



# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / C

15 JUNE 2025

## FIRST READING

Prov 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 8:4-9. R v 2

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

1. 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.**

2. 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.**



3. 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.**

## 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.

■ The word of the Lord.



# THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH'S, ELSTERNWICK & HOLY CROSS, CAULFIELD SOUTH

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**Mass**

**Friday 10:00am, Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday 10:30am**

**Reconciliation**

**Friday after Mass, Saturday 6:00pm**

**Thanksgiving & Special Collections**

**Church: \$603.00      Presbytery: \$633.00**

**Special Collection: -**

**Next Week's Roster**

**Lector - Saturday: R Rodrigues**

**Lector - Sunday: E Galero**

**Counters: No Counting**

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**Mass**

**Thursday 10:00am and Sunday 9:00am**

**Reconciliation**

**Thursday after Mass**

**Thanksgiving & Special Collections**

**Church: \$344.10      Presbytery: \$354.15**

**Special Collection: -**

**Next Week's Roster**

**Lector: A Powell**

Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving



**ST ANTHONY'S, GLEN HUNTLY**

**74, Grange Road, Glen Huntly 3163**

**In Residence: Fr Pat Jackson SAC, Br Lindsay Rust SAC**

**Mass**

**Monday - Saturday 9:15am**

**Saturday 6:00pm**

**Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm**

**Reconciliation**

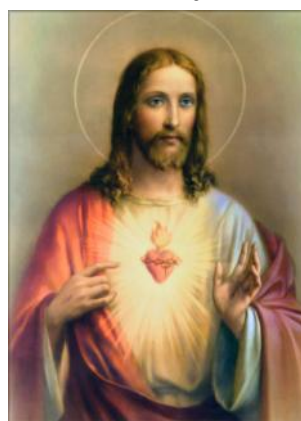
**30-minutes before all Masses & Saturday 9:45-10:10am**

**Upcoming Week's Liturgical Calendar**

**Sat 21 Jun: St Aloysius**

**Sun 22 Jun: Corpus Christi**

## Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



All are invited to be part of a special celebration in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus from 7:00pm on Friday 27th June at St Joseph's Church.

A beautiful evening is anticipated, with adoration, prayer and Holy Mass. Our Lord Himself promises great graces to all who honour His Most Sacred Heart.

Do come along and be blessed!

## 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.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (Gal 4:6)

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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill\*: **Paulette Dobbin, Tony Messina, Carol Ann Burgess**

*\* Names will be published for a month, unless otherwise requested.*

Recently Deceased: -

Death Anniversary: -

## Thank You!

Special thanks for celebrating Mass with us:

Saturday 6:30pm at St Joseph's: **Fr Isaac Zaki**

Sunday 9:00am at Holy Cross: **Bishop Les Tomlinson**

Sunday 10:30am at St Joseph's: **Fr Rojan George**

## The Feasts of St Aloysius & St Anthony of Padua



A combined celebration of the Patron Saints of the parishes of St Aloysius and St Anthony's will be held on 14th & 15th June



The main Mass will be at St Anthony's Church at 11am on Sunday, followed by a BBQ at Padua Pavilion. After all the other Masses, there will be a cuppa. All welcome!

## Parish Celebration

We will celebrate the amalgamation of our 2 parishes on Sunday, 29 June 2025.

1. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am at Holy Cross and at 10:30am at St Joseph's.
2. The celebration continues with a light lunch served from 12-noon at St Joseph's School Atrium. For catering purposes, please RSVP using the clipboards at the church foyer by Sunday 22 June.
3. Altar Servers are requested to assist at 10:30am Mass.
4. If you would like to contribute to entertainment during the meal, e.g. to sing a song or read a poem, we are looking for 4 short acts to be a part of the program. Please contact the Parish Office by Friday, 13th June.
5. Volunteers to assist with decoration, set-up and pack-up of the school atrium will be most welcomed. Please indicate availability on the RSVP form.

## Upcoming Special Collection: Catholic Mission

On the weekend of 21-22 June, a special collection will be taken up for the Propagation of Faith.

Please give generously to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope or visiting the Catholic Mission website. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.







### Registration Open!

The ACYF is wonderful opportunity for engagement with other young people while experiencing talks, prayer, workshops, live concerts, games, Mass and much more.

It is right at our own doorstep and an opportunity not to miss! You are encouraged to register with your Parish using the form available at our church foyers.

Parents need to complete the forms for those under 18.

The Parish of St Joseph's & Holy Cross and The Parish of St Anthony's & St Aloysius will register a 'combined contingent' for those who would like to attend or lead.

- Sunday, 30 November - Tuesday, 2 December
- Year 9 - 25 years plus Leaders 25+
- Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
- \$390-410 per person for the entire Festival. Travel and food at additional cost.



### Young Adults Hosting Mass: Saturday 28 June

The Young Adults aged 18-35 from our 3 churches come together every 4th Saturday of the month to host the 6:30pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's.

For those who are slightly older but still young-at-heart, you are most welcome to join the group as Youth Coordinators. This is an important role, as you will be supporting the Young Adults and also guiding our Youth aged 7-17 at Mass and during fellowship.

### Trivia Lunch @ Holy Cross Parish Hall

Join us on Wednesday, 18th June at 12-noon. Bring your own lunch and enjoy the trivia session and a catchup. All are welcome.



We hope to start the RCIA Program early July 2025, so the Catechumens are prepared leading up to Easter 2026.

Please share this with all those who would like to be part of a spiritual journey towards becoming a Catholic.

We also welcome new Facilitators to assist us with the program. Please email to register interest a.s.a.p.

### Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession

Begins after 11:00am Mass on next Sunday 22nd June, at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne and concluding at Federation Square.

### Praise & Worship

A new initiative by the Young Adults. All welcome to the Praise & Worship session on Friday, 18 July from 7-8pm at Holy Cross Parish Hall, followed by a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.

### The Vibrant Parish Formation Series

Local and international guest speakers will share how we can strengthen the characteristics of a vibrant parish with Worship, Evangelisation, Formation, Fellowship, and Service using the TWG Renewal Framework.

**Tuesdays: 6:30-9:00pm at Mulgrave Country Club, Corner of Wellington and Jells Roads, Wheelers Hill.**

July 1: Hospitality - Transformation for host and guest

August 12: Service - Beyond the church doors

September 9: Evangelisation - Bridging the gap between parish and school

Contact the Parish Office if you wish to attend a session.

### The Most Holy Trinity, Year C

*Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus*

Our belief is in 'Three Divine Persons = One God'. How is that possible? we do not understand. "It is a holy mystery". We have a few more beliefs related to this mystery; e.g. we attribute the act of creation to the Father, the act of redemption to the Son and the act of sanctification to the Holy Spirit.

Yet none of the Three exists in isolation, nor acts in isolation from the other two. That is to say, 'The Father exists and creates together with the Son and the Holy Spirit; the Son exists and redeems together with the Father and the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit exists and sanctifies together with the Father and the Son.

A wrong notion is that there are no three persons in One God, rather three manifestations of the one and the same God. According to those who believe in this notion, when God manifests Himself as the creator, then He is the Father; when He manifests Himself as the redeemer, then He is the Son; and when He manifests Himself as the Sanctifier, then He is the Holy Spirit. These notions are not agreeable to us.

What we as Catholics believe is that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three real Persons distinct from Each other yet inseparable. Each one is fully God, yet only One God. And that all three are eternal having neither beginning nor end, even though the Son proceeds from the Father; and the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

All three are co-eternal, and equal in majesty and power.

As we wonder at the Most Holy Trinity we have a reason to wonder at ourselves too. We wonder at the fact that we are created in the image of the same Trinitarian God. Since we are created in the image of the "One God in Three Persons" it tells us of the kind of people we ought to be. Though we are many, we are but one.

May the Triune God be praised.

*Fr Leenus*

*Why couldn't the tourist in the Arctic get any sleep?  
Because, he plugged his electric blanket into the  
toaster by mistake, and he kept popping out of bed  
all night!*

### Liturgical Course for Ministers of God's Word

Friday 27 June, 6-9pm and Saturday 28 June, 9am-4pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 441 Bluff Road, Hampton East.

**To register at no cost**, contact the Parish Office to request Fr Leenus' endorsement by 20 June 2025.

### Tony's Cafe Birthday Party

Tony's Café will be turning 16 soon and we are celebrating with a morning tea on Tuesday 17th June.

Please come along and join us at St Anthony's Parish Hall, 164-168 Neerim Road. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to bring a plate of food to share, please notify Gwen or Veronica through the parish office.

### Christmas-in-July Dance at St Anthony's

Fundraising for Church Maintenance. Food on sale and BYO drinks. Music by Floyd Solo Band. Dress code is semi-formal. Tickets on sale from next weekend. Adults \$30pp, below 14-yrs \$15pp, below 6-yrs free (no seat).



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word

## THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

We continue on this Feast Day to enjoy the Gospel of John and Jesus' continuing teaching on the Spirit, whose presence is subtly present in the first reading's focus on Wisdom and explicit in Paul's Letter to the Romans. Last week, Jesus offered his fearful disciples the gift of peace. It is the fruit of his Spirit. Today, as he is about to physically leave them, in what feels like a final moment of testimony, Jesus reminds them about the other fruit of his Spirit: the Spirit that will lead them 'to the complete truth', will offer wisdom—a link with the first reading from Proverbs 8—and prepare them for their future.

Jesus accentuates the intimacy which the Spirit has with him. This intimacy, through the Spirit, Jesus shares with his disciples in words that prepare them for his departure. The Gospel writer, looking back from the late first century CE when the Gospel was coming into its final form, had the advantage of hindsight. The evangelist could see how intimacy with Jesus through the gift of his Spirit would sustain them into a future that is essentially unknown and unpredictable.

This Feast of the Holy Trinity allows us to name and celebrate the presence of Jesus' Spirit in our lives, among and around us. Any experience of intimacy, no matter how human or religious this may seem, is the gift of the Spirit proclaimed in today's Gospel.

Fr Michael Trainor