

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Holy Trinity

### FIRST READING from the book of Exodus

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 Lords.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.  
Blest your glorious holy name.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

Glory and praise for ever!

### SECOND READING from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

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 See 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!

### GOSPEL reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Q. What are the different symbols or images of Trinity that you can identify?

Q. Why do you think the concept of Trinity developed so slowly over a few hundred years?

Q. In what ways is it helpful to be able to think about God in three different ways?

Q. How would you explain the concept of 'Trinity' to a non-Christian?

**Trinity** At no point in the New Testament is the term 'Trinity' used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.

**We believe...** The teaching on the Trinity was not formally constructed until the 4th Century and was documented in the creed that emerged from the Council of Nicaea. The Creed that is said today in the Sunday liturgy is a version of that original Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed spells out Christian beliefs about the nature of God, Jesus and the Spirit and was worded very carefully to negate a variety of heretical views that were held at the time. It is as much a statement about what we do not believe as it is a statement about what we do believe!

**Sign of the Cross** Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.

## ST MARY'S PARISH SWAN HILL BULLETIN

**Priest:** Fr. Matthew Thomas PP

**Parish Secretary:** Glenda Klabbers

**Parish Council Chair:** Michelle Haeusler

**Parish Safeguarding Officers:**  
Karen & Damien Kelly

**St Mary's School Principal:** Greg Lane

**St Mary MacKillop Principal:** Michelle Haeusler

**Parish Office:** Tuesday 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm



## HOLY TRINITY

Year A

11th June 2017

**Presbytery:** 62 Splatt Street Swan Hill 3585

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The Parish of Swan Hill comprises of the faith Communities of:  
St Marys Swan Hill,  
St Joseph's Lake Boga

### Mass Next Weekend:

Saturday 6.30 pm Vigil Swan Hill  
Sunday 10.30 am Swan Hill

### Mass this Week:

Tuesday: 5.30 pm  
Wed: 10.00 am  
2.00 pm Alcheringa  
Thursday: 10.00 am  
Friday: 11.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.00 noon

**Recently Deceased: We commend to God:** Patricia Ladsen, Maria Sirolli, Dorothy Murphy,

**Anniversaries: We remember:** Fr Lyle Young, Catherine Fogarty, Margaret Jirik, Mavis O'Halloran, Margaret Templeton, Sarah O'Halloran, Noel Storer, Gwynnivere Frazer, Pasquale Trinci, Rosario Pizzo.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Erin Coburn, Jude Lewis, Ronald Duryea, Brian Mulcahy, Brooke Kennedy, Joy Parsons, Jarrod Crimmins,

*If you would like a sick person prayed for, please ask for their permission. After one month names will be deleted from the list unless otherwise advised.*

We welcome Fr Jim McKay to Swan Hill this weekend and thank him for celebrating Mass with us.

Over 60's meet this Monday 12th June at 1.30 pm  
All welcome.

Baptism Preparation Program Monday 19th June at 7.00 pm in the parish centre.

**Young people: Pope Francis wants to hear from you!**  
**Online Survey now open**

This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on **2 July 2017**.

Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

For more information:

[youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 5337 7125.

**Parish Stewardship Program** This year we are renewing our Stewardship Program given that it has been 3 years since the Parish renewed its Planned Giving Program.

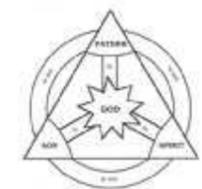
The Program will be pre-empted by two weekends dedicated to the updating of our Parish Census.

The weekends dedicated to the Stewardship Program will be: **July 22nd/23rd; July 29th /30th and August 5th/6th and August 12th/13th.**



Today is the Feast of the Blessed Trinity.

The Blessed Trinity is at the heart of all we do - in, with and through Christ, and in union with the power of the Holy Spirit. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our worship and praise of our God.



*There are many images that depict the Trinity to us  
May God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless us.*

**ST MARY'S MINISTRIES for 18th June 2017**

**Ministers of the Word:**

**Vigil:** Marilyn Foley, Rene Deveurex  
**10.30am:** Jordan Wong, Elizabeth Milazzo.

**Ministers of Communion:**

**Vigil:** Claire Billing, Chris Hoare, Gladys Bryent, Lyn Stutley.  
**10.30 am:** Sam Colombo, Robert Jager, Margaret Foott, Elizabeth Milazzo, Yvonne Richardson, Josie Renda

**Presentation of Gifts:**

**Vigil:** Shane & Julie Noonan.  
**10.30am :** Bernice Murray & Bill Croft.

**Music Ministry:**

**Vigil:** Joe Taverna  
**10.30am:** Ken Smith & Alison Wright.

**Counters:** Gavin & Teresa O'Brien

**STATE OF THE NATION**

Presbytery Account: (1st Basket)	\$ 1,255.50
<i>(Support of Priests &amp; Bishop)</i>	
Parish Account: (2nd Basket)	Envelopes \$ 1,115.00
<i>(Support of the Parish)</i>	Credit Card \$ 0.00
	Direct Debit \$ 0.00
	Loose Plate \$ 93.10
	<b>\$ 1,208.10</b>

Thank-You!

**READINGS NEXT WEEK 18th June Year A**

1st Reading : Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-1  
 Gospel: John 6:51-58

**St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship – applications now open**

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer 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 17 July 2017. Details and application:  
<http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)**

ACYF is in Sydney December 7-9, 2017. A joyful 3 day immersion in faith with 15,000 other young Australians. Young people (yr 9-30yo) are encouraged to go. Information is on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or contact Amanda on 5337 7125 or [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Fr Marcello's address: 3 Chesterfield Court, Soldiers Hill, Vic , 3350**

**Family Matters - Strengthening Respectful Relationships Forum**

All are welcome to attend this Forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker which will be held in Ballarat on June 24, Warrnambool July 22, and Mildura August 26. These free events are being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat together with many workshops provided by Centacare. Please register your attendance at one of the venues listed: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/> Details about workshops will be released soon. Alternatively, contact Danielle Peters or Tony Haintz - [social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**Reflection**

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

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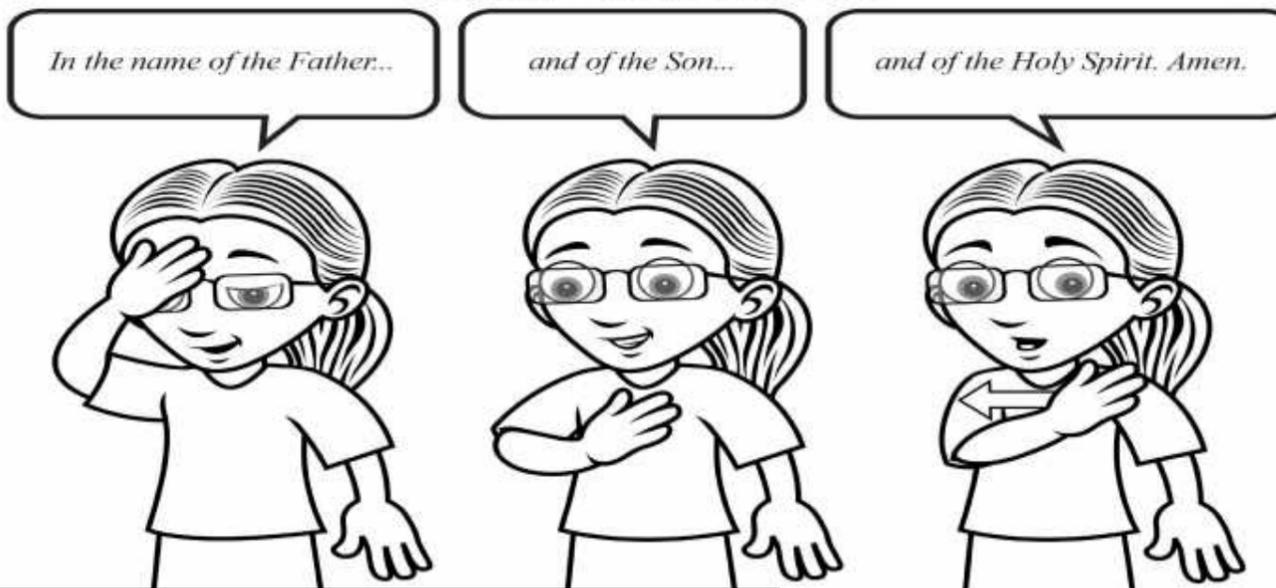


Draw Jesus talking to Nicodemus the pharisee.



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

There is a simple prayer that we say almost every day, which reminds us of the Trinity. That prayer is the Sign of the Cross.



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Try to find these words:

- condemn
- eternal
- faith
- God
- life
- loved
- never
- Nicodemus
- people
- save
- send