

**Reflection on the Gospel-Trinity Sunday Year C
(John 16:12-15)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They *will* come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth". This has a particular resonance at a time when "truth-telling" is so often compromised in political circles.

As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wiser with the knowledge of hindsight, even if we never fully understand. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dynamism of Trinitarian life.

No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutized or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community and, inspired by the Spirit of Truth, to reclaim truth in public life.

ST ALIPIUS PARISH—BALLARAT EAST

TRINITY SUNDAY — YEAR C

*Our parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity
of all children and vulnerable adults.*

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WEEKDAY MASSES COMMENCING MONDAY, 17th JUNE 2019

MONDAY:	No Mass	
TUESDAY:	No Mass	
WEDNESDAY:	9.30 am	Mercy Convent (Victoria St)
THURSDAY:	9.30 am	St. Alipius' Church
	11.00 am	Mercy Place (Corbett St)
FRIDAY:	9.30 am	St. Alipius' Church

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES

ST. ALIPIUS	SAT	22nd June	6.00 PM
	SUN	23rd June	10.30 AM
BUNINYONG	SUN	23rd June	9.00 AM

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST — YEAR C

READINGS	First:	Genesis 14:18-20
	Second:	1 Cor 11:23-26
	Gospel:	Jn 6:51-52

RECENT DEATHS: Margaret Hanrahan

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosalie Barry

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Nathan Cambell, Denise Learmonth, Cath Wheelahan, Alison Rice, Fiona Dickinson, Carmel Doherty, Aurora Ferrer, Leonie Sinnot, John Darroch, Eleanor Keating, Terry Foran, Cathy Jones, Pauline Stapleton, Fred Marouff, Lena Macklin.

BAPTISMS

Liam Jones
Oliver Jones
George Whitear
Leni Broadbent



COUNTING TEAMS:

This Week: **Team 1:** L. Noonan ©, G. Clarkson, L. Mullane
Next Week: **Team 2:** M. O'Donnell ©, L. O'Donnell

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

PARISH:	Envelopes:	\$ 820.00
	Loose:	\$ 300.00
	Direct Debits:	\$ 335.00
		\$ 1455.00
PRESBYTERY		\$ 710.00



THANK YOU

"You can give without loving but you can't love without giving"

Dear parishioners, thank you for your remembering and prayers on the occasion of our mothers death. Thank you to those who attended, and those who sent cards and messages. All was appreciated and the kindness matters well. We celebrated mums life well and live in gratitude. With grateful thanks, *Peter and the Sherman family*.

To Kathy, Carmel and members of our Bereavement Team and parish community, thank you for the wonderful care and support you provided to my family during preparations for my father's (Lang Dean) funeral and requiem mass. *Kristen Murray*.



ASYLUM SEEKER FUNDRAISER

Nazareth House Hall will be the venue again this year for our Annual luncheon on Wednesday June 19 as we raise funds to assist vulnerable people in our community. Come along and hear our dynamic speakers along with the Nuer dancers and the amazing St. Alipius School children singing. Admission \$20. Starting at 12.30pm with speakers and entertainment commencing at 1pm. Inquiries 0401175045.

PLENARY COUNCIL – NATIONAL THEMES FOR DISCERNMENT

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia. The themes are: Missionary and Evangelising; Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal; Prayerful and Eucharistic; Humble, Healing and Merciful; A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community; Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

For more information go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

ENCOUNTER TIMOR LESTE

Palms Australia invite you to join them for an immersive encounter with Timorese culture and communities. Experienced Palms participants will guide your journey from 1st September and deepen understanding of how sustainable development makes a real difference for our neighbours. For more information see the flier in the foyer and visit palms.org.au/encounters or call Palms on 02 9560 5333.

THE SWAG — magazine of the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PRIESTS

Copies of the winter edition are now available to read and share in the church foyer.

LITURGY

Choir Rehearsals

The SAP Community Choir is singing at the Vigil Mass on June 22 so we will be having rehearsals on the next two Tuesday evenings (June 11 & June 18) from 6.30pm - 7.30pm at St Alipius Church. Please contact David on 0427310564 or email sapliturgy@gmail.com to confirm your attendance. Looking forward to making great music together!

Volunteers Needed

At St Alipius church, we have a need for more people to help out with the data projector, especially on the following Sunday morning Masses: July 7 - 9am, July 14—10.30 am and July 21—9.00 am. The powerpoint is prepared by the parish and training in the use of the computer and setting up is provided. If you're able to become involved & help out on these dates, please contact the parish office or leave a message on the sapliturgy.net.au website using the contact form.

St. Alipius Parish Liturgy Website

<https://sapliturgy.net.au>

All parishioners are welcome to visit the St Alipius Parish Liturgy website so you can prepare yourself before coming, or reflect on your experience. You can view the Readings, sing along with your favourite hymns, read a reflection for the week, view the liturgy roster and catch up on any news regarding the liturgy for Sunday Mass at your convenience. You can also leave a comment or volunteer to be involved in any of the liturgical ministries. The website is an unlisted site, so you will not be able to search for it. So please type the address as noted into your web browser. **This address can also be found on the front page of the weekly notice sheet.**

David Santamaria (St Alipius Parish Liturgy Convener)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL

We invite you to be part of our annual Winter Appeal. This year, to date, the Society has distributed support to the value of \$260,911 across the Ballarat area. This is a weekly average of \$12,600. To date we have received 3,185 calls which gives us a weekly figure of approximately 177 calls. We are most grateful for the support we receive from our parish as it enables us to continue our support for those in need. **If anyone is interested in joining our group please contact Helen on ph. 0419 875 349 for information. Envelopes are available at the Piety Stall.** All donations are used in the Ballarat area. Donations of over \$2.00 are tax deductible, receipts will be issued.

MERCY CONNECT PROJECT

Mercy Works recruits volunteers to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The project aims to provide mentoring for young people to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. Mercy Connect volunteers work with students during school hours and the volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but volunteers receive on-going training and support. Obtaining a current Working with Children Check is part of the Application Process. For more information contact Donna Stewart, ph. 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com