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The Most Holy Trinity

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – The Trinity's tips for you and your family

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday, a day we badly need. It is a feast about unity that preserves multiplicity: The feast celebrating the Three who is also one, the one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. By imitating the Trinity, the master of unity, we can relearn a unity that builds up a true individuality.

1: Brag about your spouse or your family.

We have all heard that the Trinity is the model of the human family. Just as the love of Father and Son is a person, the Holy Spirit, so too the love of husband and wife becomes a new person — a child. Just as those Persons are all equal and all one, family members are also equal and one. But have you noticed how the Trinity "Family" behaves? In the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent, the Son stood on Mount Tabor by a pillar of cloud representing the Spirit as the Father declared, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." On the second-to-last Sunday of Lent, the Father's voice returned, declaring that his Son glorifies his name.

This is the constant dynamic in the Trinity — each person puts the spotlight on the other. The same dynamic works in families. Praise the good you see in each person — to their faces and behind their backs — and watch the momentum of unity build.

2: Don't take credit

Another dynamic of Trinitarian life showed up in one of the Gospel options for Pentecost - "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."

Jesus gives credit to the Father, and the Father gives credit to the Son, both through the Spirit. The Trinity's actions can't be separated. Who saved mankind? Was it the Father who gave his Son, or the Son who gave his life, or the Spirit who followed? The answer is: All of them did.

It is the same in family life. The less credit we take in our lives, the better things go. If you need to be appreciated and thanked for everything you do, you will do little. Likewise, the more you are willing to appreciate and thank others, they more love you will experience.

4: Pray like you're a member of God's family.

The Catechism spells it out this way: Baptism makes us "a new creature," an adopted son of God, who has become a 'partaker of the divine nature.'" If it seems hard to build the unity our family needs, we should realize that we don't merely imitate the unity of the Trinity — we inherit it as a birthright in our baptism, and maximize its effect through prayer.

5: Suffer for your family ... and for your faith.

You can always tell a true family member by how much they are willing to sacrifice. St. Paul in the Second Reading adds that we are "joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him."

In his new document on holiness, Pope Francis praises "the daily humiliations of those who keep silent to save their families, who prefer to praise others rather than boast about themselves, or who choose the less welcome tasks, at times even choosing to bear an injustice so as to offer it to the Lord." He even offers a prayer: "Lord, when humiliations come, help me to know that I am following in your footsteps."

(Taken from AleThe teia)

May God bless you all,

Fr Joson

Readings: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58

READINGS THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

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

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Second 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.'



Reflection by Mary Coloe pbvm

As a child I learnt about the Trinity in terms of three persons in one God – a short summary of a very complex history of debate about God, Jesus and Spirit. John's Gospel says this with much greater simplicity in the one word: 'love'. The very nature of God is to love – to reach out to another in relationship. In this conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus describes why he has come into the world; for love of us God gave us a most precious gift in Jesus. This Gospel makes the promise that those who receive this gift in faith will become children of God (John 1:12) which is this Gospel's way of describing salvation. This means of course that you and I are invited to be drawn into the very heart of God, to be drawn into the Trinity as part of God's own household.

Earlier in the conversation Jesus spoke to Nicodemus about being born again in water and Spirit – a phrase Nicodemus could not understand. The Johannine community understood that with the gift of the Spirit they were in a sense reborn into the family of God, able to call God 'Father' and each other sisters and brothers. If you want a living example of the Trinity, look at a family where children participate in the life and love of their parents.

Today, as we celebrate the feast of the Trinity, we are not celebrating an esoteric doctrine from the past; we are celebrating a living relationship with God, in which we now participate.

Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open

SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

The Parish Office continues to be open and we are available to help you. If you are in need of help for anything during this time please remember that you can call us.

Your continued support of the Parish Planned Giving program is much appreciated. If you have any questions please give the office a call.

We also thank everyone for your moral support during this time. With easing of restrictions life is regaining a small amount of normalcy and we look forward to seeing you again soon as we start offering more masses with increased numbers.

PARISH FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/hpmgparish/> Log into the parish Facebook page and see how members of our community are dealing with our current situation. Maybe you can share things that you are doing to keep busy, entertained or spiritually engaged. Check out this week's video from a parishioner.

LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES FROM ST STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL

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Mass for You at Home - Sunday at 6:00am.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Our SVDP Conference has a 47yo female client on a visa that does not allow for government assistance. With no income she is about to be homeless on Sunday as she has been unable to pay the rent. She is studying part time and seems like a quiet person. If anyone has a room and would consider taking an emergency boarder for maybe 8 weeks, our SVDP Conference would be pleased to help you with supermarket vouchers each week. We could organise a meeting with our client in advance of your decision. If you are able to assist please ring or email the Parish Office.

WE REMEMBER

We remember Millis Townsend. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

ABUNDANCE YOUTH

For anyone that has not yet heard, Ignite Youth has announced that Ignite Conference will be postponed until 2021. Being a part of the Ignite Youth team, it was a challenging decision for Kym, the staff and various supporters to make. With the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, there is no indication that an event for 1000+ people would be allowed to go forward. In addition, it is a tough time for families with finances being tighter than normal, and wanted to ease this strain. This being said, Ignite Youth is in conversations now for alternate events to run, and how they might best serve the youth of this Archdiocese and Australia. For us in this Parish, I'm excited for the future opportunities we will have, and I will be keeping my ear to the ground for additional options for our Parish.

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Recommencement of Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Masses

We are offering two masses on Sundays commencing 7:30am at St Joachim's and 9:00am at St Agnes'. In line with the Government's social distancing guidelines, we are now allowed a maximum of 20 people in the churches at any given times.

We will be offering masses to parishioners in a 2 week cycle to allow as many people as possible the opportunity to attend. The next dates on offer are June 14th and June 21st. We have opened a TryBooking page to facilitate the booking of masses.

All you need to do is click on your preferred mass: St Joachim's Masses – <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

and complete the online booking. There is no need to print off the ticket. On the day there will be a sign in sheet available at the door of the church for you to check and complete. We ask that you only book into one mass each two week cycle. **If you do not have access to the internet please ring the parish office and we will make the booking for you.**

As numbers increase we will recommence one of the evening masses.

Weekday Masses

We will also recommence weekday masses on Thursday at St Agnes' and on Friday at St Joachim's, both commencing 9:00am this week, June 11th and 12th. Once again you need to book in so please click on the appropriate link and make a booking:

St Agnes' Thursday - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJWIM>

St Joachim's Friday - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJWIQ>

If you are unable to attend the mass for which you have booked please let the office know. Likewise, if you are unable to secure booking due to the mass being fully booked you can advise the office and we can put your name on a wait list in case of cancellations.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also being made available to anyone who is interested. In line with government regulations and protocols put in place to keep parishioners safe you will need to contact the parish office to make an appointment.

I am looking forward to reconnecting with you all.

Fr Joson

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