



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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**7 June 2020**

**Most Holy Trinity**

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Psalm Response: Daniel 3:52-56

**Glory and praise for ever.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel Acclamation: cf Revelation 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: John 3:16-18

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Monica ALLEN Dale MAHER Rebecca MCGREGOR Fr Bernard O'BRIEN Lucy PERKOVIC Trevor SALTER Ren WILSON

**Recently Deceased:** Lamy ALLFREY Fr Frank MORRISEY OMI Margaret STARBROOK Carmel TRENTO Catherine ZARB

**Anniversaries:** Brian CROCKETT Roy DENNER Fr John GALLIVAN Lorraine LILBURNE George WESTWOOD



*Our Parish is committed to the Safety, Wellbeing And Dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*

**Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all**

### **WHO IS GOD? GOD IS LOVE (1 JOHN 4:8)**

The beginnings of our Christian belief in the Trinity are in the gospel accounts of Jesus which describe how Jesus the Son spoke intimately of his Father addressing him as "Abba, Father"- an endearing expression never before used to speak of God- "Abba" (Hebrew) was only used by a son to speak to his father whom he loves very much.

Also Jesus spoke regularly of the Spirit who will be with his followers once Jesus has returned to the Father. Today's gospel gives us the key to understand properly our one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**UNDERSTANDING THE TRINITY:** Everything begins in the loving action of a God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:16). The love of the Son showed both for his Father and for us reveals God's love. As St John wrote in his First Letter: "Everyone who lives is born of God and knows God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him." (1 John 4:7-9)

**WHAT WE MEAN BY THE TRINITY:** As Christians, we believe that God relates to us and communicates with us, individually and collectively in three distinct ways. We believe that God is comprised of three divine persons who together are one God.

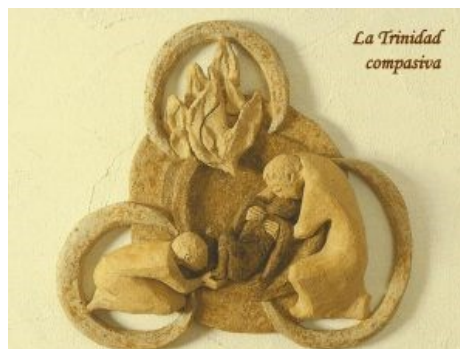
Like our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters, we are monotheists: we believe that the Lord our God is one and there is no other.

But unlike our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters, we believe that the one God exists in three persons. In the gospels, Jesus prayed to his Father. At the Baptism of Jesus, the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a dove. The resurrection of Jesus proved he was fully God. At Pentecost, the disciples saw the Holy Spirit like tongues of fire.

**IMAGES OF THE TRINITY:** of the icons, the most famous is by Rublev, of Moscow in the 15th century where there are three persons around a table- with the same faces but in different coloured clothes.

Recently, a sculpture by St Caritas Muller OP of Switzerland (2007) entitled "The Merciful Trinity" tenderly expresses God's threefold relationship with human beings. At the centre, there lies a suffering human person, unable to lift his/her head. The Father bends over the human being, holding him tenderly- this is God the Father embracing us and sustaining us in our suffering.

The Son, gently touches the man's feet, tending his wounds. It reminds us of the Good Samaritan tending



the man beaten by the robbers. Also, it reminds us of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper.

The Holy Spirit in the middle, beckons to the person to arise. At Pentecost, the tongues of fire warmed and enlivened the disciples. It is the Spirit who leads us to the Son, and through the Son, to the Father.

**THE DIVINE DANCE:** The mystery of God which our three readings this Sunday proclaim is love— and love is never solitary, never static nor finished. Dance choreography has been tried to express this:

"There are neither leaders nor followers in the divine dance, only an eternal movement of reciprocal giving and receiving, giving again and receiving again.... The divine dance is fully personal and interpersonal, expressing the essence and unity of God"- Catherine of La Cugna (San Francisco, 1991)

**OUR RESPONSE:** As a Christian community, our belief in the Holy Trinity should inspire us to be more open to others, more appreciative of our differences and diversity of others, to be more inclusive of others, regardless of race or religion and more hospitable to the lost, the lonely, the marginalised and the refugee.

.....Kevin McIntosh

### **SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES**

**As of this week, 20 participants will be welcome to celebrate one of three SUNDAY Masses or one of two Weekday Masses.**

- **Saturday evening 5.30pm**
- **Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am**
- **Wednesday 9.30am**
- **Friday 9.30am**

**Bookings for all Masses** will be open from Monday morning. As the office is closed please leave a clear message which will record the time of the call and booking. Please nominate your preferred Mass time. Details of names and contact numbers of each participant is required. If booking for a family member please give their details as well. All bookings will be confirmed by Parish Staff from Tuesday. These details are stored for the Victorian Health Department.

Please allow time before Mass for details to be checked and regulations to be fulfilled.

Parishioners are invited to celebrate ONE Mass only this week unless there are bookings available. Anyone who has missed out will be booked for the following week.

Strict directives from the Victorian Health Dept. and Melbourne Archdiocese will be adhered to.

The Masses can be celebrated only if sufficient volunteers are available to meet the required regulations by the Victorian Government.

Each celebration will require:

LECTOR	SINGER	MUSICIAN
ALTAR SERVER	AUDIO VISUAL	MASS SET UP
2-3 CLEANERS	2 MONITORS	2 USHERS

Please let the office know if you can assist with any of these roles at your nominated Mass. Thank you for your patience.

#### **Prayer of Pope Francis Spiritual Communion:**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart ... I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You*

**OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:** we offer to the family of Catherine Zarb who entered eternal life suddenly aged 93 years last Sunday. Catherine and her late husband Victor are parents to nine children. They migrated from Malta to Melbourne in 1964. Catherine has been widowed for 34 years. She and her son Edmund came to our parish in 2005 where they have been regular worshippers with us on Sundays. Her funeral Mass last Thursday was completed at Altona Cemetery.

**CARING FOR THE HOMELESS:** While the Sunbury Winter Shelter (SWS) is postponed this winter due to coronavirus, volunteers from SWS are assisting Careworks, the Salvos, Vinnies and other local charities. Vincentcare, which is the local agency with DHS, is now having a presence in Sunbury on Mondays.

**WELCOME BACK STUDENTS:** This Tuesday, students in Years 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are returning to their schools after weeks of online education. May you and your families enjoy the return to normal learning while following the government regulations for the safety and health of all.

**MASS DISPENSATION:** during this time of Covid 19, the Australian Catholic Bishops have dispensed all Catholics from the obligation to take part in Sunday Masses. As we take small steps to returning toward opening churches, please be assured Spiritual Communion and on line Masses are still available for those who can't attend Mass in church.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all our generous Parishioners who are telephoning many of our Parish community and those who have offered to shop for the housebound.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** A group of our parishioners recite the rosary between Monday to Thursday's from 6pm via Zoom app. If any parishioners are interested please send a message to Garnet Jacob on 0411286428 and he will include you in the group.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** due to Covid-19 the Parish Office operating hours are temporarily changed to Tues, Wed, Friday 9am-5pm (closed lunch time 1-2pm). **The office is not open for face-to-face contact for safety of all staff and public.** Please make all enquiries via telephone 9744 1060 or email [sunbury@cam.org.au](mailto:sunbury@cam.org.au). To drop anything to the office, please use the locked box near the front door of the parish office. Staff are still checking messages, email's and letter boxes. Thank you for your understanding.

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE:** A copy of our Parish Newsletter will be available outside St Anne's church over each weekend and during the week. **Please use gloves when opening the box for the protection of all.** Please pick one up for your family and a neighbour who may require one in their letterbox. Thank you.

**PARISH FINANCE:** a letter of thanks has been sent to all parishioners who are financially supporting our parish during the Covid-19 Pandemic. For anyone wishing to make any changes to their current level of support, please complete the form in the letter and return it to the parish office at your earliest convenience.

We are very grateful for all who are still able to support the parish financially.

**SUFFERING DURING COVID-19:** Isolation and anxiety at this time has aggravated domestic violence (up 300% according to some police), depression, gambling, drugs and alcohol. There is help available. Phone Lifeline 13 11 14 (24/7), or Beyond Blue 1300 22 46 36.

**2021 ENROLMENTS:** So far, there are 160 students enrolled in Prep at our three Parish Schools. Parents are advised there are still a few vacancies so please contact the schools by telephone or by email.