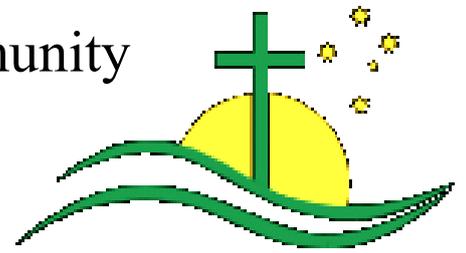




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Most Holy Trinity Sunday, 29-30 May, 2021

Trinity Sunday

The Trinity is an element of our faith that is often put in the “too hard” basket, because it’s a paradox: Three Persons, and yet one Nature, one God. Our entire Catholic faith is full of such paradoxes: the Incarnation, fully God, and fully human; the Virgin Mother; the very Cross itself. As concepts, these elements of our faith are immensely difficult to grasp, let alone explain. So, it’s no surprise that there’s a hesitance to even try and engage with them.

We need to approach this from a different angle, because none of these paradoxes are simply “concepts,” or “ideas.” Each one of them are mystical realities that invite us into a deeper space. We can’t use logic to explain them away. We can’t look at them like a maths equation, or a scientific formula, that would be a mistake. We can’t do these things because these realities are best understood through the eyes of faith.

I have no doubt that each of us have had some sort of transcendent experience. I have shared before about an experience I had in Adelaide, laying down on a cricket pitch, and knowing unequivocally that I was headed in the right direction. We’ve each had moments in our lives when things just made sense. In those moments, it was as if we could see the entire puzzle, and how all of the pieces fit together. In the deepest recesses of our faith, the pathway is all laid out for us, we just need to create a space where God can affirm that.

This is what I mean by looking through the eyes of faith. It’s not about understanding, with perfect clarity, the intricacies and nuances of the Trinity, it’s about fostering a space within us where we might come to a deeper experience of the God who is Three-in-One.

A few years ago, I had a conversation with a close friend of mine, Tim McDade. He spoke

about how he finds meaning by living in the tension between these seemingly opposite ideas. Not by seeking answers or explanations, but by allowing these tensions and questions to become for him sources of growth. Tim called this a space of “creative tension.” I understood more in this conversation about the paradoxical aspects of our faith than I did throughout a lot of my theology lectures.

We’ve just entered into another short lockdown, and we find ourselves again living through the uncertainty, doubt, and tension of this historical time. We’re still living it, so it’s easy to let it slip our vision, but we’re still in the middle of a global pandemic. We live in a world that insists on easy answers. Quick solutions. Instant gratification. However, COVID-19 has forced us to stop. To realise that sometimes the answers aren’t easy. The solutions aren’t quick. It’s forced us to actually sit in the tension, not knowing what comes next.

Just this week, Pope Francis reminds us that we need to have patience. He reflected on the fact that so many of our prayers seemingly go unanswered. Whether it be for healing, or an end to injustices and wars. He reminded us that even in our Gospels, Jesus responds to each request in a different way, and in a different time. Each request, though, is answered.

Part of a blessing that I have loved for many years, is able to speak to us here, I think:

“May God bless you with discomfort
 At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
 So that you may live deep within your heart.”

The tension and discomfort we feel at attempting to understand the Trinity is the same tension and discomfort that we feel when looking for answers in our hurting world. Patiently inviting God to be there with us in these moments is the way in which we are able to see through the eyes of faith. In the words of The

Weekday Masses (No Mass during lockdown)

Monday
9am Mass

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Weekend Masses

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am & 6pm Mass
(11am Mass will also be live streamed)

Please click on this link to follow this Sunday Mass

<https://youtu.be/TqZs4s18HEE>

Parish Reconciliation:

Saturdays 10am - 10.30am

Priests: Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP) Deacon Luke Bulley CP	Passionist Community Fr Brian Gleeson CP Fr Kevin Hennessy CP	St Paul Apostle North Primary School Ph. 9700 6068 Principal Mrs Mary Lucas	St Paul Apostle South Primary School Ph. 9700 3663 Principal Mr Paul Gleeson	St John’s Regional College Ph. 9791 3366 Principal Mr Tim Hogan
Parish Staff: Gillian Velupillay (Bursar) Didi Karkas (Secretary)				

Parish Calendar, News & Events

Little Prince, "And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

by Deacon Luke

DEACON LUKE ORDINATION

As many of you are aware, our brother Luke will be ordained at 7pm on **Tuesday the 29th of June**, at St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane. While difficult to attend in person, there will be a livestream, which will be accessible shortly before the ordination. We will be playing the livestream in the Church for those who would like to watch the ordination live together. We will also provide details at a later date about a Thanksgiving Mass once he returns from Brisbane where our SPA community can celebrate together with Luke.

2021 CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

After the interruptions of last year we are slowly catching up with our sacramental program. We envisage being "back to normal" by year end. Registration forms can be obtained from the Parish office during office hours. Please note that if your child does not attend Parish Schools, they must attend After School Religious Education (ASRE) classes, which usually runs on TUESDAYS, 4pm to 5pm. Please contact Parish Office if you have any questions, Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2pm. Relevant dates for each Sacrament are as follows:

Dates for Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday, 8th June - Introduction night in church 7pm

Follow by 2 classes in the schools or After School RE classes

Tuesday, 20th July - Final class at church at 7pm

Services - Dates to Be Confirmed on June 8th

Dates for Sacrament of First Communion

Tuesday, 3rd August - Introduction night in church at 7pm

follow by 3 classes in the schools or After School RE classes

Tuesday, 7th September - Final class at church at 7pm

Masses: **10th and 11 September (time to be advised)**

We hope that the family, parish and schools can assist these children to attain a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith

ST PAUL APOSTLE JUSTICE GROUP—EGG COLLECTION

This is one of the active actions of our Justice group to support the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Prior to the COVID, the group has this special 3 monthly collection to help buy the eggs for the organization to supply protein for the Asylum seekers food bank.



After all Masses on 5-6 June (unless there is a further lockdown), the members of this group will be standing at the door to receive your donation. SPA Justice Group thanks you for your support.

ST PAUL APOSTLE NORTH PLAYGROUP

Our North School are having FREE playgroup sessions for any families who are interested. Dates are:

Monday 11.30am to 1.30pm on June 7th & 21st

If you are interested please call 9700 6068

Readings:

The Trinity Sunday Yr B:

Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40;

Rom 8: 14-17;

Mt 28: 16-20

Corpus Christi Sunday Yr B:

Ex 24: 3-8;

Heb;

Mt 28: 16-20

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Fr Xavier Ubagaraswamy, Michael Nguk Yan, Alex Clark, Patrick Savelio, Camilla D'Rozario, Sr. Serafina, Andre Machado, Yvette Woods, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Gaetan Clark, Ismael Bermudez, Jack Scanlan, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Irma Aiello, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, those who are ill due to Coronavirus and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues



Those who have died

Newton Lowe, Valerie Trindade, Betty Evans, Paul Bonnicci, Joyce Madeira, Marjori & Archie Ferreira, Piet Lie, Wilfrida Tan, Suresh, Mangal, Sidney Platcher, Vijetha, Chandru, Lorna Goel, Jenny Louise, Adil Urmila, Anju Devadasen, Linda Hawkes, Angela Hawkes, Wai Seng Lu, Peter Lee Teck Meng, Jesse Khaw intention of the giver, **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

