



The parish of *St Joseph* *Newport & Spotswood*

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, YEAR A

4TH JUNE 2023

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Tue & Thu – **9.15am, Spotswood**
Wed & Fri – **9.15am, Newport**
Sat – **5.30pm, Spotswood**
Sun – **10.00am, Newport**

Reconciliation

Sat 10.00-10.30am, Newport
5.00-5.20pm, Spotswood

Parish Clergy

Father Binh Le PP

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Katherine Wong
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Secretary & Safeguarding Officer

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Katherine Wong

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SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

The parish of St Joseph, Newport and Spotswood, holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.

Reflection by Rev Mark O'Brien OP

The feast of the Trinity draws the three preceding feasts together. The Resurrection focuses on the Father as the life-giving one, the Ascension on Jesus as the vindicated and exalted one, Pentecost on the Holy Spirit as the empowering one. The readings for Year A of this feast prompt us to reflect on how the Trinity comes to be revealed in the Bible and the challenge that this presents for us who believe it. Thus, the first reading takes us back to a foundational episode in the story of Israel – the apostasy of the golden calf. But this episode presupposes an even more foundational text of the Bible – Genesis 1:26 where humanity is made in the image and likeness of God. Given the iconoclastic stance of the Old Testament this does not refer to a visual likeness. More likely, as the remainder of the verse suggests, we are meant to be an image of God in our dominion over creation. That is, we are meant to emulate God's just and righteous rule of creation. It is not how we look but about how we live. However, as the Bible goes on to teach us in the 'Garden Story', we tend to reverse things and make God in our image and likeness. The trouble is, the idea of God that we conjure up is a distorted one. In the 'Garden Story' the wily serpent tricks the woman into imagining a God who is mean and unjust. When we operate on a distorted image of God, we inevitably end up with a badly image of ourselves (the couple have to hide from each other behind fig leaves, and to hide from God). Same couple, same God but now seen in a different and distorted light. The golden calf story takes this a step further by telling how Israel made what it regarded as an appropriate image of God and how chaos ensued. This happens as God is instructing Moses in the preceding chapters of Exodus to build a sanctuary so that God can live among the people.

Our first reading comes at the end of this story; a crucial step in Israel being reconciled to God is that it be reminded who God is and, just as importantly, how God acts. And so we have the proclamation of what one might call the divine 'code of conduct' – how God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Unfortunately, an important element of this 'code' is not included in the reading for the feast, namely that God will visit the iniquity on the children to the third and fourth generation. The Old Testament is here juxtaposing two primary images of the divinity that course through the Bible in a dynamic and at times tense relationship: God who is just and punishes evil and God who is merciful and forgiving. The Torah that has been given to Moses and that Israel has promptly disobeyed, is reinstated via two tablets of stone to replace the ones that Moses smashed. Obedience to the Torah will enable Israel to enjoy the presence of God in its midst and to act in an appropriate way when in the presence of God; namely as a just and merciful society.

However, as the prophets testify, the tendency to reverse the order of things runs long and deep. And so, as the Gospel of John testifies, God makes the extraordinary move of sending the perfect image of divinity, the Son, in our image and likeness: Jesus comes among us as one like us in all things but sin. By listening to him speak and act two revelatory moments take place. We are able, in faith, to 'see' the Father from whom he comes and whom he reveals. For us to be, 'made' in the image and likeness of God. Two things are needed. We must accept the judgement that we are in need of being remade and also accept the remedy – the gift of God's grace that transforms us and makes us Christ-like. The sign and guarantee and guarantee of God's purpose, a purpose that will be fully realised, is the presence and power of the Spirit.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Parish of St Joseph, Newport & Spotswood, acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the churches of Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary stand.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Dan 3

R. Glory and praise for ever!

1. 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!

2. 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!

3. 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!

2nd Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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.

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!

Gospel

John 3:16-18

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.

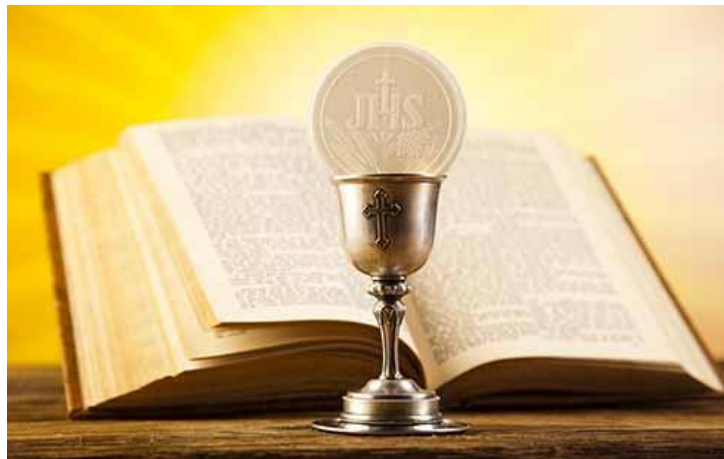
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,

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 Church closes the long Lent-Paschaltide liturgical season with a feast that invites us to sit back and reflect on the nature of God as revealed in the Paschal mystery: the feast of the Holy Trinity. It is, of course, through the experience of that mystery and subsequent theological reflection on it that the early Christians were led to know God as three Persons in the one divine essence. The doctrine of the Trinity is not, then, an arid theological puzzle but a necessary conclusion from a sense of being grasped by and held within a divine communion of love.

For all the terrors it might inspire in the hearts of preachers on its yearly round, it is a feast about the nearness rather than the remoteness of God.

OUT-REACHING OF LOVE

Of course, the formulation of the doctrine of the Trinity in its classic shape did not occur until well after the New Testament era. Nonetheless, the rather brief offerings we have for Year A, capture well this sense of God as an out-reaching communion of love.

COMMUNION OF LIFE AND LOVE

God's whole approach to the world is that of rescuing it from its bondage to sin and death in order to draw all human beings into the communion of life and love that is the Godhead. This is the work of the Son. The task of judgment, which more conventional religious expectation might see as belonging to God, is in fact brought 'down to earth'. Each one determines for himself or herself what their judgment will be precisely as they decide to accept or not accept the revelation of God as a God of love, that comes to us through Jesus.

- Fr Brendan Byrne

THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli admitted more than 120 altar servers into the Guild of Stephen at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, 26th May 2023. Three of our parish altar servers, Isabella and Amalia Wong and Ryan Yap were among those servers.



Congratulations to Isabella, Amalia and Ryan and thanking each one of you for serving in our parish.



Those who would like to become altar servers in our parish, please speak to Fr Binh after Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

To the families of Sacred Heart and St Margaret Mary's of the Parish of St Joseph,

The parish is hoping to reinstate regular Children's Liturgy during the 10am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Church to encourage young families and their children to our weekend Masses.

We are looking to form a group of 3-5 adults/youth (16 years and older) who are interested in taking turns to lead these sessions and create opportunities for the children of our parish to learn more about the life of Jesus.

Resources and guidance would be provided.

If you are interested, please speak to Fr Binh after Mass or contact Ivana at the parish office on 9391 1201 or email to Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au

2023 PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

Appeal date: 4th of June 2023 till 30th of July

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters' resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at www.catholicmission.org.au/timor

Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH WITH CDFPAY

Simply scan the QR code with your mobile phone and in a few steps you can quickly and securely give to our parish.



OUR SICK

Frances Mercieca, Elizabeth Sundanam, Eric Moore, Helen Callinan, John Nguyen Canh Ty, Esther Colton, Bozo Madzar, Juliana Mijoc, Marij Knez, Mary Fenech, Kristy Robinson, Paul Orfali, Kay Conlin

ANNIVERSARIES

RECENTLY DECEASED

Felice Meilak, Maria Costa, Raymond Achkar

CATHOLIC MISSION: DIOCESAN PARISH APPEALS COORDINATOR

- Part-time 3 days per week, fixed term (18 months) position based in Melbourne VIC.
- Work within community engagement in a creative and innovative role.
- Become a member of an experienced Diocesan team.
- Recruiting and supervising a team of Parish Ambassadors across Melbourne;
- In concert with the Parish Ambassadors, recruiting a team of speakers to promote Church appeals.
- Overseeing a formation Program to support a growing team of Parish Mission Ambassadors.

For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission, Kevin Meese at Melbourne.Director@catholicmission.org.au

WYD: 50 DAYS TO DEPARTURE!

The feast of the Visitation marks 50 days until Melbourne's pilgrims join a million others in Lisbon for the Church's largest international youth gathering: World Youth Day. As we embark on 50 days of prayer for our pilgrims, we take a look at what's happened so far, what's to come and what some of the leaders are getting out of their formation experiences.



Continue reading:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/50-days-of-prayer-for-world-youth-day-begins>

XAVIER SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK DINNER TO SUPPORT JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

When: Thursday, June 8, 2023
6:30pm – 10:30pm

Venue: Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong



The Xavier Social Justice Network invites the community to the 2023 Xavier Social Justice Network Dinner in support of Jesuit Refugee Service.

All proceeds from the evening will support the work of Jesuit Refugee Service.

For more information and registering, visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/xavier-social-justice-network-dinner-to-support-jesuit-refugee-service-2-2>

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We gather as the parish of Saint Joseph as we
welcome all into our community. We celebrate our
faith, share in the Eucharist and Sacraments and
come together to embrace each other's joys,
sorrows, hopes and dreams.

We pray that we will always be a welcoming
community, embracing our future and the
uniqueness of all who come amongst us.

We are led by the example of Christ, the
cornerstone of all we are and all we do. We are
guided by the Spirit to be the heart of God, as we
find grace in each other. We are inspired by the
charism of Mary MacKillop and the work of the
Sisters of St Joseph.

We pray that we will follow St Margaret Mary's
devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, be with us.

St Margaret Mary, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible
and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only
Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all
ages. God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father; through him all
things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and
rose again on the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in
glory to judge the living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in
my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though You have already come, I embrace You
and unite myself entirely to You;
never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st Collection Presbytery Offering	2 nd Collection Thanksgiving Offering
To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish clergy• Sick and retired priests• Priests in needy parishes• Archbishop & auxiliary bishops	To support: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish running costs• Parish pastoral initiatives• Diocesan and various services
If you would like to join parish thanksgiving programme, please contact the parish office. Thank you.	

ST MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

O St Margaret Mary, through you, Jesus pours
out His abundant graces to all mankind. Help us to
put aside personal interests and abandon ourselves
entirely and lovingly to His Adorable Heart. May our
work, like yours, merit His special care and favour,
through Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.