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St Andrew's Simpson



<u>Our Sick</u>: Fran Evans, Pat Thornton, Hugo Reidl, Damian Brick, Peter Brick

<u>Anniversaries in May:</u>: Elsie O'Donnell, John Conheady, William Delahenty, John Evans, Carolina Gagel, John Gaut, Shirley Freemen, Merle Ludeman, Harry Gatens, Peter Vu, Patrick Hession, Park Kennedy, Father Barry Stickland, Betty Delaney, Cath Howman, Margaret Richie, Roger Garner.



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate The Full Picture

We humans are created into the image of God. If our idea of God is wrong then we can imagine ourselves in a way which is dangerously de-humanising.

If we think of God as solitary Being then we might imagine that the best way of being human is to be solitary, self-sufficient, totally in-dependent of others. However, Jesus Christ revealed a different way for the eyes of faith to see God.

He had a sense of the most intimate communion with 'Abba', Father, and he had such a close relationship with the Holy Spirit that his very breathing on his disciples imparted this Breath of God upon them. The early Church was forced to conclude that Being and Relationship were both fundamentally primordial and true of the Tri-une God, or the Trinity for short.

Now, if we are created into *this* image of God, then our very existence needs to be relational for us to be fully human in this life and the next. To be totally self-absorbed is to consign oneself to a Hellish existence. To be open to communion with God, other human beings and the whole of creation is to enjoy a Heavenly existence.

We can take a moment to pray to thank God for this revelation not granted to, or at least not believed by, other great world religions. We thank Jesus Christ for satisfying our yearning to know the truth about our Creator, and helping us to understand what it is to be fully human. May we recall this every time we dip our fingers in the holy water font on entering a church, remembering our baptism: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.



<u>WINTER APPEAL</u> – Dear parishioners, your conference is proud to represent Catholics in caring for the needy. To donate go to https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic . Take care to write Cobden Simpson in the Comments/Conference Name box. Thank you. Pat



"Our Parish Community wishes to respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Giraiwurrung lands on which we live, work and worship Our God."



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 26th May 2024 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR B

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The Word of the Lord... Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

- 1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
- With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
- 3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
- Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
 The Lord is our help and our shield.
 May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord... Thanks be to God



Gospel Acclamation

See Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer

Pope Francis recognises Blessed Carlo miracle



Pope Francis has recognised a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis, paving the way for him to become the first millennial saint. Source: *CNA*.

The Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006 is known for his great devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The recognition of the second miracle attributed to Blessed Carlo's Intercession makes it possible that he could be canonised during the Church's 2025 Jubilee Year.

<u>Pope's intention for May –</u> for the formation of men and women religious and seminarians: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel. Lord, hear us.

Catholic Woman's League of Victoria & Wagga Wagga

Ballarat Diocesan Conference

Thursday May 23rd 2024

The Mary McKillop/ Mary Glowrey Room Ballarat Cathedral All welcome.

Morning tea 9:30am.

Conference opening 10am finish 2:55pm.

Mass 12:05 pm in Cathedral Registration to be in by 13th May

For more information

Contact Margaret Rowe Ph: 0419114435

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Are you interested in becoming a Mercy Associate?

This group seeks to "Preserve, Nurture and Reimagine the Mercy charism", established by Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy. Members are offered a number of social and spiritual activities throughout the year. If you are interested, both women and men, email mercyassociates@ismapng.org.au

Laudato Si' Week 2024: May 19-26

Caritas Australia have provided the following resources for Laudato Si' week, available from the diocesan https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/laudato-si-2024/

- Liturgy Notes for Pentecost Sunday
- Creation Mass for Laudato Si' Week
- Pentecost Homily
- A copy of the Laudato Si' Prayer
- Parish materials
- School resources

WWCC / SAFETRAC reminders

Volunteers, please check the details on your WWCC and update if necessary.

ALSO, "Safetrac Enrolments" emails were sent early May. This version is 99% more user friendly than the earlier training. Click on ALL icons as you go. Thankyou for your attention to these items.

To be completed by the thirty first of May Ruth

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28, 2023

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was chosen by a working group from Burkina Faso, "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke 10:27). The National Council of Churches in Australia have provided promotional and worship and reflection resources for this week, available at https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources

Timboon 2024	26th May 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C	2nd June 9:00am Mass	9th June 9:00 a.m. Assembly W&C
Welcome	A McMeel	G Vogels	N McKinnon
Leaders	E O'Connor, J McInerney		E O'Connor A Vogels
Statue	C Martin, P Martin		M Turner
Reader	P Nicholson	K Robertson	T O'Connor
P.O.F.	T O'Connor	G Swierczek	R Hoffmann
E.M.H.C.	C Bullen		A McMeel
Bulletin	P Nicholson M Moloney	Denney Family	Denney Family
Slides	A Vogels	K Currell	K Currell
Simpson	Assembly W&C 9:00am	Closed	Assembly W&C 9:00am