

**ROSTERS:**

**LANDSBOROUGH (8.30AM):**

**This Week** (May 27)

**Readers:** J Browne/C Browne

**Procession of Gifts:** R & C Brown

**Ext Minister:** J Murphy

**Next Week** (June 3)

**Readers:** K Vance/K Christie

**Procession of Gifts:** J & C Browne

**Ext Minister:** G Christie

**Church Care:** Betty Brown/J Murphy

**Church Grounds— JUNE—VOLUNTEER**

**STAWELL:**

**This Week** (May 26) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** M Cray

**Readers:** J Raeburn/T Brady

**Ext. Ministers:** C Barker/L McIntyre

**Procession of Gifts:** I Robinson

(May 27) 10.30AM

**Readers:** L Morgan/K Dalton

**Ext Ministers:** K Ashton/M Rowe/M R Thomas

**Procession of Gifts:** P Gooden

**Next Week** (June 2) 6.00PM

**Welcomer:** D McIntosh

**Readers:** N Rathgeber/E McIntyre

**Ext. Ministers:** A Ellis/D Jones

**Procession of Gifts:** J Allan

(June 3) 10.30AM

**Readers:** S Little/M Maestros

**Ext. Ministers:** K Dalton/G Comitti/G Little

**Procession of Gifts:** G & G Pickering

**Counters: Today:** M & L Habben

**Next Week:** G Pickering/E Driscoll

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** May April 2 Gloria & Marie

**MARY'S STATUE:**

27 May – 2 June H Prowd.

*Extraordinary Ministers, part of your duty is to clean the Sacred Vessels in the sacristy after Mass and prepare them for the next Mass—fill wine and water cruets, etc. Put filled cruets in the fridge.*

**WEEKEND MASSES YEAR A:**

**Stawell:** Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday at 10.30am.

**Landsborough:** Sunday Mass at 8.30am.

**WEEKDAY MASSES (YEAR 1):**

Tues; Wed; Thurs; Fri 10.00am. 2nd & 4th

Wednesday of Month-Eventide-10.30am. (Check front of Bulletin for any changes to this routine.

**Funeral Masses take the place of weekday Mass)**

**RECONCILIATION:**

Stawell: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10.00 am, before or after each weekday Mass (by request) or by appointment at any time. At Landsborough: Before 8.20 am Sundays

**MEETINGS & GATHERINGS:**

Prayer Group: every Monday, 1.30pm.

Cuppa tea Stawell—2nd Sunday after Mass;

Landsborough—3rd Sunday after Mass.

St Vincent de Paul: 2nd & 4th Mondays 2.30pm in Parish Hall.

CWL: 3rd Wednesday commencing with 10.00am Mass.

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

Our parish website can be accessed through the diocesan site.

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**Any queries relating to rosters and volunteers please contact June Raeburn on 53583506.**

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**St Patrick's Parish Community**  
*Stawell-Glenorchy-Great Western-Halls Gap-Landsborough*

*Trinity Sunday - Year B*

*May 27, 2018*

**SUNDAY MISSAL Pg. 589**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Max Rogers, Ailsa Faye Molan

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 2.30 in the Hall

**Annual Mass Count**

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count commenced last weekend. It is counted over four weekends at all Masses and Lay-led Assemblies. The last weekend is 2/3rd June. Counters/collectors please take note

**LITURGY FORMATION 2018:**



The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering a Liturgy Formation Session

**SICK LIST**

Noah Amarant; Kathryn Young; Glenis Leddin; Val Seear; Lourdes dela Cerna; Kath Hayes (Ballarat); John Delaney; Lynn Wright; John Jess; Simon Monas; Angela Moore; Jeff O'Donnell; Peter Duffy (Canada); Nance Rutter; Kate Sargent, Yvonne & Alf Evans; Margaret Boag; Nigel James (Canberra); Ian Kindred, Sharron Pickering; Andrew Van Diesen; Benjamin Wolfson; Bernie O'Callaghan; Patty Fenwick; Robby Laxton; Nicole Lee (Horsham); Dominic Browne; Brian O'Loughlin, Beryl Walsh; Shirley Geritsen; Mary Rita Thomas; Margaret Walker; Jordan Young

**NB: A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE SICK PERSON MUST CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE NAMES ADDED.**

in Ararat on Sunday, June 24, 2018.

Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon. Lunch will be supplied by the parish at 1.00pm.

**A flyer and registration form is available at the doors of the church.**

It would be great if people involved in church Ministries— choir, readers, extraordinary ministers, etc made an effort to attend.. Registration is also available via the diocesan website

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

## **FINANCES LAST WEEKEND:**

Presbytery Collection: \$ 484.10

Parish Collection: \$ 458.00

Loose Collection: \$ 378.15

*Collection is for the clergy stipend, presbytery costs and support of the bishop and sick and retired priests. The 2nd collection is for the upkeep of the parish.*

*ANY NEW PARISHIONERS—OR OLD PARISHIONERS, PREPARED TO CONTRIBUTE TO PARISH COSTS THROUGH PLANNED GIVING ARE ASKED TO SEE FR ERIC OR GLORIA PICKERING OR FILL IN ONE OF THE CENSUS FORMS IN THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.*



## **THIS WEEK:**

### **WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:**

Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10.00am

**MONDAY:** St Vincent de Paul Meeting, 2.30 in the Hall

**WEDNESDAY - CENTERING PRAYER IN THE PARISH HALL, 2.00PM.**

**CONFESSIONS** —Before or after 10.00am weekday Masses by request (i.e. – just ask Fr Eric.) ; 10.00am 1st & 3rd Saturdays; Landsborough—before Sunday Mass. Any other time contact Fr Eric 0419 597 063

## **HUMOUR:**

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**LESSON LEARNED? - THE NEXT TIME CHARLES GETS MARRIED, SOMEONE WARN THE POPE!**

## **NEWS:**

**CHEATING WORKERS OUT OF WAGES IS A SIN: POPE**



*Published: 25 May 2018  
2017 (CNS/L'Osservatore Romano)*

Loving wealth destroys the soul and cheating people of their just wages and benefits is a mortal sin, Pope Francis said yesterday. Source: Crux.

Jesus did not mince words when he said, "Woe to you who are rich," after listing the Beatitudes as written according to St. Luke, the Pope said in a morning homily at Domus Sancta Marthae.

Human strength admires holding on. The Mystery of the Trinity is about each One letting go into the Other. Human strength admires personal independence. God's Mystery is total mutual dependence. We like control. God loves vulnerability. We admire needing no one. The Trinity is total intercommunion with all things and all Being. We are practiced at hiding and protecting ourselves. God seems to be in some kind of total disclosure for the sake of the other.

Our strength, we think, is in asserting and protecting our boundaries. God is into dissolving boundaries between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, yet finding them in that very outpouring! Take the rest of your life to begin to unpack such a total turnaround of Reality.

### **Fifth**

A Threefold God totally lets go of any boundaries for the sake of the Other, and then receives them back from Another. It is a nonstop waterwheel of Love. Each accepts that He is fully accepted by the Other, and then passes on that total acceptance. Thus "God is Love." It's the same spiritual journey for all of us, and it takes most of our life to accept that we are accepted—and to accept everyone else. Most can't do this easily because internally there is so much self-accusation (self-flagellation in many cases). Most are so convinced that they are not the body of Christ, that they are unworthy, that we are not in radical union with God.

The good news is that the question of union has already been resolved once and for all. We cannot create our union with God from our side. It is objectively already given to us by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us (Romans 8:9—and all over the place!). Once we know we are that grounded, founded, and home free, we can also stop defending ourselves and move beyond our self-protectiveness, too.

### **Sixth**

Niels Bohr, the Danish physicist who was a major contributor to quantum physics and nuclear fission, said the universe is "not only stranger than we think, but stranger than we can think." Our supposed logic has to break down before we can comprehend the nature of the universe and the bare beginnings of the nature of God.

I think the doctrine of the Trinity is saying the same thing. There is something that can only be known experientially, and that is why we teach contemplative prayer and quiet. Of all the religious rituals and practices I know of, nothing will lead us to that place of nakedness and vulnerability more than forms of solitude and silence, where our ego identity falls away, where our explanations don't mean anything, where our superiority doesn't matter and we have to sit there in our naked "who-ness." If God wants to get through to us, and the Trinity experience wants to come alive in us, that's when God has the best chance. God is not only stranger than we think, but stranger than the logical mind can think. Perhaps much of the weakness of the first 2000 years of reflection on the Trinity, and many of our doctrines and dogmas, is that we've tried to do it with a logical mind instead of with prayer.

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Adapted from The Shape of God: Deepening the Mystery of the Trinity

# RICHARD ROHR – MEDITATIONS ON THE MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY



## First

One reason so many theologians are interested in the Trinity now is that we're finding both physics (especially quantum physics) and cosmology are at a level of development where human science, our understanding of the atom and our understanding of galaxies, is affirming and confirming our use of the old Trinitarian language—but with a whole new level of appreciation. Reality is radically relational, and the power is in the relationships themselves!

No good Christians would have denied the Trinitarian Mystery, but until our generation none were prepared to see that the shape of God is the shape of the whole universe!

Great science, which we once considered an “enemy” of religion, is now helping us see that we're standing in the middle of awesome

Mystery, and the only response before that Mystery is immense humility. Astrophysicists are much more comfortable with darkness, emptiness, non-explainability (dark matter, black holes), and living with hypotheses than most Christians I know. Who could have imagined this?

## Second

Our Franciscan Saint Bonaventure, who wrote a lot about the Trinity, was influenced by a lesser-known figure called Richard of Saint Victor. Richard said, “For God to be good, God can be one. For God to be loving, God has to be two because love is always a relationship.” But his real breakthrough was saying that “For God to be supreme joy and happiness, God has to be three.” Lovers do not know full happiness until they both delight in the same thing, like new parents with the ecstasy of their first child.

When I was first becoming “known,” people wanted to get close to me and be my friend or have a special relationship with me. I asked myself how I would choose between all these friends and I realized that the people I really found joy in were not always people who loved me nearly as much as people who loved what I loved. That helped me understand what I think Richard of St. Victor was trying to teach. The Holy Spirit is the shared love of the Father and the Son, and shared love is always happiness and joy. The Holy Spirit is whatever the Father and the Son are excited about; She is that excitement—about everything in creation!

## Third

In our attempts to explain the Trinitarian Mystery in the past we overemphasized the individual qualities of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but not so much the relationships between them. That is where all the power is! That is where all the meaning is! The Mystery of God as Trinity invites us into a dynamism, a flow, a relationship, a waterwheel of love. The Mystery says God is a verb much more than a noun. God as Trinity invites us into a participatory experience. Some of our Christian mystics went so far as to say that all of creation is being taken back into this flow of eternal life, almost as if we are a “Fourth Person” of the Eternal Flow of God or, as Jesus put it, “so that where I am you also may be” (John 14:3).

## Fourth

Paul says, “God’s weakness is stronger than human strength” (1 Corinthians 1:25). That awesome line gives us a key into the Mystery of Trinity. I would describe human strength as self-sufficiency or autonomy. God’s weakness I would describe as Interbeing.

If anyone today “were to preach like that, the newspapers the next day (would say), ‘That priest is a communist!’ But poverty is at the heart of the Gospel,” Francis said.

Francis focused his homily on the day’s first reading from the Letter of James (5:1-6) in which the apostle scolds the rich. Not only has their wealth “rotted away,” the decay and corrosion of their material possessions “will be a testimony against you” on judgment day, the passage says.

James criticized employers who withheld wages from their workers, the Pope said, and those workers’ cries reached the ears of the Lord.

People today mistakenly might think James is “a union representative,” Francis said, but he is an apostle whose words were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Even in Italy, there are those who leave people out of work to protect their assets, but whoever does this, “Woe to you!” not according to the Pope, but according to Jesus, he said.

Jesus, he said, is the one who says, “Woe to you who exploit people, who exploit labour, who pay under the table, who don’t pay pension contributions, who don’t offer vacation days. Woe to you!”

Wage theft, like “skimming” from people’s paychecks, “is a sin; it is a sin,” the Pope said, even if the employer goes to Mass every day, belongs to Catholic associations and prays novenas.

When an employer doesn’t pay what is due, he said, “this injustice is a mortal sin. You are not in God’s grace. I’m not saying this, Jesus says it, the Apostle James says it.”

The condemnation is severe because “wealth is idolatry” that seduces people, and Jesus knew people could not serve two masters - they must choose either God or money, Francis said.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

We humans are created into the image of God. If our idea of God is wrong then we can imagine ourselves in a way which is dangerously de-humanising.

If we think of God as solitary Being then we might imagine that the best way of being human is to be solitary, self-sufficient, totally in-dependent of others. However, Jesus Christ revealed a different way for the eyes of faith to see God.

He had a sense of the most intimate communion with ‘Abba’, Father, and he had such a close relationship with the Holy Spirit that his very breathing on his disciples imparted this Breath of God upon them. The early Church was forced to conclude that Being and Relationship were both fundamentally primordial and true of the Tri-une God, or the Trinity for short.

Now, if we are created into this image of God, then our very existence needs to be relational for us to be fully human in this life and the next. To be totally self-absorbed is to consign oneself to a Hellish existence. To be open to communion with God, other human beings and the whole of creation is to enjoy a Heavenly existence.

We can take a moment to pray to thank God for this revelation not granted to, or at least not believed by, other great world religions. We thank Jesus Christ for satisfying our yearning to know the truth about our Creator, and helping us to understand what it is to be fully human. May we recall this every time we dip our fingers in the holy water font on entering a church, remembering our baptism: ‘In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’

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# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Please keep these children in your



Bailey Stirling



Charlie Dunn

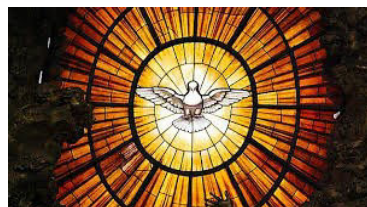
Amelia Moloney



Alice Nellthorp



Eve Jones



**The St Pat's School Children will be presented to the community, and enrolled in preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at 10.30am Mass next Sunday.**

## CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHER QUOTED AT ROYAL WEDDING

Published: 22 May 2018



Catholics tuning in to the royal wedding on Saturday may have noticed preacher Bishop Michael Curry quote Jesuit philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. Source: America Magazine.

Bishop Curry – who is the first African-American presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, which is in shaky communion with the Anglican Church – delivered a sermon for the wedding of England's Prince Harry and American actress Meghan Markle that was surprisingly nontraditional.

In his address, Bishop Curry described Fr Teilhard as “one of the great minds, great spirits of the 20th century.” Alluding to Fr Teilhard's essay, “The Evolution of Chastity,” Bishop Curry said, “the discovery, or invention, or harnessing of fire was one of the great scientific and technological discoveries of human history.”

“If humanity ever captures the energy of love, it will be the second time in history that we have discovered fire,” he later added.

Catholics following the royal wedding took to Twitter to express their surprise at the Jesuit priest's remarks being quoted in an Anglican wedding.

Who was this priest whom Bishop Curry called “scientist, a scholar, a mystic”?

At the time of his death in 1955, Fr Teilhard “was widely recognised in US scientific circles for his work on the geology of Asia and his studies of Peking Man. Otherwise, he was virtually unknown,” Thomas M. King wrote in America in 2005.

A theologian and paleontologist, Fr Teilhard advanced a new kind of thinking, arguing that “Christ was progressively uniting all things to become the one in whom ‘all things hold together,’” according to King. Yet his writings were controversial for blending scientific language around evolution with Catholic spirituality, and called for Christians to work in the secular world for Christ could be found there.

In November, participants in a plenary council for the Pontifical Council for Culture formally asked Pope Francis to remove a “monitum” that was placed on Fr Teilhard's works in 1962. The official warning against his works no longer holds weight, the participants argued, because “his prophetic vision has been and is inspiring theologians and scientists” and his work has been explicitly cited by four popes.