



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:19

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Happy Trinity Sunday! In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus declare together all three Persons of the Trinity. "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

When we speak of the Trinity, two different theological words are sometimes used: immanent and economic. The immanent Trinity is the life of the three Persons within themselves, the inner harmonious relationship between Father, Son, and Spirit. We see this in the Gospels when Jesus speaks of his Father and promises to send the Holy Spirit. The term "economic" has its roots in the Greek word *oikonomia*, roughly meaning "household management." The economic Trinity is our three-Personed God's relationship with creation; it is creation and redemption and ongoing relationship with us.

Made in the image and likeness of God, we are called to imitate God's immanence by giving and receiving love with one another in community. However, this is not limited only to those close to us, though that's where love often starts. We also imitate the economy of God when we go out, when we extend our love and care in a life-giving way. "Go therefore?"

Every believer is sent on mission. Every believer is invited to follow Jesus and the Apostles "to the nations," to the margins, to the people who require a little extra reach. This could be a distant relative, the residents of your local homeless shelter or even the forgotten neighbour next door! When we love well, we create something beautiful—a relationship, a holy moment, a foretaste of heaven. This Trinity Sunday, take some time to examine the relationships in your life. How well do you love those nearest to you? How well do you reach out to those farther away? How are you creating something beautiful?

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LIVE THE LITURGY

The love relationship that exists among the Persons of the Holy Trinity is both intense and intimate. As beautiful as this teaching is, it demonstrates how human language really pales in trying to capture the essence of God. The Father brings us to the creative, powerful, yet gently meticulous part of God who has brought mountains and hills into being, as well as each of his children. Still the Father is more than this. The Son demonstrates the unconditional love of God filled with endless mercy and compassion. This love really understands the journey of the marginalized and the poor and has no use for created powers and structures that alienate and hurt people. But the Son is even more than this. The Holy Spirit is the breath of God who teaches wisdom and brings understanding, who governs the seasons and discerns the thoughts of human hearts. Yet the Holy Spirit is still more than this. We worship a God who is beyond and also intimately bonded to all that he has made, without whom nothing could be sustained in being. Praise the Holy Trinity!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

My wife and I have used the same baptismal gown for all 3 of our children. It is a very long traditional gown made with fabric taken from my wife's first communion dress and my mother-in-law's wedding gown. It is a symbol not just of each child being washed clean by the sacrament, but also of family and how faith has been passed down through generations. Faith is a gift and that gown shows how this family has taken seriously the cultivation of that faith and the sharing of it with those we love the most.

By our baptism we are called to a discipleship that compels us to share our faith with others. It is not always easy, but it would be wrong to hoard that faith and not let it shine for others to see. When we think about a stewardship way of life, we sometimes focus on material goods, our talents and skills, or our time. But faith is a gift that needs to be treated in a similar way. We are heirs with Jesus Christ to this rich tapestry of faith and the Church. If all of us were to hide that faith and not seek to share it with others, that lineage would end with us.

We live during a time in history where in some lands people are finding Jesus in huge numbers, while in other places the numbers of people in the pews is declining sharply. We can spend all our time talking about these realities or we can choose to respond to our baptismal call. Jesus commanded us to go forth and make disciples of all nations. Maybe we can begin with our neighbour.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS -

LIVING JUSTLY LIVING SUSTAINABLY

This week is National Reconciliation Week. All Australians are invited to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help us grow as a nation.

Our Baptism calls us to support our Indigenous sisters and brothers in the pursuit of national recognition, reconciliation and social justice.
(Social Justice Diary 2018)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: June Gilmour; Helen Maher; Rita Spiteri (Malta); Doris Robb; Val Brasch (Brisbane); Noelene Harris; Ada Russell; Charlie Baker (Castlemaine, Vic); Thomas "Dessie" Doherty; Dolly Everett and Lorna Gibbs.

Anniversaries: Giovanni De Zotti; Louise Heaton; Ernie Thorne; Luciano Dotto; Evelyn Callaghan; Francis 'Jim' Allen (Dalby); Rosina Dalzilio; Alex Moohen; Bill Barry (Mackay); Isobel Coop; Teresa Modolo; Sandy Brennan (Tarda); Marjorie Jansen; Mary McEvoy; Leslie McGaw; Joseph Della-Vedova; Mark Mullins (Toowoomba); Connie Taylor; George Taylor; Alice Blyde and John Lines.

NOTICES

Congratulations: to the children who have received Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. We welcome you as new members of the Body of Christ and pray that you will gather with your faith community often.

Rockhampton Clergy Support Appeal: will be held next weekend - the 2nd & 3rd June 2018. This is our way to support our retired and sick clergy who have faithfully supported our Diocese. Envelopes are available from the front door of all Churches.

Bundaberg Show Holiday: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 31 May 2018 for the Public Holiday.

Christian Unity Prayer Group: Thursday, 31 May 2018 at 10.00am in the **Novakoski Centre** followed by fellowship.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship: Applications are now open for the St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship which offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 23rd July 2018. Details & application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>.

60 Years Jubilee Celebration: St Michael's Parish, Moura will be celebrating their 60th Jubilee on **Saturday, 4 August 2018** with 10am Mass followed by a BBQ Lunch. For more information or to RSVP please contact Helen (Ph: 4997 1299) or the Biloela Parish Office (Ph: 4992 1252 or email: val.reg@bigpond.com). All welcome.

The 14th Annual eConference: Wednesday, 8 August 2018 from 10.00am to 2.00pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. This year's eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion about the future vision & direction of the Catholic Church in our country. Please contact the Parish Office to Register. Note: Registrations close Monday, 6 August 2018.

Relay for Life 2018: is being held **from 2.00pm Saturday, 11 August to 8.00am Sunday, 12 August 2018** at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct. Registration costs \$30. If you would like to register as a member of the Catholic Parish of Bundaberg Relay for Life Team please visit the Cancer Council Office at 41 Woongarra Street, (*diagonally across from the Parish Office*) or for more information contact Denise Tuzes at the Parish Office on telephone no. 4151 6666.

125 Years Jubilee Celebration: St Brigid's Parish, Longreach will be celebrating their 125th Jubilee on **Saturday, 18 August 2018** with 5pm Mass followed by a celebration dinner. For more information or to RSVP please telephone 4658 1313 or email: jo.137@bigpond.com. Everyone welcome.

Word Among Us ~ June Edition: is now available for collection from the Parish Office.

Are you new to the Parish?: Have you written your name in the *New Parishioners Book* at the front of the Church or contacted the Parish Office? Telephone: 4151 6666 or email: sbundaberg@rok.catholic.net.au.

2018/2019 Planned Giving Envelopes: will soon be available. To help with the ease of distribution, it would be appreciated if you advised the Parish Office of any changes to your details or address.

LITURGIES

8th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday 28 May 2018

9.00am St Patrick's - Mass

Tuesday 29 May 2018

9.00am St James - LWC

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Wednesday 30 May 2018

8.00am Shalom - Mass

5.30pm St Patrick's - Mass

Thursday 31 May 2018

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Holy Rosary - Mass

Friday 1 June 2018

St Justin

12.15pm Holy Rosary - Mass

Saturday 2 June 2018

7.30am St Mary's - Mass

9.00am Holy Rosary - Penance

NEXT SUNDAY

3 June 2018

**The Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ
Hours of Solemnity, Te Deum**

Saturday

6.00pm St Patrick's

Sunday

7.00am St James'

8.00am Holy Rosary

9.00am St Mary's

12noon Baffle Creek

5.30pm Holy Rosary

SCRIPTURES

First Reading

Exodus 24:3-8

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



THE DANCE OF LIFE

The Holy Trinity is the central, paramount and foundational doctrine of our entire belief system.

"We must admit that should the doctrine of the Trinity have to be dropped as false tomorrow the major part of religious literature would remain unchanged ... ninety-five percent of our lives would remain unchanged"

(Karl Rahner Jesuit Theologian)

The very nature of God is seen as having no practical or pastoral use?!

Let us return to the third century and revisit what our early Fathers of the Church meant when they coined the word we call Trinity. The Greek word is a form of *Perichoresis* which picks up the connotations of *to dance, circle, celebrate with, to honour, art of ...* let us take the old dusty dogma off the shelf and depth the Mystery just a little deeper and perhaps a little differently. Another way of touching the breathing, fiery dance of life.

INNER EXPERIENCE

This mystery must be an inner experience not like an object handed down by someone but lived as in our breathing. Jesus breathes on the disciples at Pentecost (John). It is the actual dance of life not some mechanical or wooden dogma! The incarnation includes all creation in the dance. It flows to make us images of God's self (Genesis).

The other metaphors used are fire, wind, dove, living water. None of these can be captured, regulated or put on a shelf. They flow where they will despite our efforts to control them. All we have is metaphor when we attempt to use language to describe the transcendent.

DANCE OF LIFE

We experience this flow, this dance, circle ... in real life.

Today the children of our parish make their First Communion.

Feel the flow, backwards and forwards as you delight in this presence of life as humanity and divinity meet in Christ. Remember your own Dance!

You can try this presence in anything from the sunset to a tree. From a rock to a grasshopper! Simply allow the presence and you experience the dance.

It is interesting that our sciences today are just beginning to realise that the energy in the universe is not in the planets or the neutrons but in the dance between the matter itself. Our universe is relational. All creation has dignity.

OPENNESS TO THE FLOW

Our relationship with God is not about status, wealth, gender, age, health, intellect, slave or free, Jew or Gentile, religion, righteous, criminal... Our relationship is about our openness to allow the flow. It is not about earning 'Brownie Points' but allowing the Spirit to dance within you. Surely prayer is not about words but the Spirit praying in you (Romans 8).

How fortunate we are in our Catholic tradition to experience the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist: *through him, with him and in him* How fortunate we are that our great mystics keep reminding us that we are *caught in God's great being* (John of the Cross).

Find your sacred space with the young ones today and allow the flow by surrendering, trusting, yielding, allowing ...

Say 'yes' as Mary did and experience the movement of the dance. Hardly the way of the secular world!

Let us live in the Dance. Experience the endless flow, the variety, our relationship with God. Know that wherever we are on our journey God dwells there. And feel God's joy as we take our steps with the children in the Dance of First Communion.

(Based on Richard Rohr, OFM *The Divine Dance: Exploring the Mystery of Trinity*. 2004 CAC.)

SCRIPTURE REFLECT & RESPOND

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses recounts to the Israelites, just prior to their entry into the Promised Land, all the miraculous work done by God that they witnessed. Why do you think Moses placed such a high premium on remembering their story?

Romans 8:14-17

Paul speaks to the believers in the city of Rome, "who are led by the Spirit," as being "joint heirs with Christ" as children of God. In what way do you find hope in this message from Paul?

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus' final command to the disciples before his ascension is to baptize all the nations "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." How do you see the Church being faithful to this command?



—St. Philip Neri

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**In relationship with Christ,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we serve joyfully as a people
beloved and called by God.**