



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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Australia

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Parish Priest : Fr Manuel Santiago.

Weekend Mass Times: Sat: 5.30pm, Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am
Confessions 4.30pm—5.15 pm Saturday Afternoons



TRINITY SUNDAY (C) 22ND MAY 2016

1ST READING : PROVERBS 8:22-31

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM: Ps 8:4-9

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

2ND READING : ROMANS 5:1-5

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 perse-

verance 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.

Thanks be to God.

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 16:12-15

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office Hours. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

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St Thomas More Primary School: Tel: 9597 5884 - Principal Mrs Jenny Frost

<i>This Week ahead in the parish</i>	
23 May <i>Mon</i>	9am Communion Service- Followed by Rosary
24 May <i>Tue</i>	Tuesday - Our Lady Help of Christians 9am Mass—Followed by Rosary
25 May <i>Wed</i>	Wednesday –8th week of Ordinary Time 9am Mass—Followed by Rosary
26 May <i>Thur</i>	Thursday –St Philip Neri 9am Mass—Followed by Rosary
27 May <i>Fri</i>	Friday –8th week of Ordinary Time 9am Mass—Followed by Rosary
28 May <i>Sat</i>	No Morning Mass 4.30pm—Confessions 5.30 pm - Vigil - CORPUS CHRISTI
29 May <i>Sun</i>	CORPUS CHRISTI (C) 8 am Mass and 10am Mass

New—**Visitor Offering Envelopes** are now available at the back of the church - Visitors to the parish are encouraged to use these envelopes for your offering—please place them on either collection—Thank you

Next Weekend Rosters—CORPUS CHRISTI(C)

<i>5th Sunday of the month</i>	28 May 5.30 PM (Sat) Vigil	29 May 8:00 AM (Sun)	29 May 10:00 AM (Sun)
C	A Mackenzie	J Meagher	P McGovern,
L	A Mackenzie, M Farrell	B Trott, T Liaw	P McGovern, A Diel
E	M O'Brien, J Abdallah	B Trott, T Lenzo	A Diel, P McCarthy
A	R Morris	Brooking Blackburn	M Diel

Counters 23/5 P&B Driscoll, P McCarthy, F McManus
30/5 E Collaro, A Sammut, T Gaut

Regular Parish Events:

First Friday Adoration/Exposition 8.15am (3 June)

First Saturday Mass 9am (4 June)

First Sunday Morning Tea (after 10am Mass) (5 June)

Seniors Bus trips (1st Monday of the month) (6 June)

Recently Deceased Marie DeAlwis (20.4.2016) Betty Martin (10.5.2016) Mother of Michael Martin Past Parish-ioner; Lina Diel Dechimo (11.5.2016); Hugo Leonardo Porto (April 2016); Guilherme de Sousa (6.5.2016); Micheal Clarke; Margaret Curtis (27.4.2016) John Smith (14.4.2016); **Deceased:** Emanuel Rodriguez (Anniversary 23rd May; Hubert Fenech; Ester Carsi-Cruz Kimpo (10th Anniversary 26th of May); Maria and Anna Attard; Gorgia Vassallo; Gorgia Attard; Robert Tupanceski (5th Anniversary 25th May); Chung Van Nguyen; For all deceased Family Members of the Chan and Cheng families; Vicente Gonzaga (14.5.2007); Veronica Claude; Greg Doyle; Mary Thomas; Alice Touma; Giuseppe Di Lernia; Benjamin Gutierrez; Charles D'Amato (55th Anniversary 6 May); Mavis Giblett; Carmen Sammut; Emily Portelli; Mary Azzopardi; Violet Galea; Sarah Mulhall; Philomena McIntosh; Mary Zammit; Emanuel & Mary Portelli; Yvonne Devet; Stephen Ross Dellar; Mary Mandile; Frederick Charles Irvine; Stephen Ross Dellar; Maria Tesoriero; Agosino & Luisa Tesoriero; Angelo and James Vassallo; Vincent Gonzaga (14.5.2007); Elia, George and Grace Spiteri; Gertrude and Leo Lonergan; Totoy Conje; Antonio Fonti, Raddy Femeira, Donovan Femeira, Colin Ragel, Ghassan & Anise Anthony Touma; Charles Portelli; Orazio & Rosa Di Pasqua, Vincenzo & Carmela Camuglia, Maria Catena Sicarek; Giovanna Di Pasqua, Gary Green and all my relatives; Josephine & Simon Gittany, Amrah Gittany; Maroun & Marie Nahas, Frangia Saidi and Family and all deceased; James & Angela Vassallo; Ron D'Astoli; Susan Elizabeth Gore; Giuseppe Currenti; Bartolo [Bob] Natoli; Charlie Pisani, Charles Baldacchino; Jim Pisani; Sam Pisani; Frank Rozmus, Maxwell Szpoper; Herbert Fenech **Prayers for the Sick:** Robert Dundas; Verion Stroud; Elizabeth Bilston; Marie Lemos; Danielle; Mirjana; Emanuel Xuereb; Isabella Ferreira; Jean Spiteri; Betty Quinn; Wayne Eirth; Archbishop Anthony Fisher; Fay Martin; Maria De Oliveira; Stephen Ross Dellar; June Fisher; Elizabeth Wallington; Brett Mason; Michael Shore; Remo Panzetta; Ava Rifoat; Adrian Nocevski; Micheal Clarke; Ray Coleman; Ava Rifoat; Crystal Papas; Edmon Jabbour; John Angelo Grech; Charlie Leo; Almaza Taouk; Betty Dorian; Giuseppe Di Pasqua; Marion Coyte; Betty Borg; Robert Collaro; Keith Gallagher; Peter Gibson; Norma Micallef; Nelda Panzetta; Les Spiteri; Joe Vizzone; Lachlan Vella; George Kent; Hilda Das Neves; Anthony Attard; Japeth Ryan; Tolentino; Brigida Moniz; Anita Wong; Geoffrey Goodwin; Angela Formosa; Josi Duarte; Rose Carlos-Cruz; Michelle Fisher; Maguy & Christian Ajaka; Jose De Ocampo Jr.; Marie Kean; Brandon Bell; Neville Roper; Kelly Fox; Jimmy Wells; Joseph Kos; Paul Marvyn Villanueva; Billy Kennedy; Louis Saadeh; Allen Ajaka; Josephine Albany; Fernanda Rosso; Joyce Martin; Yvonne Hoskins; Doris Borg; Jean & Jack O'Brien; Pat & Brian Hutchinson; Frank Dannaher [senior]; Alfred [Fred] Spiteri; Pauline Sciberras. **Other:** All Souls In Purgatory

24 MAY - MASS AT 9AM

OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.



"O eternal Trinity, You are a deep sea in which the more I seek the more I find, and the more I find, the more I seek to know You. - St. Catherine of Siena

PARISH NEWS/EVENTS

Father,
You sent your Word to bring us truth
and your Spirit to make us holy.
Through them we come to know the mystery
of your life. Help us to worship you, one God
in three persons, You reveal yourself in the
depths of our being, by proclaiming and liv-
ing our faith in you.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen
The Liturgy of the Hours

Corpus Christi Celebration

After the vigil mass of 28th of May,
Fr Manuel will have the Blessed Sacrament
Exposed for a period of adoration until
10pm. **Volunteers needed to keep
vigil between 6.30 and 10pm. Please
record your name at the back of the
church.**



CONFIRMATION

T Sunday, 5th June at 5pm,
Bishop Brady will confirm our
Candidates from our Parish.
You are all asked to continue your
prayers for these candidates and
their families.



*We welcome this weekend
Jarrod and Mia Munda
And
Rebecca Randall*

*Through Baptism we pray **they** will love and
serve the Lord always.*



**Seniors Group Next Bus Trip
will be 6th June 2016—Bus
trip to Southern Highlands, De-
parting at 8am sharp. Further
enquires John 9588 2732 or
Susan 0405 706 050**



The great Doctor of the Church St. Augustine of Hippo spent over 30 years working on his treatise *De Trinitate* [about the Holy Trinity], endeavouring to conceive an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity.

He was walking by the seashore one day contemplating and trying to understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity when he saw a small boy running back and forth from the water to a spot on the seashore. The boy was using a sea shell to carry the water from the ocean and place it into a small hole in the sand.

The Bishop of Hippo approached him and asked, "My boy, what are doing?"

"I am trying to bring all the sea into this hole," the boy replied with a sweet smile.

"But that is impossible, my dear child, the hole cannot contain all that water" said Augustine.

The boy paused in his work, stood up, looked into the eyes of the Saint, and replied, "It is no more impossible than what you are trying to do – comprehend the immensity of the mystery of the Holy Trinity with your small intelligence."

The Saint was absorbed by such a keen response from that child, and turned his eyes from him for a short while. When he glanced down to ask him something else, the boy had vanished.

Some say that it was an Angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson on pride in learning. Others affirm it was the Christ Child Himself who appeared to the Saint to remind him of the limits of human understanding before the great mysteries of our Faith.

Through this story, the sea shell has become a symbol of St. Augustine and the study of theology.

Source: <http://www.traditioninaction.org/religious/h065rp.Shell.html>

Reflections on Trinity Sunday

A. Experience God with the Heart

At this celebration of the Blessed Trinity, perhaps we ask ourselves how we can understand this one God with three faces, the Trinity. Our human mind is too small to grasp this mystery. But the Bible, already in the Old Testament, shows us that wisdom is not mere knowledge but the art of life, understanding with the heart as we reflect on our experience. And that experience tells us: God is love, and comes to us in many ways, with fatherly and motherly concern and care, with forgiveness and life brought us by Jesus, with courage and joy, hope and light poured out on us by the Holy Spirit. May we grow in this experience in this Eucharist.

B. Our Relationship with God

Theologians try to deepen our understanding of God. That is their task, and God blesses them for it. Our concern is probably much more what God means for our Christian living. What, or better, who is God for me? What is my relationship to God? We are constantly told that God loves us and that he forgives us. How do I recognise this love? How do I respond to it? How does it affect my relations with people? Let God enlighten us on this feast of the Trinity and bring us closer to him.

[Reflections from Fr Camilo Marivoet, C.I.C.M., LITURGY ALIVE, Models of Celebration—Year C,

GOD'S LOVE AT WORK

We do not understand God's inner workings, but we discover his love for us in his creative and redemptive work and in his promise of life without end. We may not understand how an airplane stays up in the air, but we are not afraid to fly for planes have proven they can take us safely where we want to go. We may not understand how our radio works, but we listen to it for it provides valuable information. We do not understand the Trinity, but we share in its life as revealed by Jesus. We cannot explain the love of our parents, but we have no doubt of its reality and its impact in our lives. Jesus has revealed God as a God of love. The idea of the Trinity affirms it, for in love there is always a partner, there are relationships.

[Fr Paul Foulon, CICM, From Spring To Life]

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- 447 AD St. Patrick "[T]here is no other God, nor has there been heretofore, nor will there be hereafter, except God the Father unbegotten, without beginning, from whom is all beginning, upholding all things, as we say, and his Son Jesus Christ, whom we likewise to confess to have always been with the Father--before the world's beginning . . . Jesus Christ is the Lord and God in whom we believe . . . and who has poured out on us abundantly the Holy Spirit . . . whom we confess and adore as one God in the Trinity of the Sacred Name" (Confession of St. Patrick 4).
- 447 AD St. Patrick "I bind to myself to day the strong power of an invocation of the Trinity--the faith of the Trinity in Unity, the Creator of the universe" (The Breastplate of St. Patrick 1).

