



Christ the King Church

ST MEL'S PARISH

"BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD..."

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Trinity Sunday

Sunday 12 June 2022

Readings for
this week:



Proverbs 8:22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Readings for
next Sunday:



Genesis 14:18-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11-17



Liturgical Jottings

Symbolism of the Trinity

In theology and liturgy teachers, writers, composers and artists have used numerous images, signs and symbols to depict and help explain the mystery of the Trinity. Perhaps the simplest is the triangle: three sides to one shape. St Patrick used three-leaved shamrock from the local flora to teach the Irish from what they knew to lead them to grasp this mystery. The liturgy of the day emphasises the relationships between Father, Son and Holy Spirit and between the Trinity and humanity. Artists, too depict the three persons in various ways. Andrei Rublev, Russian painter, represented the Trinity beautifully in harmonic relationship of persons in his famous icon (black line form above) based on the encounter of Abraham, Sarah and the three angels at the oak of Mamre.

(Genesis 18,1-15)

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Looking at the Readings

The Gospel Acclamations are a great source of summary not only for the Gospel but also for the other readings and prayers. Most evidently today it sums up the readings and the liturgical texts of this feast. The first reading from the book of Proverbs gives a poetical account of God's work of creation. We stand in awe at the grandeur and artistry of the creator and invited to enter the play, the drama, of life and to delight in it.

St Paul eloquently merges the glory of God and the suffering of Christ and his followers into the act of faith, hope and love: the love that the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts.

Christ our Lord, the Wisdom and Word of God, recognises both the inadequacy of human words: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.' (John 16:12) but also the power of divine inspiration. Yes the Holy Spirit will lead us to the truth. It took four centuries for the Church to settle on an acceptable teaching of the divinity and unity of the one Godhead. Again John reminds his readers that the Father glorifies the Son as the Son glorifies the Father.

The responsorial psalm praises God for his creation, and bestows the glory of God to the crown of his creation to us, His mortal beings.

Prayer for the Week

"You, Father, are one God, one Lord: with the only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit, not in the unity of a single person, but in a Trinity of one substance. For what you have revealed to us of your glory we believe equally of your Son and of the Holy Spirit, so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead, you might be adored in what is proper to each Person, their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty. (*Preface of the Trinity, composed in medieval times*)

The Saints on the Trinity

Paul's teaching in his second letter 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.* Just as grace is given from the Father through the Son, so there could be no communication of the gift to us except in the Holy Spirit. But when we share in the Spirit, we possess the love of the Father, the grace of the Son and the fellowship of the Spirit himself. *St Athanasius*

On the Lighter Side

A trap that some homilist have fallen into on this day is opening the homily with the words that the mystery of the Trinity cannot be explained and then taking 20 minutes attempting to explain it.



St Mel's Parish Is...

"A welcoming and caring community that helps all people grow stronger in our Catholic Faith."



REFLECTION FROM FR PETER

As a sign of our entry into the life of the Trinity, we sign ourselves through the nature of God in our lives as FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT. When I bring reflection of the Trinity I'm drawn to the Baptismal moment when we were Baptised into the three personhood of God. On that day of Baptism we were named for this participation in God's love. At the end of each celebration of the Eucharist we go in the peace of God's relationship. We are blessed into this relationship. The Trinity relates through the activity we see of God through our world and community.

Tomorrow is one we give especially here at St. Mel's of ST. ANTHONY. Close in tradition with our Italian culture of faith. THIS SUNDAY the statue of St Anthony is in the Church as we bring St Anthony for a continuing intercession of him as a Christ bearer of faith. Anthony models a way for 'lost things' being recovered. As one who gives a quiet yet powerful intercession in people's lives, it is Anthony's way as a preacher where his admiration was won over. Padua in Italy today is one of much veneration of Anthony as his place of burial and for pilgrimage.

Over the coming Sunday's in our Church cycle, with the TRINITY and next Sunday being the celebration of The BODY and BLOOD OF CHRIST, then the NATIVITY of JOHN THE BAPTIST, (June 23) then The SACRED HEART OF JESUS, (June 24) will then see the Church cycle back into Ordinary time. So there are significant events we unfold enhancing our faith life.



From this Sunday we see the Trinity as our life force of God's outpouring of love and from this seeing ourselves caught up in this dynamic of presence in our Church life.

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE BANNING ANYONE FROM THE EUCHARIST

I received this article, title above, from a long time Parishioner here at St Mel's and found this a good read and thought it may be of interest to some of you also. I am sharing this article over a few weeks in the bulletin. Below is part two:

John Whitney, S.J. May 31, 2022 American Magazine.

I love the Eucharist.

(Continued from last week...)

The original sin of the church, clericalism, emerges when those called to minister the sacraments begin to believe that the sacraments belong to them, or are a product of their special power as God's chosen vessels. In such cases, instead of being a servant at the table of the Lord, the ordained minister begins to act like he is the host, empowered to set up criteria of reception not present in the example of Christ. The Eucharist itself, the mystery of Christ's presence given to the people of God, becomes a tool to be used according to the discretion of the ruling cleric. In such times, access to the sacrament is denied or granted, not according to the conscience by which God speaks to the heart of the individual, but according to the power of the clerical authority.

Such a vision is contrary to the practice of Jesus in the New Testament and to the notion of ministry exemplified in the early church. Far from being the gatekeepers of the Eucharist, the ordained are called to help the gift of the Eucharist become fully visible for God's people by welcoming and inviting all people in imitation of Christ. In this role, one might well quote St. Paul: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20). As Pope Francis reminds us, such ministry should inspire humility in all those called as pastors, for the gifts we minister do not belong to us. It is not by our goodness that the table is set, not by our power that the common elements of bread and wine become vessels of grace and divine presence, not by our virtue that the spirit of God moves in the hearts of believers. All of these are the work of Christ, through his body the church.

(To be continued...)

Fr Peter

St Mel's Parish would like to acknowledge the elders past and present of the Yorta Yorta Nation, and pay our respects as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish and church is situated.

A GREAT THANKYOU to all concerned with last Sunday's presentation and celebration to Debbie Elliott. To the team behind the scenes, we appreciate your time on the Friday before, during and the morning last Sunday. A great positive moment!

NAMES AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEKEND Due to the amount of names seeking prayer and thought this weekend, the names included on the back page of our bulletin are asked for our prayer.

VISIT OF BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY TO THE PARISH

Bishop Shane will be coming to St Mel's Parish on Sunday, July 17th for a Parish visitation. It is anticipated Bishop Shane will lead the 9:30am and 5pm Masses. More information to come.



SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST The celebrations of these Sacraments are approaching. The first celebration being Saturday June 18th at 4:30pm, the second being Sunday June 19th at 11:30am, and the third being Sunday June 19th at 2:30pm. These are highpoint celebrations and worthy of our support and prayer. Thanks to Mel, with support from the Sacramental team in preparation of these celebrations.

A NEW WAY TO DONATE TO OUR PARISH The quest machines have been installed in the Narthex. The process is easy to follow, simply tap the prompts and present your card to make a donation. The amounts will be counted towards our loose collection, this is separate from our planned giving program. Any queries, please phone the office. Thank you for your generosity.

REFUGEE WEEK Is one remembered each year. From Next Sunday 19th to the Saturday 25th June, we are called upon to give prayer in joining with Catholic Communities across Australia through the theme of HEALING. On the Monday evening 20th June a prayer service supported by The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) and the office for Justice, Ecology and Peace (OJEP) both agencies through the Catholic Bishops Conference. For the online prayer service go to <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers> Other resources can be found at Refugee Week Resources – Office for Social Justice (catholic.org.au)

FROM THE SOCIETY OF THE COLUMBAN'S A missionary order with focus on mission in particular Mission of Church in Australia. Fr Trevor Trotter who is the Regional Director of Oceania writes ... "When speaking about mission for the Church in Australia says it's the same for the church throughout the world. The mission established by Jesus is to bring about a unity of all people and all things in the one God." With the Church considering the question asked through the Plenary Council... What is God asking! The relationship of the First Nations People and with all of us is critical for reconciliation and justice. Learning from the First Nations people is ongoing. The Columban Missionary Society are taking up two words, Solidarity and Dialogue. Our feeling for these two words, take us with our First Nations people into an ongoing dialogue of faith and spirituality meeting together.

COLD SNAP HAS HOMELESS SERVICES WORKING OVERTIME appeared in Cath News, where it reminded us Catholic Social Services Australia and its networks are working overtime as freezing weather hits the eastern sea board and forces homeless people off the streets. Francis Sullivan chair of CSSA Said recently, "people sleeping rough need a safe place to sleep, a warm meal hot shower more than ever!" The last census had some 116,000 people across Australia classified as homeless with the fastest growing group being women over 55 years of age. Given the winter night shelter is happening again this information is relevant for our consideration.

ST MEL'S WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

We began last week with two guests who were most appreciative of a warm, safe environment, comfy beds, tasty food, change of clothes if needed and enjoyable company.

Thank you to our shift volunteers and for food provided.

Please pray as we heed Jesus' words:

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matt 25:43)

Thanks (Sr Pam).



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 19th JUNE 2022

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm - You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Second Reading

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

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord

Weekday Masses this coming week 13th June to 19th June 2022

Monday 13th June - No Mass

Tuesday 14th June - 9:15am

Wednesday 15th June - 9:15am

Thursday 16th June - 9:00am

Friday 17th June - 9:15am

Saturday 18th June - 9:00am

4:30pm Sacramental Mass

Sunday 19th June - 9:30am & 5:00pm

11:30am & 2:30pm Sacramental Masses

READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER

Sunday 19th June 2022

9:30am - Chris Summers (Commentator) Trish Mathisen (L1)

Mick Hanlon (L2)

9:30am - Special Ministers: Sev Cortese & Pauline Pettigrew

5:00pm - Xavier Tanner (Commentator) Paul Bertoli (Lector)

5:00pm - Special Ministers: Angie Knez & Cathy Cannatelli

Recently deceased: Fr Gerald Dullard OSA

Anniversaries: Carolina, Bruno & Vincenzo Mammone, Carmela Gallace, Marianna Nesci, Guiseppe Rachele, Francesca Rachele, Gregorio Rachele, Francesco & Innocenza Cirillo, Bruno & Rosina Care`, Maria Angela Mammone, Antonio Parini, Catena Cari, Bruno Cavallaro, Giuseppina Cavalloro, Adam Corazza, Cocca Family, Milazzo Family, Busiello Family, Jarrod Reinking, Facchin Families, Simpson, Andreola, Antonio, Enrico, Ernesto, Faustino, Giovanni & Emanuela Di Pietro, Rosa Calandro (one year), Giuseppe & Michelina Latorre