

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS June 7th 2020
TRINITY SUNDAY YEAR A

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Welcome to 'Our Community News' for June 7th 2020 - Trinity
Sunday

Note: Today's Community News email has two other attachments
copy of 'The Saving Word' - Studies in Theology Special Session Information

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section" www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

FATHER JUSTIN'S ONLINE MASSES FROM ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL:

Reminder: Daily Mass at 11.30am from St John of God Hospital.

Access by searching St Patrick's Cathedral in Facebook If you can't watch then, you can always replay it.

<https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9>

RECENT DEATHS:

We continue to pray for all the victims to Coronavirus throughout the world.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eva Dridan, Clarence Herbert, Leila Willison Hughie O'Rorke, Harry Joseph Young, Rex Tiley, Monica Norbury, Max Young, Kelvin Underwood, Ethal Foran, Linda Smith Denise Briody, Julie McAloon, Anne Terris Maureen Costigan, Neville Waldron, Luke Atchison Les Buckwell, Bill Cochrane, Max Young, Chris Byrne

PRAY FOR ALL THESE FRIENDS OF OURS WHO ARE ILL:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Fr. Adrian McInerney, Shelagh Mulcahy, Valda Murphy, Michael Wise and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTERS:

The newsletter roster will continue, but if any parishioners wish to contribute anything at all for inclusion, it will be greatly appreciated. This is be a great way to keep our little community in touch. Just simply put your contribution in an email.

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SPECIAL STUDIES IN THEOLOGY: LITURGICAL INCULTURATION

ACU's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy and the ACU Centre for Liturgy will welcome Rev Prof Mark R Francis csv (President of Catholic Theological Union, Chicago) as a guest lecturer for a new one-off masters-level unit called: THEL620 Special Studies in Theology: Liturgical Inculturation will be offered as an online intensive on July 6, 7, 9 & 10. All information on the attached flyer.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Opportunities for group discussion and personal prayer

Paul writes a beautiful blessing to the community in Corinth: 'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.' (See today's second reading.) How do you experience this grace, love and fellowship of the Trinity in the community you have joined or seek to join? Are there things that make 'belief' hard for you?

What led you to wanting to make this journey to belief?

How do you understand 'eternal life'?

This week, contemplate your own relationships with people. In what ways do our own relationships with others teach us something of the relationship between Father, Son and Spirit?

Recite this Trinitarian prayer often this week:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen.

Reflection:

Please find on following some prayers and notes on today's readings and a reflection on the Gospel.

Images from the Word

- Peace
- Receive the Holy Spirit
- They are forgiven
- Head of each
- Jesus is Lord

Liturgical notes

'The Christian community is never closed in upon itself ... This intimate life only acquires its

full meaning when it becomes a witness ... Thus, it is the whole Church that receives the mission to evangelize, and the work of each individual member is important for the whole' (Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, § 15).

For many, the word *evangelisation* implies standing on a street corner pushing opinions to convert others. In contrast, Pope Paul speaks of a subtle and respectful approach of entering into dialogue with contemporary culture to discover its values and offer it the depth of Christian life. This is our daily task: to be witnesses to the world in which we move.

'O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption' (prayer after Communion).

Prayers and Images for Pentecost

In the weeks of isolation, gyms, pools, tennis courts, skate parks and bowling greens have all been closed. So many of us have been out walking. I have found a few extra minutes to notice and enjoy the trees in our neighbourhood. As I have stretched my legs each day, they have become a bit more like friends, waiting patiently for my visit, standing quietly while the rest of us keep moving. They have drawn me a little deeper into the mystery of life and into prayer.

Michael McGirr

Morning Prayer

Holy Spirit, thank you for the gift of wonder.

*On a cold morning, as the sun breaks through,
the world feels fresh and new.*

But we know it isn't.

*We know you have been at work for countless
ages, asking the human family to spread our branches to welcome your light.*

*May we find beauty in ourselves this day and
in all the people we meet.*

Michael McGirr

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

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GOD OF LOVE

The feast of the Holy Trinity brings the whole long sweep of Lent and Eastertide to an end. It invites us to sit back, as it were, and reflect upon the God who has been revealed in the full scope of the paschal mystery.

As sometimes presented, the doctrine of the Trinity can appear to be nothing but an arid theological puzzle. For the early Christians it was nothing of the kind. They held firmly to the Jewish belief that there was only one God. Yet as they reflected upon what they had experienced in all the events surrounding the person of Jesus Christ and the subsequent gift of the Spirit, they could only conclude that they had been addressed and drawn into a divine communion of love.

Today’s feast, then, celebrates the nearness, rather than the remoteness, of God.

Each of the readings explores this in some way. But the Gospel, drawn from the concluding section of Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus, most clearly brings out the continuity between the act of Christ in the paschal mystery and redemptive love of the Father.

The Father sent the Son, not to ‘judge’ (= condemn) the world, but to rescue it from its captivity to sin and death, and draw human beings into the communion of life and love that is the Godhead.

Judgement is not so much a future prospect as something that human beings determine for themselves by the way they respond to the revelation of God that comes to us through the life of Jesus and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.’ And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. ‘If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,’ he said ‘let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

R. Glory and praise for ever!



SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 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!