



St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

TRINITY SUNDAY — YEAR B

GOD IS ONE AND GOD IS THREE: CELEBRATING THE TRINITY

One of the most fascinating things about being alive is the other people in our lives. Just as fascinating is the fact that the more we know them, the more there is still to know. Husbands and wives regularly report that even after more than twenty years together they are still getting glimpses of new things about the other. So it's only bit by bit that they can revel and rejoice in all the different and charming things about the other, who will always remain something of a mystery. It's the same with our knowledge and love of God – of God as Father, of God as Son, and of God as Holy Spirit. While God is anything but a closed book, it may take years of keeping company with God before we become deeply aware of particular pieces in the puzzle of who God is.

There are at least three ways of delving into the Mystery of the Trinity. One is to search for how something that is one can also be three. In this approach it might help to compare the Trinity to a tree. The Father is like the trunk of the one tree, the Son is like a branch of the same tree, and the Spirit is like the fruit the same tree produces. Or we might compare the Father to the sun in the sky, the Son to its rays, and the Spirit to its heat. Or we might think of the three as like three musical notes played together as one harmonious chord.

Another approach is to concentrate more directly on the relationship of the Trinity to us. The first thing that has to be said about this is that, strictly speaking, God is self-sufficient. In the interpersonal relationships that have existed for ever among Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God has been completely and perfectly happy and satisfied. But it is God's overflowing goodness that has led God to create us human beings in God's own image and likeness. It is God's overflowing goodness that has led God's Son to become a human being like us and live his life for others. It is God's overflowing goodness that has led God to give us our beautiful world to both preserve and develop in a harmonious balance. And it is

God's overflowing goodness that has led God to destine us for everlasting life with Godself on the other side of this life.

The next thing that needs to be said is that the interpersonal relationships of our three-in-one God, show us that to be a person we need other people in our lives, other people to love us, and other people for us to love. In the 1960's there was a popular song that said: "I am a rock. I am an island. And a rock feels no pain. And an island never cries." That message is a lie. For while there are times when healthy human beings like to be alone and deliberately choose their own company, there is something wrong if they're always saying like the famous Swedish actress, Greta Garbo: 'I want to be alone.' This is because we need the company and influence of others to animate us, to draw us out of ourselves, to complete us, to challenge us and comfort us. It's not for nothing that in the Genesis story of the creation of woman, God says: "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner" (2:18).

Some time ago I heard about a man who was so utterly alone in this world that nobody ever shook his hand, patted his back, gave him a hug, a friendly dig in the ribs, or even a wave. He became so desperately lonely that the only thing left for him to look forward to was a monthly visit to his hairdresser, where at least for a few minutes someone would touch him and care for him.

Loneliness can be a sad and cruel experience. This is particularly so for people placed in solitary confinement. I read a while back about a particular prison ward. The prisoners were given enough to eat. But they were not allowed to talk to each other. They were not allowed to work together because work leads to contact and conversation. They were not even allowed to listen to others on the radio or watch television. And of course they were never allowed visitors. After months of this cruel treatment there was not a single prisoner with even a skerrick left of self-esteem or self-confidence.

I hope and pray that none of us here will ever feel so isolated or alone, and especially when we have to face that particular human experience, which no one else can face for us—our death. What happens on the other side of that experience? What will we find there? Our faith tells us, that whatever else there will be, we will enjoy the company of other human beings. And more than that, on the other side of our death God will be waiting for us. The God who has loved us. The God who has understood us. The God who has kept us going. The God who has finally taken us to Godself.

This is what we are celebrating in our feast of the Trinity. This why we are giving praise and thanks to God in this Eucharist. _Because God is not alone and because we are not alone, and never will be. And so let us pray together and mean every word we say: “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, end ever shall be, world without end. AMEN

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Plenary Council 2020—

Listen to what the Spirit is saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops’ decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God’s people are invited to reflect on the question”

“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”

Find out more about the Plenary Council in 2020 at the new website now online:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Congratulations!

This weekend we join with the Catholic Parish of St Paul of the Cross Dunnick in celebrating the **175th Anniversary of the Passionist Fathers arrival on Stradbroke Island** in the first mission to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The Provincial, Fr Tom McDonough CP, will be in attendance, along with Fr Kevin Dance CP who was Provincial at the time of the 150th Anniversary celebration.

Help Wanted

We are expecting a number of young people from interstate here in the parish for the Ordination celebrations over the long weekend in June (8-11 June). If you are able to assist with inflatable air mattresses/sleeping bags/blankets etc , please contact the Parish Office with details/numbers etc as soon as possible to arrange. Many thanks.

Passionist Holy Spirit Province Communications

Face Book: Province—The Passionists: Holy Spirit Province

PASPAC—The Passionists: Asia-Pacific Configuration

Web Page—www.passionists.com

St Brigid’s Seniors’ Group

NEXT meeting: THIS SUNDAY, 27 May 2018 at 2.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. New members very welcome—just come along.

RCIA

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic , or learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office as our program for 2018/2019 is about to commence.

Altar Servers’ Training

June 6 (session 2) and June 13 (sessions 3 & 4). These will take place in the church with Sr Elena at 5.30pm

Marrickville Wurlitzer 50th Anniversary Concert.

NEXT Sunday 3 June from 2pm at Marrickville Town Hall. John Giacchi will play the Wurlitzer. Cabaret-style seating and BYO. Cost: \$35. Details and bookings: tosa.net.au/events

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

A 12 week course explaining the Catholic truths about the blessed Virgin Mary.

Where: Parish Hall, St Paul of the Cross, 532 N Canterbury Rd, D Hill

Date: Commencing Wednesday 13 June
Time: 7.30pm

Contact: Michael on 0420 990 501

“What are the Implications for the People of God arising from the Royal Commission?”

Hear Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald THIS Sunday 27 May at the Crypt of St Patrick’s Church, Grosvenor St, from 1.30-3.00pm \$10.00 or donation. Catalyst for Renewal.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or anyone close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney, we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on: 9390 5812

Information Directory

St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

Baptisms

Preparation: 1st Sundays 10am-11.30am
Presentation: 2nd Sunday 9am/ 10.30am
Masses
Baptisms: 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12 noon

Marriages

Saturday: 10am—3.00pm
Preferably 6 months notice
Contact: Parish Secretary 8577 5670

Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments Sr Elena
Care of Sick & Aged Sr Elena
CCD in State Schools Sue King
Children's Sacraments Sr Elenita
Cultural Committee Chair
Ecumenical & Interfaith Co-chairs
John McGrath, Pat Bowthorpe FMM
Family Groups Contact
Adrienne Harverson
Finance C'tee Chair Mary Leask
Justice & Peace Network Chair
Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries Fr Erick, Sr Elena
Men's Club Co-chairs: Arthur Kassis,
John Skinner, Mick Ward
Pastoral Council Co-chairs Peter Jennings,
Arthur Kassis
Youth Ministry: John Nguyen & Oliver Bautista

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (28/5): Lea's Team
Next Week (4/6): Jim/Lalo/Maree

20/5/18

1st (Passionists): \$ 2,155
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,617
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,543
Credit Cards: \$ 1,074

13/5/18.

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,915
2nd (Parish): \$ 3,738

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God bless & unite all your people in
Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of
the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one
another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on
the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you
are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled
future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

AMEN

*Our Lady Help of Christians,
pray for us.*

*St Mary MacKillop,
pray for us.*

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Maria Ferreira

Anniversaries: Bruno Nadile; Aileen Bennett; Brian Turner; Amy Alice Cloran; Anna Hoang Thi Ngan; Deolinda J. Simoes; Wiliam Edwards; Annie Collins; John Bell; Elizabeth Matthews.

Carrying Severe Illness: Edna Taylor; Marie Keys; Malcolm Keys; Lucja Suter; Elaine Gifford; Lesina Lufe; Frank Caruana; Maureen Thorne; Stella Pace; Maria Tropea; Lena Buck; Maria Pergola; Celine Steele; Fr Jim Elmore CP. Lily Sterling

Mass Texts: Trinity (Yr B)

First Reading: Deut 4: 32-34. 39-40
Response: Happy the people the Lord has
chosen as his own.
Second Reading: Romans 8: 14-17
Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20
Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

Mass Texts: Corpus Christi (Yr B)

First Reading: Exodus 24: 3-8
Response: The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.
Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15
Gospel: Mark 14: 12-16. 22-26
Intercessions Response:
Lord, graciously hear us

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Fri: Mass at 6.45am followed by adoration until 8.45am.
Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am.
Wednesday: Eucharistic adoration 6-7.00pm
Public Hols: Mass 9.00am only
Saturday: Mass 7.30 am; Reconciliation 9-10 am; Marriages 10-3 pm;
Reconciliation 4-4.45 pm; Mass: 5 pm; & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: Mass at 7.30 am, 9 am, 10 .30am (multilingual);
4.30pm (Vietnamese); and 6pm.

Ministry of Care & Support to Aged and Infirm

Mass is celebrated monthly in all the Nursing Homes in Marrickville.

Communion is taken to sick residents in Nursing Homes & in their homes on a weekly basis, either by Ministers of Care or family members.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after Masses on First Fridays, and at the 10am Italian mass on 1st Fridays. Also available on request and recommended before attending hospital for major surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fr Erick CP and Fr Thomas CP

*as you celebrate your
Second Anniversary of Ordination*

*Sunday 10 June 2018
at 10.30am Mass*

followed by morning tea on the lawns.

ALL WELCOME!

*Please bring a plate of finger food
to share*



Calendar

MAY

26/27 **Most Holy Trinity**

National Sorry Day: 26 May
National Reconciliation Week begins
Presentation of Confirmation candidates at ALL masses

Baptisms: 12 noon
Seniors' Group: 2.00pm: Parish Centre
Youth Group: 7-8.30pm: Hall
Confirmation Prep (final): 7pm in Hall

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JUNE

1 Youth Evangelisation Day: Casimir

2/3 **Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

Southern Cross Meeting: 2pm in Hall
Feast of the Sacred Heart
Confirmation Reflection Day

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9/10 **Sunday 10 in Ordinary Time**

2nd Anniversary of Fr Erick CP and Fr Thomas CP : 10.30am Mass & morning g tea

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Public Holiday: 9am Mass only

Altar Servers' training: 5.30pm in church

NO 9.00am Mass

Casimir Founders' Day Mass: 9.30am
7.00pm Tongan Mass

16/17 **Sunday 11 in Ordinary Time**

Altar Servers' Installations: 10.30am
CONFIRMATIONS: 2.00pm

Sunday Mass Ministries: Trinity and Corpus Christi Year B

Lectors/Commentators

Communion Ministers

Altar Servers

	26/27 May	2/3 June	26/27 May	2/3 June	26/27 May	2/3 June
5 pm Sat	Gabrielle Bietola Paul Cloran	Mary Leask Michael Price	William Metlej Liz Buchel Jim Yeo Margaret Dos Santos	Elizabeth Delaney SGS Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
7.30am Sun	Pat O'Reilly Carolan Ibbotson	Janice Schubach Margaret Kelly Susie Houssarini	Mary Enriken John Freeman	Mary Enriken Maria Mansour John Freeman	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	Christina Day Joseph Tupou Peter Jennings	John Skinner Bec Wong	Jennie Oesman Sue King Christine Day	Frank Cowell Jennie Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath John McGrath		
10.30 am Sun	Mely Siasat Italian Reader Kate Johnston	Bernadette Yammine Italian Reader Catherine Vagnozzi			Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia	Geoffrey Lean A & A de Vera
6 pm Sun	YOUTH	Arthur Kassis Robert Gascoigne	YOUTH		Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek