



SUNDAY 31ST MAY, 2026 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. YEAR A Reflection on the Gospel (John 3:16-18)

“In the beginning is not the solitude of a One, of an eternal Being, alone and infinite. Rather, in the beginning is the communion of the three Unique Ones” (Brazilian theologian Leonardo Boff).

Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the mystery of life, of communion, of love and of salvation.

Today's Gospel passage forms part of Jesus' dialogue with a Pharisee called Nicodemus whom Jesus leads from a basic and fairly literal understanding to new understandings of what it means to be in relationship with God. The need to be “born of the Spirit” is part of the conversation that forms the context for this Gospel reading. God is not a distant God, but rather a God *of* communion, and a God *in* communion with the world: “God so loved the world...” John uses the term “world” in today's Gospel to refer to humanity in need of salvation. Jesus, “God's child”, is the one through whom the world is saved.

Trinitarian language pervades John's Gospel and is present elsewhere in the Christian scriptures, almost certainly reflecting the incipient belief of the earliest communities that God is one, as Jewish faith asserts, and at the same time three-in-one. This belief was to develop over the subsequent centuries into the doctrine of the Trinity which is at the very heart of Christian faith.

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of both permeation and diversity in unity, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking metaphors used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious union of love.

Another early metaphorical explanation was of three unified suns, with their three lights mingled into one light. No one image can capture the mystery of

God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Every image falls short in some respect. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutized or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community. It calls us to examine our tendency to privilege those who look and act like us and who see the world as we do. It calls us to “enlarge the space of our tents” (Isa 54:2), to walk with all God's people in faith and hope and love, working together to enshrine unity and peace across diverse cultures and habitats.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **May Sciberras** who died recently; and for **Luke Cuni, Mark Cuni, Giovanna Greco, Frank Said, Kathleen Gibson and Linda Nettar** whose anniversaries occurs at this time.
May they rest in peace.



Synodality and priests

For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission.

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

A reading from the book of Exodus

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.'

The Word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

(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!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

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.

The Word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

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: John 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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 Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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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, (All bow)

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.

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.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to the following children who will be making their First Eucharist this weekend.

5.00pm on Saturday 30 May, at St. Augustine's
Orlando Camenzuli, Frederick Coleman,
Stephanie Misale, Orlando Cutajar, Chloe Pollock

11.00am on Sunday 31 May at Corpus Christi
Isla Carr, Michael Cardona and Finn O'Brien

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday 12 July 2026, 11am, St. Patrick's Cathedral
Couples who are celebrating the following anniversaries, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate.

JOSEPH'S CORNER

At St. Augustine's Church this Saturday **30th May** and Sunday **31st May**, there will be a Craft and Plant Stall **before and after 5pm and 9.30am Masses.**

QUIET DAY AT ST. JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA

Saturday 27 June, 10am – 2pm; a free event.
This quiet day, at 16 Esplanade Williamstown, led by Ros Harris and Clara Rizzi, includes two sessions of group meditation, optional walking meditation and an opportunity for a personal time of stillness. Free parking in Cole St. Bring your own lunch, pens and paper. Books & readings available. Tea & Coffee provided. Donation to cover costs appreciated.
RSVP by 20 June - Ros: harrisroslyn61@gmail.com
Clara: clarariz@bigpond.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YARRAVILLE

As we approach the winter months, we are preparing for our **Winter Appeal** on **27/28 June** to raise funds that support the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society. During winter, many individuals and families face increased pressure due to the rising living cost, housing stress and the need for essential items such as food. We appreciate any help. Thank you.

ORGAN RECITAL AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Sunday 31st May at 3pm.

Lumen Christi music of praise and thanksgiving

A concert with organ solos and a guest choir. Catholic music through the ages. Entry is free with donations invited to the Cathedral's renewal and restoration project Light into the City.

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL – PARISH RENEWAL PROCESS

Some FAQs that may be of interest to you.

What does Parish Amalgamation mean for us?

- For us, "Parish Amalgamation" means merging all aspects of Parish Communities and Churches together, to become a new single parish with three Churches and three schools.
- The new Parish entity will be responsible for all the property, records, assets and liabilities that were the responsibility separately before amalgamation.

How was the decision reached for our Parishes to amalgamate?

- Our parishes have been working together in partnership for 18 years. There has been increased collaboration during this time including sharing a Priest. During the partnership over recent years we have experienced a strengthening of our community and forming one parish will help us create a vital, vibrant and viable community for now and the future.

Will Mass times be impacted?

- We will not be reviewing Mass times as part of this process. However Mass times may need to be reviewed in the future.

Please visit the Parish website for further information. There are feedback boxes at each Church for your questions or contributions at this stage or you can email the Parish directly at: yarraville@cam.org.au

CATHOLIC MISSION

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today the mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities and how you can be part of this living mission of love. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united

The Propagation of the Faith Appeal will be held on the weekend of June 13/14 at Annunciation, Corpus Christi and St. Augustine's Churches.

There are copies of **MELBOURNE CATHOLIC DIGEST, Easter 2026** available in the churches for parishioners to take home.

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LITURGY TIMES

TUESDAY MASS

St Augustine's....6.00 pm
Exposition: 5.30 –6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MASS

Corpus Christi.....9.15 am

THURSDAY MASS

St Augustine's...9.15 am

FRIDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

SATURDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.30 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

St Augustine's...5.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Annunciation.....8.00 am
St Augustine's....9.30 am
Corpus Christi..11.00 am
St Augustine's..11.30 am
(Polish)

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS after 9.30am
Mass at Corpus Christi
St. Augustine's...4.15pm

NEXT ITALIAN MASS

On hold until further notice

COLLECTIONS

THE FIRST COLLECTION supports the Priests of our Parish, the Archbishop, Priests on special duties and retired priests.

THE SECOND COLLECTON (includes envelopes), supports the running costs of the Church and pastoral initiatives.

To set up a **Direct Debit** Payment to our bank accounts for the Presbytery and the Church, use these account details.

St. Augustine's Yarraville Church Account:
BSB 083347 Account No. 638052213.

St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery A/C:
BSB 083347 Account No. 638051413

Corpus Christi Kingsville Church Account:
BSB 083347 Account No. 485182315

Presbytery Account:

BSB 083347 Account No. 638051413

TAP AND GO CONTACTLESS

DONATION TERMINALS

in the foyers of the churches.

Follow the prompts and choose your nominated amount to donate.

Codes for one off donations via credit card



Unique to the Parish of St. Augustine's



Unique to the Parish of Corpus Christi

There are census cards at the back of the church for new subscribers wishing to use weekly envelopes. Record details and put the card on the collection plate or contact the Parish office for a set of envelopes.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Donations of food items appreciated

- Long Life Full Cream Milk
- Pasta and Pasta sauce
- Small packets of rice
- Tins of soup/Cup a soup
- Baked beans
- Coffee/Tea bags

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK

30th & 31st May 2026

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm John Ryan

9.30am Pina Guzzardi

Sam/Anna

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Kath Baker

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Mary Huynh

COUNTING: Phillip Marques

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

6th & 7th June 2026

The Most Holy Body & Blood A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Krystyna Biront

9.30am Pat McLaughlin

Sam/Anna

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Julianna Barr

Edith Fletcher

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am..... Mary Joseph

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Joe Fusca

COUNTING: Val Taylor

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL

VULNERABLE PEOPLE

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities.

The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office.

www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements