

## Making sense of the Trinity

Today we celebrate that God comes to us, communicates with us, and relates to us in three distinct ways as three distinct persons. It is no accident that we celebrate Trinity Sunday at this particular point in the liturgical year — after Easter, Ascension and Pentecost — because it was through those events that the disciples realised that God is a Trinity of three divine persons, and yet only one God. This deep conviction that God exists in three persons emerged in those Easter events. It is a conviction that has confounded Christians ever since: how to express this and how to make sense of it. Even St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas wrestled with this complexity.

Artists and icon writers have depicted the Three in various ways: as three angels, as three human-like figures, and two men (a Father and Son) with a dove (representing the Holy Spirit who descended like a dove at Jesus' baptism). Just as no words can express this ineffable mystery, neither can it be adequately expressed through any visual image.

What is reassuring and invigorating for our faith today is that our forebears among the early Christians, as well as many saints and mystics throughout the ages, have been keenly attuned to this great mystery. They recognised that these Three, who from the very earliest of days were called Father, Son and Holy Spirit, coexist as equals in the one God, and that this is the three-personed love in which we, and indeed all creation, live and move and have our being. We, each and every one of us, like the early disciples and the saints and mystics, are invited into that three-personed love, into relationship with these Three. Our prayer today is that we, individually and together, might enter ever more deeply into this mystery of God's love, and allow it to enter into us, and to work in us. This indeed is grace: it is God, the Trinity, abiding in us and transforming us ever more closely into God's image. Little by little, we then come to see, understand and love the world and all the people in it — if but dimly — as God sees, understands and loves it. That is in fact what we glimpse in the lives of holy people, and that is what is promised to each and every one of us. And little by little, we take up the challenge which the mystery of the Trinity offers to us in our daily lives. The challenge is to be whole-hearted in our hospitality and concern and compassion for others, to be welcoming to the stranger, the lost, the lonely, the wounded, the asylum seeker, the refugee, and to respond generously and sensitively to their needs. It is in those concrete ways that we live true to our faith in God who is Trinity.

Anne Hunt

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### Masses:

**Saturday Vigil:**

5.30pm

**Sunday:** 8.00am &  
10.00am

**Monday-Saturday:**  
9.00am

**Anointing Mass:**

First Friday of each  
month at 9am Mass

**Prayer of the Church:**

**Saturday:** 8.45am &  
**Novena** at 9am Mass

**Reconciliation:**

**Saturday:** After 9am  
Mass & 4pm after-  
noon

**Rosary Group:**

**Each Friday:** 3:30pm  
in Parish Centre

**Exposition:**

**Every Thursday**  
9.30am - 6.45pm  
with Benediction at  
6.45pm



## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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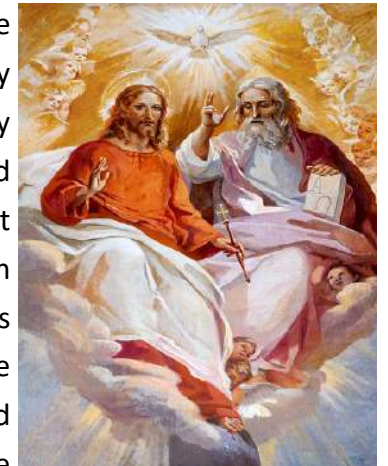
**Parish Administrator:** Karla Nobre Milosevic

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## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 May 2021

The Father is my hope. The Son is my refuge. The Holy Spirit is my protector. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Let us praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; let us bless and exult God above all for ever! Almighty and everlasting God, to whom we



owe the grace of professing the true faith, grant that while acknowledging the glory of the eternal Trinity and adoring its unity, we may through your majestic power be confirmed in this faith and defended against all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

# newsletter

## CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER



### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Our Parish will be running a preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph in the Parish Center starting in mid-July, with a consecration date of mid-August. We will be using the book Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father, by Fr. Donald Calloway. If you are interested in participating, please register your interest with Sekai ([kwangwas@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kwangwas@yahoo.co.uk)) or Odelia ([steveodelia@gmail.com](mailto:steveodelia@gmail.com)). More details to follow.

### ANOINTING MASS

Friday 4 June at 9am

An Anointing Mass for the sick is held on the first Friday of the month, followed by morning tea.

*All welcome.*



### YOUTH GROUP GAMES NIGHT

SUNDAY 30 MAY 5-7PM

Join the youth group for a fun games night this Sunday in the parish meeting room. Young people 14+. Bring your friends.

For more information contact Maria 0272105050 or Lucy 021862327

### SIGN-UP SUNDAY JUNE 13

Sign-up Sunday is on June 13th. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for a ministry in our parish.



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### ST IGNATIUS SCHOOL FUNDRAISING AUCTION 2021

Seeking donations. For example, vouchers, experiences, services. If you can help, please email Tonia & Amy at [saintignatiuspta@gmail.com](mailto:saintignatiuspta@gmail.com).

The Parish Pastoral Council and every parishioner sends a big thank you to **MR GRAHAM FABIAN** of New World, Stonefields, for his generosity in sponsoring the finger food served at the Parish Farewell to the Redemptorists.

*May God Bless you and your family for your kindness to Mother of Perpetual Help Parish*

*Thank You!*

### We remember in prayer our parishioners whose anniversaries occur

during May: Dorothy Scully, Br Raymond Kassler CSsR, Annie Lokes, Br Rexton Lamb CSsR, Ruru Basting, Aisling Wilson, Keith Dalton, Rita Lowen, John Heron, Nora Sharkey

### Next Week: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ 5 & 6 June

1. Exodus 24:3-8 2. Hebrews 9:11-15 3. Gospel Mark 14:12-16,22-26

ROSTERS	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Welcomer		Chester Rivera	Maggie Mujica
Greeters	Greg Curry Sarah Curry	Sue Rivalland Judith Bilderbeck	Mary Osborne Brigitte Oberndorfer
Musicians	Filipino Singers		MPH Parish Choir
PowerPoint	Filipino Singers	Helen Wright	MPH Parish Choir
Children's Liturgy			
Prayers of the Faithful	Bernie Culpan		
Ministers of Communion	Brain Houston Heather Hart	Delreen Rayen Janine Rayen	Ann Simich Simone Schollum
Readers	Mark Hillman Louise Morton	Bernie Culpan Karla Schweder	Angela Shields Siobhan Sims
Cleaners	Jasmine & Brendan Connolly   <b>Altar Linen:</b> Sue Rivalland		
Grace Joel	10.30am Gerard Murphy		
Sacramental Programme	<b>Offertory Procession:</b> 10.00am		