



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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The Most Holy Trinity - 30th May 2021

Holy Trinity: The Fullness of Love

The mystery of the most Holy Trinity, the feast that we celebrate this weekend is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. In our practice of Christian faith, the Trinity is recalled often in prayer and during the daily routine of every Christian. Each time we make the sign of the cross, we say: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Even though we remember the Trinity several times a day, as we invoke the divine presence before we begin any activity; it is difficult to comprehend the full meaning because the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we invoke constitute a great Mystery.

In our limited human understanding of the Trinity, specific roles however are attributed to them. Namely, Father as the Creator, Son as the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit as the Sanctifier. Jesus explicitly teaches us about His close union with the Father and the Spirit, which is a bond of love. At the Holy Mass the priest begins the celebration in the name of the Trinity and concludes the Holy Mass with a solemn blessing, again in the name of the Holy Trinity. In all our Catholic liturgy, we find references to the presence of the Blessed Trinity. St. Cyril, the teacher of the Slavs, tried to explain the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity using the sun as an example. He said, "God the Father is that blazing sun. God the Son is its light and God the Holy Spirit is its heat — but there is only one sun. So, there are three Persons in the Holy Trinity, but God is One and indivisible." St. John Maria Vianney used to explain the Holy Trinity using lighted candles and roses on the altar and water in the cruets. "The flame has colour, warmth and shape. But these are expressions of one flame. Similarly, the rose has colour, fragrance and shape. But these are expressions of one reality, namely, a rose. Water, steam and ice are three distinct expressions of one reality. In the same way one God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and the Holy Spirit."

The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each other. We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father, who created us, His Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us. Our lives should reflect the Trinity. We are called to be creative like the Father, compassionate like His Son, and offer our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.

Important Information Session: Sacristans, Readers, Communion Ministers and parents of Junior Ministers are reminded to attend either Wednesday, 2 June at 5.30pm (changed from 3 June) or Saturday, 5 June at 9.30am. Current, past and future ministers, as well as Musicians and other interested parishioners are welcome to attend. You will learn more about these roles and understand why things are done a certain way in the Church today. The sessions will be held in our church.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40 – The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Psalm Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading: Rom 8:14-17 – You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Gospel Acclamation

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: Matt 28:16-20 – Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**Real happiness doesn't
come
from getting everything
you want.
It comes from sharing
what you
have with people who
matter.**

Next week's Readings

First: Exod 24:3-8

Second: Heb 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Parish Council Members: Chris Mahoney, Therese Evans, Cathy McGrath, Lorraine Kumar, John Spillane

A VOCATION VIEW:

God the father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. When we go out to make disciples of all nations, we have a lot to tell. God is Lord in heaven above and on earth below. Having received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, you are called to proclaim, Glory to the Father, to the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was and who is to come". Alleluia!

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Ed Moloney, Peter Hapuarachchi, Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Chris Talty.

Anniversaries & Remembrances May: Josephine Romero, Babs Gilhooley, Amber Rose (birthday) daughter of Celina and David McGovern, Michael Czapkowski (birthday), Anastacia Wieland, Bill Cluck, Matha Cluck, Flo Conway, Aristeo Avenia, Denis Glanville, Edward Bartlett, Barbara McGhee, Denise Hodgson, Alma Maclean, Jessie Maclean, Kerry Powell, Norma Cowsell, Simon Bromley, Peter Harman, Giovanni Ragagnin, Betty Avenia, Sr Anne Pulling RSH, Dr Salolatore Vitali, Lauren Smith, Maureen McNab, Nell Elliott, Bede Ryan, Aldo Bandiera, James Harrison, Ann Hockings, Nellie Modral, Saul David, Alberto Bandiera, Patricia Watson, Noel & Role Gablonski, Luigi Basso, Irma Moroney, Moira Peterson, Margaret Knights, Jessie Maclean, James King.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

Mass Celebrations Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system, please call the parish office to register.

Saturdays at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

Sundays at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

Columbarium We are now taking reservations for niches or plaques. If you would like to discuss your requirements or have any questions about the process, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal — 12th & 13th June The cold winter months are particularly hard for the most disadvantaged people in our community. Vinnies Changes Lives Every Day. Be part of that change by donating to the Vinnies Winter Appeal through our Parish. Envelopes will be available in the Church.

'A Morning's Prayer' at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston on **Saturday 12th June**. The morning (9am-12pm) is facilitated with a time of input, prayer, morning tea, reflection and faith sharing, and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome. We encourage you to book early to avoid missing out, as spaces are limited. If you can't make it this time, or if you'd like to attend down the track, bookings are open for the Saturdays of **28 August, 18 September, and 4 December**. Cost - \$15 per person. For all bookings go to:

<https://santateresa.org.au/news-events/>

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION & PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT ...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14. *Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.* This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane *Code of Ethical Behaviour for employees and volunteers who work in service of the Church* as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State. Local Safeguarding Officer for Birkdale Parish is Lisa Knight: 3822 2139 birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Diary:

Monday 31st May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer
2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 1st June

St Justin

Wednesday 2nd June

7:30am HEARTfit
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer
5:30pm Information Session for Ministry

Thursday 3rd June

St Charles Lwanga & companions

9:45am Mass at Dutch Village
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 4th June

9:30am Mass
10:30am Mass at Regis Grange

Saturday 5th June

St Boniface

9:30am Information Session for Ministry
3:00pm Baptism Celebration
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 6th June

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00am Mass followed by Sacramental Workshop

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

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| Roster | Readers | Counting | Group 1 |
| 5 th & 6 th June | 6:15pm (1st) Therese E (2nd and POF) Tom M | 8:00am (1st) Megan B (2 nd and POF) Rob B | 6:15pm Gp 1 6:15pm Alan B |
| | | Music | 8:00am Gp 3 |
| | | PowerPoint | 8:00am Chris M |

The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

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.'

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.'