Feast of the Holy Trinity

Year B Cycle II

26 May 2024



## One in Body & Spirit

Today's Gospel ends with the baptismal formula of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus names the three Persons of God. On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate our common divine origin – collective offspring of God with one shared life in the Holy Spirit. God has been present in the world from its beginning and the First Reading tells us that God rules on Earth as in heaven. We celebrate this every time we say the "Our Father", particularly "thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven."

The Trinity holds all things together and is a model of mutuality. The parts are all aspects of the same God – God as Creator and Maker of Creation, God before us and over us; God incarnate as Jesus Christ, fully human, fully divine, God beside us; and the mutual love and Wisdom that is Spirit breathed into our very lives and into all creation. In the Trinity there is no hierarchy: only mutual love and harmony.

We pray repeatedly during our Eucharistic celebration to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that we may become one in body and spirit. The Holy Spirit connects us all to each other.

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# Pastoral Works Appeal Thank You!

We thank you all for your generous donations to our Pastoral Works Appeal for Broken Bay. Our Pastoral Works connect everyone to the mission of Jesus Christ in our Diocese. Every gift or donation brings comfort, friendship, or security, and often opens the doorway to a faith-filled life.

Your donations are never taken for granted, especially in these challenging economic times. Any further donations may be added to this week's collections. The May Appeal is the last one for this financial year 2023/2024. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Thank you again!



Feast Days this Week

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 31 May

**St Justin**1 June



### Congratulations Reconciliation Candidate!

Congratulations
Maria Santos
Santana who has
completed her
preparation
for First
Reconciliation!



Eucharist
Enrichment Day
We welcome the children preparing to make their First Eucharist to the Parish this Thursday. Please note there will be limited parking in the carpark.



### Nursing Home Communion Service

A Communion Service will be held at Bupa Bateau Bay on Tuesday at 10am.

# Passing on the Word of God

The Jews hold their scriptures in great reverence. They are full of the stories of salvation and of the wisdom of God. How blessed are the people who hear the word of God and treasure it in their hearts. The fullness of that blessing has come to us in the person of Jesus Christ.

When the apostles gathered with Jesus on the mountain after his resurrection, he told them to go and to share that blessing with the world. Teach the world "all the commands I gave you." This instruction was carried out first in the missionary journeys that the apostles made, in their preaching and founding of new churches. Then the time came to preserve and pass on the word of God to the next generation, and so the Gospels were put down in writing, the Gospels we have today.

But it is not only the written scrolls and printed books or beautiful manuscripts that pass on the word of God; it is the living body of believers, who in every generation, make up the Church. That body of believers lives and breathes by the Holy Spirit that has been given to it. That Spirit makes our lives something beautiful, even a work of art. That Spirit enables us to say "Our Father" - and anyone who is able to pray like that, does so because they have been given the grace to live as children of God, and so to treat others as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

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## **Perfect Harmony**

Reflecting on the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity can be a profound experience, as we contemplate the unity and diversity within God.

It's a reminder to us that we are all part of the same family of believers, called to love and serve God with all our heart, soul, and strength. The readings for this occasion encourage us to live in harmony with one another, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are in perfect harmony.

In Deuteronomy, we hear about the unity of God, who is both just and merciful. This reminds us that we are called to love and serve God with all our heart, soul, and strength, and to keep his commandments. In Romans, we hear about the diverse gifts within the Church, which are all given by the same Spirit. St Paul emphasises the importance of using our gifts to build up the Church and to live in harmony with one another.

In the Gospel of John, we hear about the love that exists within the Trinity. Jesus tells Nicodemus that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to save us. This reminds us that our own love for one another is a reflection of the love that exists within the Trinity. We are called to love one another as Christ has loved us.

As we reflect on the Most Holy Trinity, let us be inspired to live in unity with one another and to use our gifts to build up the Church. Let us remember that we are all part of the same family of believers, and that our love for one another is a reflection of the love that exists within the Trinity.

May we be filled with the grace of the Holy Trinity, and may our lives be a reflection of the unity and diversity that exists within God.

Colleen Smith Pastoral Associate

### Parish Celebrations

ast weekend we had much celebrating with a Family Mass at the Saturday Vigil, First Eucharist Candidates being presented, and new Altar Servers who have completed their training, followed by supper. And on Sunday Family Groups celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in our parish followed by Morning Tea. Congratulations to all!



# Children's Liturgy of the Word

Jesus said "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them." *Matthew 19:14.* Are you looking for a chance to make a real difference in the lives of children while spreading the Gospel message? Starting in term 3, we will be hosting Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 5pm Vigil Mass. But we can't do it alone - we need enthusiastic volunteers to lead and assist the children in learning about faith. Ideally, we would like at least 8 people to go on a 4-week roster basis (team of 2 each week) and all materials and training will be provided. If you're interested please speak with Fr Brian or Colleen Smith (Pastoral Associate) at <a href="mailto:colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au">colleen.smith@bbcatholic.org.au</a>. Volunteers will need to comply with the Working With Children Check (WWCC) requirements. Let's make a difference together!

# National Volunteer's Day

This Sunday we celebrate, appreciate and recognise the diverse passions and talents everyone brings to the act of volunteering. The Church would not be able to function without all its helpers! It's also an invitation to explore the myriad of opportunities available, emphasising that there's a place for everyone in the world of volunteering. Thank you one and all!



#### Welcome

Rachel Scott and Jennifer Grindell-Kruf who are being Received into the Catholic Church this weekend, and their children Baptised.



#### Welcome

to the Martorana and Dineen-Griffin Families for the Reception of their children for the Sacrament of Baptism.



#### Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on each first Saturday (1 June) following 9am Mass for one hour, closing with Benediction



### Holy Land Collection Thanks

The Commissary of the Holy Land would like to thank parishioners for donating to the Holy Land Appeal. \$2,510.85 was raised!

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### Mass & Devotions

**Sunday Masses** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay) **Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am **Cenacle Prayer Group** Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

## Trinity Sunday

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Rom 8:14-17

Matt 28:16-20

**Entrance Antiphon:** Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and

who is to come. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

# Keep Us In Your Prayers There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel

**Recently Deceased:** June Edwards, Peter Moloney, Ronald Myers, Frank Robinson.

Anniversaries: Monica Parker.

**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Daniel Heggarty, Alfonz Matijasevic, Brian D'Costa & Myrtle D'Costa (birthdays), Stella Dominguez and all the Holy Souls.

Families: Nick & Shaw.

**Sick:** Christopher Malone, Leo Lamont, Terry Mallia, Margaret Falzon, Phil Pannell, Jonah Langley, Susan Simmons, Maria Nassar, Jenny Balacco, Laila Calvi, Paul & Keith Snell, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Cooper Kastelein, Oakah, Coco & Stormi Howell.

# Pearly Gates Revisited











# **Everyone Welcome!**

The Gift Centre is open each weekend before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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