 11.00am Funeral Frank Sciberras 7.00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for 1st Holy Communion candidates | 6.45am Mass 12.10pm Mass & Divine Mercy Adoration | 9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass | 7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass |

PARISH ROSTER 10th / 11th June

If you are unable to attend the Mass please find a replacement.

| | Acolyte MATA | Altar Servers | Community Rep | Reader | Eucharistic Ministers | Music | AV |
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| Vigil | Brian Scott Dennis Welfare | Sreya Dias | Connie Limjap | Sharon Fallerio | Jim Fullerton Deborah Scott | Br David and Choir | Samara Dias |
| 7.00am | Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia | | Margaret Scicluna | Stuart Paterson | Luisa Davie Sue Sweeney | No Music | Brian Rees |
| 8.30am | Michael Tolentino Craig Walsh | Grace Peters | Carol Wright | Rose Walsh | Orlan Nugpo Peter Wheller | Jeffrey Mizzi | Carol Gill |
| 10.00am | John Jordan Jun Relunia | Alison Joseph | Puleiala Samuelu | Allan Johnson | Andrew Kosman Kathleen Pemberton | AMDG Adult Christine | Mark Johnson |
| 6.00pm | Cheryl Clark Jose Simeon | Jonathan Joseph | Daniel Whalen | Kathleen Smith | Carolyn D'Mello Kathryn Wrightson | CFC Janet | CFC |

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