



St Patrick's Parish Gosford

The Communities of St Patrick's East Gosford,
St Francis of Assisi Somersby & Holy Trinity Spencer
Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith". The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin".

The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the "mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God". To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus revealed that God is Father in an unheard-of sense: he is Father not only in being Creator; he is eternally Father in relation to his only Son, who is eternally Son only in relation to his Father: "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any

JOHN: 16:12-15

All the Spirit tells you will be taken from what is mine.



one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

Following this apostolic tradition, the Church confessed at the first ecumenical council at Nicaea (325) that the Son is "consubstantial" with the Father, that is, one only God with him.⁶⁶ The second ecumenical council, held at Constantinople in 381, kept this expression in its formulation of the Nicene Creed and confessed "the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father".

Accessed from: <http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccs/archives/catechism/p1s2c1p2.htm>

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FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"As far as possible, work hard at being serene, cheerful and friendly. These promote the well-being of body and soul."



Trust in Jesus Christ



POPE FRANCIS' JUNE 2019 INTENTION

Evangelization – Priests

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are the most poor.

A warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors who are celebrating the Eucharist with us this weekend at St Patrick's Parish.

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ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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SALVATORIANI

Society of the Divine Saviour

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PARISH OFFICE

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Christian Brothers' Community

Frederick Street, East Gosford
Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]
Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

MONDAY 17, CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP

In the Jordan Room after 9:00am Mass

This month Jesus teaches us how to Desire Our Dear God.

"Come, My child, take My Hand and we shall work together."

CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM.

STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

Gosford:

Monday: 9:00am Wednesday: 11:30am Friday: 12 noon
Tuesday: 9:00am Thursday: 9:00am Saturday: 9:00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Gosford:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday: 7:30am Children's Liturgy:
9:00am During 9:00am Mass
6:00pm Each Sunday of School Term.

Somersby, 30 Lutana Road: Saturday Vigil: 6:30pm
Spencer, Wiseman's Ferry Rd: 1st Sunday Monthly: 4:00pm

OTHER MASSES

Filipino Mass 2nd Korean Mass Monthly:
Sunday Monthly: [Enq: Peter 0409-
12 noon 508-123] 6:00pm

ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

Before the Blessed Sacrament

Mon: 8:30am-9:00am Wed: 11:00am-11:30am Fri: 12:30pm-3:00pm
Tues: 8:30am-9:00am Thur: 8:30am-9:00am Sat: 8:00am

RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Gosford:

Mon-Thur: during Prior to Mass 11:30am 4:30pm.
Adoration Other Fridays 12:30pm **Sunday:** 7:00am and
1st Friday of Month **Saturday:** 8:30am and 5:30pm
St Francis of Assisi 30 Lutana Road, Somersby:
Saturday after Vigil: 7:30pm

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

After weekday Masses and 3:00pm Friday

ROSARIES

Weekday

Monday, Tuesday Thursday 8:05am
Wednesday 10:35am
Friday 11:35am

Saturdays Monthly

8:05am: 1st – For Priests & Religious.
8:05am 3rd Saturday – For Mothers & Abortion.
8:05am 4th Saturday – For Persecuted
Christians and their Persecutors.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Last Wednesday of each Month at 12 noon

ADORATION AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Located on Chapel Lane at the Admin Centre
Monday to Thursday 8:30am – 3:30pm
Friday 9:00am – 3:30pm

GROUP MEETINGS

Bible Study Lectio Divina / Christian Unity / Christian DVD:

Mondays at 9:30am twice monthly,
Wednesday at 10:00am in the Jordan Room.
Bible Study Monday 7:00 pm in the Jordan Room
RCIA: in Admin Centre 7:30pm Tuesdays.

Contact the Parish Office to register interest.

menALIVE:

7:30pm commencing with Mass
1st Tuesday of Month
9:00am 4th Tuesday Monthly
in Jordan Room

Cancer Prayers:

Grief & Loss, Prayer & Support:
1st Thursday Monthly 2pm in Jordan Room
Craft Group - Friday each week of School Term
9:30am – 12:00pm

Movie Night 4th Sat Night Monthly after 5:00pm Mass.

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP

After 9:00am Mass in the Jordan Room.

All proceeds to Charities



IN YOUR PARISH OF ST PATRICK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday June 16	9:00am 4:30pm 7:00pm	Catenian Speaker at Mass. Mass will Include the Commissioning of the new Finance Committee. Eucharistic Ministers Meeting in the church Youth Group Meeting Yrs 7 – 12 after 6:00 pm Mass
Monday June 17	9:00am 9:30am	Mass Christian Unity Prayer Group after 9:00 am Mass, in the Jordan Room.
Tuesday June 18	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration Communion Service
Wednesday June 19	11:00am 11:30am 3:30pm 7:00pm	Adoration Mass Presb Village CS Parish Pastoral Council meeting in Admin Centre.
Thursday June 20	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration Mass
Friday June 21	9:30am 12:00am 12:30pm 6:30pm	Craft Group in Jordan Room Mass Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm Korean Mass.
Saturday June 22	10:15am	Choir Practice in Church

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

NEXT MOVIE NIGHT - June 29th.

Movie:- **FAITH LIKE POTATOES** (M)

"The Seed For a Great Miracle lies Not in Difficulty, But Impossibility"
Based on a true story... Angus Buchanan, a
Zambian farmer of Scottish heritage, who
leaves his farm in political unrest. Angus
and his family start a new life in KwaZulu-
Natal, South Africa with nothing more
than a caravan on a patch of land and help
from his Zulu Forman, Simeon.
Faced with hardship and personal turmoil
Angus is consumed by anger, and fear.
A call from God and a Leap of Faith sees
the wonder of God's grace at work.



- ♥ COME AND JOIN US IN THE JORDAN ROOM LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. STARTING AT 7.00PM
- ♥ SHARE A SATURDAY NIGHT RELAXING WITH FRIENDS FROM OUR OWN COMMUNITY
- ♥ ENJOY A POT LUCK DINNER AND A MOVIE AFTER; WE ARE USUALLY FINISHED BY 10.00PM.
- ♥ WE MAKE IT EASY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS.

Pot Luck Dinner: Simply bring something to the quantity of what you would normally prepare for yourself to share with all, for either the Main Meal, the Desert, or towards Tea, Coffee, Hot chocolate after dinner while we watch the movie with biscuits or nibbles.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES, JUNE 29

While at the Movie Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner.

Simply bring something of quality of what you would normally prepare for yourself, to share with all, for either the Main Meal, the Desert, or towards tea, coffee, hot chocolate after dinner while we watch the movie with biscuits or nibbles.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

All members of the new Finance Committee will be commissioned to undertake their ministry at the 9am Mass Today Sunday, June 16, and they have our prayerful support of their work on behalf of the parish. Fr Greg would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee for their acceptance of their roles in helping manage the financial affairs of our church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who participated in the nomination process over the last two weeks - it is so encouraging to see the interest that parishioners place in the future planning of their parish. I would like to thank those who allowed themselves to be nominated and were prepared to commit themselves to the endeavour. Though not all were successful, I sincerely thank them for their willingness to be involved for their parish.

After counting the votes, the following people have been elected and will meet as a committee for the first time at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, 19th June.

Maria Andzrejewska [Finance Committee Rep], Scott Beatie, Aaron Cartwright, Alain Corne [Catechists' Rep], Christ Paget, Mary Luci, Hilary Pope, Barbara McCarthy, Emily Rudd, Jay Sutton, Mark Bonnici [Principal St Edward's], Tony McCudden [Principal St Joseph's], Cheryl Walsh [Principal St Patrick's].

Thank you to all previous members for their commitment and dedication to the parish. Especially we remember Ian McGuinness in our prayers, who was chairperson for many years.

A CALLOUT FOR NEW CATECHISTS

Jesus's last words – "Go to the people of all nations and make them My disciples ... and teach them to do everything I have told you" (Matt 28:18-20) – were spoken to His followers as He ascended to the Father. We have various ways of responding to this command. One way might be to go into our Parish's State schools as a catechist, or helper, where up to 420 Catholic children wait to hear the Good News each week. When you feel called, contact Alain (0414273654) or the Parish Office to find out how you can help.

KIDS CORNER

PINT SIZED PADDIES

NEXT EVENT FRIDAY JUNE 28.

In the School Hall 7:00 pm on 2nd and 4th Friday of each Month. Enquiries to Melissa 0434 251 481

ST PATRICK'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP

NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETING

This Sunday night at 7:00pm the again Sunday, June 30 after 6:00 pm Mass in the Jordan Room. Pizza, food, games, memes and more. Exploring the Catholic faith through talks, small groups, prayer and bible study, all as part of a stable community of young people. Good Music. Quality Banter.

Great opportunity to meet other young Catholic guys and girls in high school. Don't miss it!

YOUTH BAND

The Youth Band are welcoming new members, so if you are musically inclined why not join the band. If you are interested make contact with one of the existing band members or Fr Greg.

GENERAL NEWS

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY GOSFORD CONFERENCE,

will be conducting its winter appeal during June. Envelopes will be available from the foyer this weekend and then from the seats for the following two weekends. An address from a member will be given the weekend of 22/23 June. After that, the envelopes will again be available from the foyer. Maybe you could sit in quiet prayer and imagine yourself in a situation of helplessness and despair. Now think about the works of the St Vincent de Paul Society, it is this organisation who helps those in need. Now it is our turn to help them.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' AND SENIOR SERVERS MEETING

Today Sunday, June 16 @ 4.30pm at St Patrick's, Fr Greg calls all Eucharistic Ministers and Senior Servers to a meeting with him to prepare for the commissioning of all in this ministry on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 23 at all Masses. Each minister should be aware that attendance at the meeting St Patrick's or Somersby is very relevant to the commissioning, and that Eucharistic Ministers who aren't commissioned on that day will be unable to serve in the ministry until they are. Could anyone who considers either of these dates a problem for them please contact the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019.

Children who have already been confirmed and are 8 years old are eligible to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. This weekend at all exits, and on our website [www.bbcatholic.org.au/Gosford] you will find the enrollment applications and information sheets for lodgment at the Parish Office before July 3.

MINISTRY TO THE SENIORS [55+]: CRUISING THE BRISBANE WATERS

Monday, June 24, departing at 10am.

If you'd like a morning of sailing the Brisbane Waters with morning tea and lunch for only \$38, please call Barbara McCarthy on 4322 0250 to book yourself a spot.

The Starship Cruise departs Gosford Wharf at 10am but please be there by 9.45am, and should return at about 1pm.

NOTE: COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY

Tuesday 18 June there will be a communion service only, as Fr Greg is attending Safeguarding Seminar, all day.

BIRTHDAY OF FR FRANCIS JORDAN

Father Jordan was born on June 16, 1848, second son to Lawrence and Notburga nee Peter. On the following day he was baptized at the local parish church with the name John Baptist.

Being brought up in a poor family, he was not able to realize his dream of becoming a priest, although as a teenager he had already become aware of his vocation at the moment of his First Communion. After finishing primary school he worked as a laborer and painter-decorator, traveling in what was then Germany. He noticed the difficult spiritual situation of his homeland and of the other European countries. The people would turn away from God and leave the faith. The Church was limited in performing its mission by the state (Kulturkampf). All these experiences made Jordan's faith stronger and his conviction of being called to the priesthood clearer. He finally decided to follow his vocation and to begin studies in theology. In 1869 he started private lessons with his priest friends in Waldshut; after that, he studied at the gymnasium in Constance. The time of secondary studies required much effort from Jordan but, at the same time, despite his difficulties with sciences, he developed his talent for languages. For the graduation exam he presented an essay in eight European languages and another one in four other languages.

In 1874 John Baptist began his studies of theology and philology at the Ludwig Albert University in Freiburg in Breisgau. After successfully finishing it, he started his preparation for the priesthood at St. Peter Seminary, close to that town. He used the time of theological studies to deepen his faith and spirituality. He continued receiving the sacraments regularly, which had been his usual practice since childhood, and he devoted much time to prayer. Also, he began writing his spiritual diary, in which he would note the most important insights until his death. This diary has become an invaluable source of knowledge for his personality and spiritual profile.

On July 21, 1878, Jordan was ordained to the priesthood and later, on the order of his bishop, he left for Rome to begin studies of oriental languages: Syrian, Aramaic, Coptic, Arabic, as well as Hebrew and Greek.

From the time of his theological studies he had a growing conviction that he was being called by God to found a new apostolic work in the Church, in which members would defend the faith and contribute to enlivening it, by proclaiming to all people that Jesus Christ is the only Savior. This conviction became even stronger during a trip to the

INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT

Saturday night, June 15!

Come and join in for a fun filled night with your Parish family.

If you are able to provide an International dish for the evening, please write your name, what you will bring and what Country it is from, on the list at the back of the church.

Tickets available at the Parish Office or on the night.

Adults and Youth 15 and over \$15

Children 6 - 14 years \$10

Children under 6 FREE

Come dressed in your national costume and above all have fun :)

Middle East in 1880. After returning to Rome he started implementing his idea of founding a community of religious and lay with the above mentioned apostolic purpose. This would be organized into three groups, called "grades": the first one for those who, like the Apostles, leave everything and, living community life, devote themselves entirely to proclaiming the Good News; the second for academics, who spread the Divine truths by publications; and the third for those lay people who, remaining in their families and within the reality of their everyday life, would proclaim the Savior above all through the witness of a good Christian life.

Father Jordan's work received the name Apostolic Teaching Society, and on December 8, 1881, its first grade was officially inaugurated in Rome, at Piazza Farnese 96. A

Salvatorians Australia
Fr Francis Jordan's
Birthday Anniversary

5pm Mass
Monday 17 June 2019
Sacred Heart Church
Monavale
Supper to follow after Mass
Please RSVP by 12 June
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year later the name was changed to the Catholic Teaching Society, and in November, 1882, the growing community with Father Jordan moved to a building in Borgo Vecchio 165, which became their Motherhouse. Several months later the structure was changed into two religious congregations, one of men and one of women. A few years later the community of women separated from Jordan and became the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother. In 1893 the men's community received its current name: Society of the Divine Savior.

Father Jordan devoted himself totally to the work of developing his institute as its founder, spiritual guide, and superior general. This multiple role was not easy for him, as it entailed serious effort, especially when he faced different organizational, financial and personnel difficulties.

At the same time, however, it gave him a profound internal joy, based on his unshakeable trust in Divine Providence and on his deep conviction that it was the way of putting into life his foundational vocation and a contribution to the salvation of souls.

Thanks to his great determination he founded a second female religious congregation (Sisters of the Divine Savior) in 1888 with Therese von Wuellenweber (Blessed Mary of the Apostles). Another important development was taking over a mission in Assam, as well as founding new houses of the Society in various countries of Europe and other parts of the world. Through all these experiences Father Jordan matured as a human being, as a religious, and as a priest and founder, developing his personality and growing spiritually. The foundation of this spiritual growth was his deep love of God and neighbor, his perseverance in prayer, his trust in Divine Providence, as well as his humility, love for the Eucharist, courageous acceptance of the cross, and fidelity to the Church. Over the course of time Father Jordan began to be considered as a man who led a holy life, both by the members of his community and by people from outside. At the same time he witnessed the important development of his work both geographically and numerically.

In 1915, because of World War I, the Society leadership, together with Father Jordan, was forced to move from Rome to neutral Switzerland. After withdrawing from the active administration of his institute at the general chapter in 1915, Father Jordan spent the last three years of his life in Fribourg (Switzerland). He died in a small hospice in Tafers near Fribourg on September 8, 1918, and was buried in the local parish church. In 1956 his mortal remains were transferred to the Society Motherhouse in Rome. In 1942 his process for beatification was officially started, and in 2011 the Decree on the Heroicity of Virtues was published. <https://www.sds.org/about-us/our-founder/life-of-fr-jordan>

Join us to Celebrate Fr Jordans birthday, Sacred Heart Church, Monavale. St Patrick's Bus leaves outside St Patrick's at 3:00 pm Monday 17 June. Book your place on the bus by filling in the booking sheet in the foyer of the church.

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 15/6	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford	+ Recently Dec'd Ian McGuinness +Remembrance June Farr
Sun 16/6	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance Anjun Pandja Parish Intentions Return to Health Charlie Sammut
Mon 17/6	9:00a Gosford	+ Anniversary Marjorie Caves
Tue 18/6	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Ronald Freeman
Wed 19/6	11:30a Gosford	+ Recently Dec'd Ian McGuinness
Sat 22/6	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Keevers, Knight, Merchant Families
Sun 9/6	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford	+ Recently Dec'd Nelson Fernandes Parish Intentions

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Charlie Sammut, Rachael Lees, Brian Graham, Arlene Peters, Kath Ryan, John Burg, Peter & Lena O'Donovan, Tina Learwood, Allan Francis, Brian Loo, Bev Meehan, Michael Graham, Glenn Mills, Frank McGuinness, Angela Cunningham, Simon Low, Christopher Graham, Frances Cannon, John Riley, Margaret Gunnison, Sonia Cummings,

Anna-Marie Rowan, Denise Smith, Melita Waters, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh, Scott McKinnon.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Yvonne Dillon, Fr Ian Abbott, Netta Evernett, Allan Southgate, Kerry Dwyer, (Ian) John James McGuinness, Bruce Branthwaite, Margaret Agius, Nelson Fernandes, Sid Dowsett, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Steven Kim.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Majorie Craves, Magdalen McNamara, Irena & Jan Thomporowski, Chris & Victoria Buhagar, Elaine Murphy, Patrick Holohan, Tim Keogh, Kerry Rowe, Llyod Woods,

REMEMBRANCES:

Ronald Freeman, June Farr, Edward & Stephen Blow, Holy Souls esp. 'FOSS' members, Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families, Alan Smith, Magdalen McNamara, Phyllis Owens, Friquet Family, Colleen Cartner, Thelma Herring, Laura McGuire, Nancy Kirk, Liberatori Risi, Michael Kokegei.

CONDOLENCES:

Condolences to Margaret Mathieson on the loss of Netta Evernett, her beloved Aunty.

Condolences to Wendy Lawlor on the passing of her mother Yvonne Dillon.

FIRST READING

PRV 8:22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water.

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 8:4-9. R. V.2

(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him?

(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Yet you have made him little less than a god; with glory and honour you crowned him, gave him power over the works of your hand, put all things under his feet.

(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

All of them, sheep and cattle, yes, even the savage beasts, birds of the air, and fish that make their way through the waters.

(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

ROM 5:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

JN 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said:

All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

COMMENTARY

The Spirit of truth will lead you.

Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Desire – The heart of God.

We do not find an explicit statement of the doctrine of the Trinity in the Gospels; it took centuries of discussion before the Council of Nicea came up

with the language we profess in our creed about Father, Son, and Spirit. What we do find is a seminal faith and an experience of God present in the life of Jesus and the early Christians. As a Jew Jesus would have daily prayed the great Jewish proclamation of faith, 'Hear O Israel the Lord our God, the Lord is one.' Drawing on his Jewish traditions and Scriptures Jesus spoke to God as 'Abba', father. While the Greeks had the idea of God as a distant impersonal and immovable being, Jesus knew God as personal and loving.

Jesus' experience of an intimate loving God continued in the experience of the early Christians who glimpsed that while the historical Jesus of Nazareth was no longer with them, Jesus as the Risen Christ was a powerful presence, still alive in their midst, and they experienced this as a powerful Spirit of love, courage, gratitude and peace, even in the midst of hostility and suffering. They knew with the certainty of experience God as Father, as Son and Spirit. How this could be so, remained mystery, as it still is, but the experience of love has its own certainty, as Paul writes with conviction: 'the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.' For this certainty, he will travel thousands of miles to share his experience, and ultimately will give his life.

The section from John's Gospel continues Jesus' Final Discourse as he tries to console and encourage his disciples on the night of his arrest. He promises them that even in his absence they will still have an advocate, a teacher and guide; they will not be left orphaned. The understanding of God as Trinity can also help us understand our own life.

The Trinity expresses the Christian faith that the essence of Divine life is a love that reaches out to another in desire to be in relationship. As this Gospel reveals, the Spirit is turned towards Jesus, the Son; all the Spirit expresses comes from the Risen Christ, just as all the Father has, is given over to the Son. Our own relationships and desires for love image the dynamic self-giving within the life of God. As Genesis states, 'in the image of God they were created, male and female.'

In celebrating the Trinity, may we also celebrate and give thanks for our participation in this life of loving desire. May the patterns of our own loving mirror the generous self-giving of our God.

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Your Roster – June 23, Corpus Christi [C]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby -6:30
DATE	22.06.19	23.06.19	23.06.19	23.06.19	22.06.19
Audio/Visual	Robert Biviano	Glad Williams	Greg McBride	Joe Tropiano	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Peter Young Anna Jung	John McCrae Peter O'Neill	Peter Julius Alan Dillon	Peter Forbes Kevin O'Donnell	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Lectors	Val Dibben Nicole Murphy	Chris Golden Gerard Price	Susanna Machuca Liz Malik	Anne Mackson Laura Mellor	Alice Chin Judy Grenfell
Commentator	Jan Blanch	Gerard Price	Chris Paget	Barbara McCarthy	Peter Chin
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Nicole Murphy Cheryl Parry Maisie Tenev Diana Ball Jan Blanch Rosemary Lee	Anna Neale Lucy Price Neryl Tyrrell Ron Burgess Cecilia Coughlin	Judith Myers Isobel O'Neill Keith Quinn Emily Rudd Wendy Stringer	Patricia Anderson Lyn Beglin Corrie Dunn Nora Koleszar Anna Llige	Michael Monahagn + Senior Server
Altar Servers	Taz Parry Harry Cockerton Lachlan Murphy	Sebastian Eager Laura Eager	Cohen Sutton Indigo Sutton Logan Farris Yuna Iwasaki	Vito De Toffol Remi De Toffol Lorenzo Arango	Natalia Luci Jessica Xuereb Flowers: Roseanne Dominello
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SUNDAY, JUNE, 23 - CORPUS CHRISTI

1st – Gen 14:18–20
2nd – Cor 11:23–26
Gospel – Luke 9:11–17

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