

## OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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**SUNDAY – 4th June, 2023**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

**DEATHS:** Denis Mudra

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Monica Flynn, William Michael Fay, Mona Walters, Eddie Verlinden, Grace Foran, Keith Lofts, Mary Jane Collins, Peter (Sam) Dunn, Linda Smith, Clarence Herbert, Leila Willison, Hughie O'Rorke, Harry Joseph Young, Rex Tiley, Monica Norbury, Max Young, Kelvin Underwood, Ethal Foran, Eva Dridan, Denise Briody, Julie McAloon, Anne Terris

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan, Bernie Duffy, Tony Collins, Eileen McManus and all those in need of prayer.

### **ROSTER:**

#### ***Introduction & Reading***

Today: Bernadette Franc

June 11th: Clarrie Johnston

#### ***Prayers of the Faithful***

Today: John Jess

June 11th: Genevieve Johnston

#### ***Assembly Leaders***

June 18th: Jim and Sue Mahony

#### ***Special Minister***

Today: Therese Jess

June 18th: Clarrie Johnston

#### ***Music***

Today: Sue Mahony

#### ***Church Cleaning, Linen, Flowers***

June 11th & 18th: Carmel Milenkovic & Judy Franc

#### ***Church Grounds***

June 11th & 18th: Peter Milenkovic & Charlie Franc

#### ***Newsletter***

June: Angela Gerrard 0439 565 468

### **MASS TIMES**

June 11th: **8.30am Mass**

### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

We welcome Sr Helen on Sunday June 25th to celebrate her recent 80th birthday. All welcome after 8.30am Mass for morning tea in the Parish Centre.

### **Pope's intention for May - for church movements and groups:**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms (spiritual gifts) at the service of needs in the world. Lord, hear us.

### **Vinnies Winter Appeal**

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

### **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.  
Protect them in this time of peril;  
Let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

ACU Centre for Liturgy launches Australian-first Liturgy Podcast  
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### **About the Readings**

In the readings ... God speaks to his people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present through his word in the midst of the faithful.  
—*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 2011 55

### **A Prayer for Christian Unity**

God of justice and truth,  
we seek your guidance to embody the prophet's call to do good and to seek justice.  
May we grow with the courage and compassion of Christ, and walk in the way of peace and reconciliation.  
May God's Spirit enliven and embolden us to stand in solidarity with others until all are treated with dignity and worth. May our holy living be a foretaste of the mercy and blessing of the reign of God. Amen

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*God sent his Son to save the world through him.*

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.

## PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL THROUGH GREECE AND TURKEY

11-23 SEPTEMBER 2023

Chaplain:

Fr Michael Goonan SSP,  
Editor of *God's Word* and  
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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

4 JUNE 2023

## GRACIOUS AND FORGIVING LOVE

The blessing 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you' is one familiar to us all. It may come as a surprise to know that it was originally the conclusion of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. The community was bitterly divided, and Paul wrote the letter to reconcile himself with a community that had become estranged from him and one another. He saw that they were all called to model their lives on the living God's gracious, loving, and unifying nature.

The graciousness and life-giving character of God's love have been seen throughout all of salvation history but seldom clearer than in the episode of the golden calf. Face to face with the living God on the holy mountain Moses feels it necessary to plead for the people of Israel and their idolatry. He knows their desperate plight but before he even pleads for the people God reveals that Israel's God is one of compassion, tenderness, faithfulness, and mercy.

For people of faith there is always the danger that people hide from the living God because of fear in the face of failure and sin. Nicodemus is invited to understand that the power of God is most clearly seen in a love that will risk everything to bring us back, even the most precious gift of all, Jesus Christ. On this feast of the Trinity, these readings lead us to reflect on the nature of God that we celebrate - creative, saving and forgiving love.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

*The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*

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.

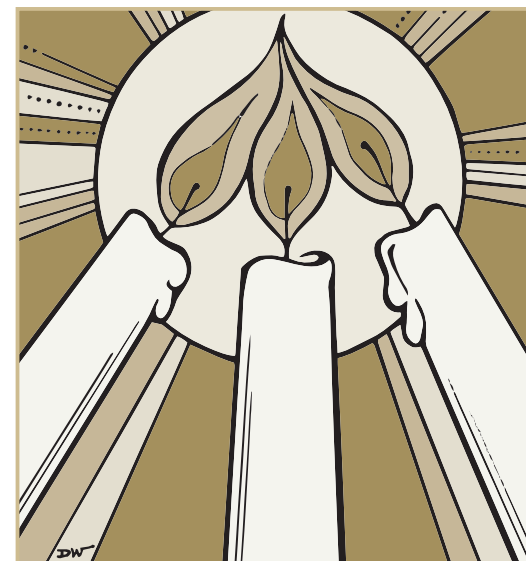
He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come 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 Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

- You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**  
Blest your glorious holy name.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**
- You are blest in the temple of your glory.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**
- You are blest who gaze into the depths.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.  
**R. Glory and praise for ever!**



## SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

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.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 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!**