

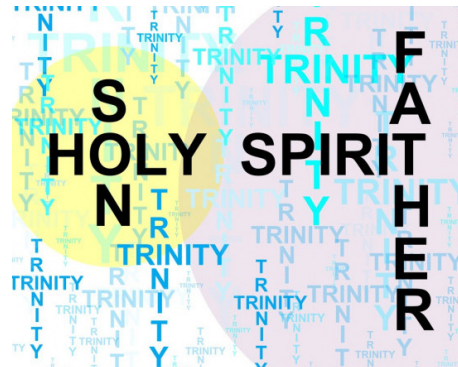
Trinity Sunday

The word "trinity" is a term used to denote the Christian doctrine that God exists as a unity of three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each of the persons is distinct from the other yet identical in essence.

In other words, each is fully divine in nature, but each is not the totality of the other persons of the Trinity. Each has a will, loves, and says "I" and "You" when speaking. The Father is not the same person as the Son, who is not the same person as the Holy Spirit, and who is not the same person as the Father.

Each is divine, yet there are not three gods but one God.

From www.carm.org



Dear Parishioners, our prayers can transport us and others beyond the current difficulties we face. Many in our Parish and wider family circles are sick, suffering, struggling with life, facing life saving surgery, or even death. Our prayers and empathy can reach to God asking him to pour his mercy on us.
Please keep in your prayers the sick and suffering of our Parish.

Estela Hutchings, Psychologist
is available for private and confidential consultation on a wide variety of issues.
Estela is normally available for consultations on Fridays but will also consult out of hours. There is a small charge for a 60 minute consultation.
For information and bookings contact the Parish office on 5821 2633 during office hours.

Reflection on today's Gospel

'God loved the world so much' – the Father, through the Son and in the Holy Spirit desires to be in close intimate relationship with you!

How does this make you feel?

'No one who believes in him will be condemned'

How does this statement make you feel when you consider those times that make you feel most ashamed?

~ From www.faithcircles.dow.org.au

Caritas Australia's **Project Compassion/Covid 19 Appeal** for 2020 concludes with the end of financial year.
Caritas Australia is very grateful for the support given by many in these times so difficult for all of us. Unfortunately, the vulnerability of impoverished communities is now so much greater as Coronavirus spreads but Caritas' ability to help is compromised by the Australian economic situation with so many now unable to contribute.
~ Kerry Stone, Sandhurst Diocese Co-ordinator Caritas/Justice Office

Plenary Council Update

The first session of the Plenary Council has now been postponed until October 2021, in Adelaide. However, the work of preparation continues! A detailed summary of Sandhurst Diocese response to the first stage of Plenary preparation has been written by Ruth Lawlor and Fr Brian Boyle and is available on the diocesan website (www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au) under the "news" heading. Please access and enjoy. A diocesan gathering on the Plenary scheduled for June 13 will now be postponed also until later this year.

WELCOME TO

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH



St Brendan's Parish is a Child Safe community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Trinity Sunday

7 June 2020



Readings for this week:

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18



Readings for next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58



Liturgical Jottings

Signing the Gospel

From my earliest time of attending Mass I remember making the sign of the cross on my forehead, lips and over my heart at the beginning of the Gospel. I was formally taught this in preparation for my first Holy Communion and again when I was training to be an altar server many years ago. It was the usual custom; everyone did it. This action for the people, however, was not in the books, the people's missals, or the General Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM); it was only for the priest or deacon who proclaimed the gospel. Then for the first time this act of reverence was included in the revised Missal 2010 (GIRM 134) for everyone, though it is not mentioned in Mass rubrics. This popular custom by the people has provided the eventual inclusion in the general instructions.

Looking at the Readings

Part One of God revealing Himself to Moses is witnessed at the scene of the burning bush when Moses asked God his name (Exodus 3:14-15). Today's first reading may be considered Part Two of God revealing Himself to Moses when God proclaimed "Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness." Again Moses was struck with awe and worshipped Him.

The second reading is the conclusion to the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: St Paul expresses his affection for his friends, his concern for their well-being and his faith in Christ and God's love and peace for all. These words have become our welcome in the liturgy, reinforcing our proclamation of the Trinity.

Finally the Gospel is both reminiscent of God's revelation of his holy name to Moses and his purpose of his revelation in Christ. As the Exodus reading is considered the "Gospel of the Old Testament, these verses are considered the Gospel in the Gospel in the New Testament.

The Feast of the Trinity

The Eucharistic Preface of the Holy Trinity for the celebration of the Mass was written about 350 during the Arian controversy. A Votive Mass was formulated in the 800's. The Feast of the Holy Trinity was introduced into the Benedictine monasteries in certain parts of Europe in the 900's. It became a universal feast finally in 1334 to be celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost. Now freed from the early controversies we acclaim and give glory to the Father Son and Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Week

For with your Only Begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord: not in the unity of a single person, but in a Trinity of one substance.

For what you have revealed to us of your glory we believe equally of your Son and of the Holy Spirit, so that, in the confessing of the true and eternal Godhead, you might be adored in what is proper to each Person, their unity in substance, and their equality in majesty. (Trinity Preface)

On the Lighter Side

Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers? He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.

What do you get when you divide the diameter of a pumpkin with its circumference? You get a Pumpkin Pi!

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ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS

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Parish Priest: Fr Joe Taylor
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Deacon: Rev Francois Baguma

*Christ in community...the
heart of our faith*

Office Manager: Diane Teitzel

Office Hours: Mon & Tue 9am - 3pm | Wed - Fri, 9am - 4pm



Recently Deceased: Jan Blandy, Olga Argilla.

Anniversaries: Craig Scoresby-Thorpe.

Fr Joe will pray intentions at Mass - please phone or email your intention to the parish office.

Stories of your time in isolation

We would like to print more of your stories expressing your feelings and experiences during these times whilst in isolation, eg:

Has this time helped your prayer life;
How have you been keeping in touch with others;

How have your groups been going—have you used Zoom or Messenger for your meetings;

Funny stories;

Have you had special celebrations during this time;

Have you grown spirituality;

Any challenges you may have faced;

Any stories you would like to share.

Your stories can be emailed to us or you could drop them into the parish office mailslot.



Keep them coming!

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

ALL NEW PACKS have now been delivered.

Six (6) monthly Statements have been enclosed with your envelopes. If you have any queries on these statements please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office.

Remember you are welcome to place your planned giving envelopes into the MAIL SLOT in the wall at the front of the Parish Offices *at any time*.

Take care and stay well.
With God's blessings.

Fr Joe Taylor

ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

St. Brendan's is looking at the possibility of starting an ongoing faith formation (Catechesis) program for adults, and we are keen to hear your thoughts.

If you are interested in seeing Catechesis become a regular part of the parish life, we would appreciate it if you would complete our short survey by clicking this link:

<https://forms.gle/XR9HA7xaD1HRdniL6>

'The Sacraments'

A new free to view video series of talks on 'The Sacraments' is available from Bishop Robert Barron (US, 'Word on Fire' network).

Bishop Barron's Word on Fire
[<wof@wordonfire.org>](mailto:wof@wordonfire.org)

Have you checked out the new Parish Website yet?
www.sheppartoncatholic.org.au

You can view the weekly bulletin and take a look at our Facebook page.

Give it a go!

Let us know what you think.

PROTECTING PARISHIONERS

The current Government restrictions at our church due to COVID-19 from 1st June 2020

- Up to 20 people can gather to pray privately inside churches at any one time.
- Up to 20 people can gather to attend Mass or other small ceremonies, in addition to the minimum number of people reasonably required to celebrate the Mass or ceremony.
- Up to 20 people can gather to attend weddings, in addition to the minimum number of people reasonably required to celebrate the Mass or ceremony.
- Up to 50 people can attend funerals, in addition to celebrants.

13th and 14th JUNE WEEKEND - Masses Sat 6pm, Sun 8am, Sun 11am

IF YOU ARE ABLE we ask you please to go on line to book through our newly created TryBOOKING SITE:

<https://www.Trybooking.com/BJTDL>

BOOKINGS WILL BE OPEN for Masses on 13/14 June as of Monday 8th June.

(If you would like assistance with this please call the Parish Office on 5821 2633)

QUIET PRAYER TIME

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS ONLY

4pm—5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS to FRIDAY - 9.15am

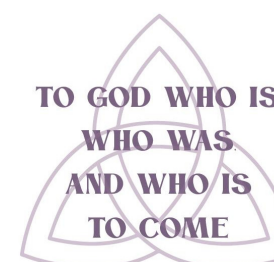
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ENTER VIA the WEST SIDE OF THE CHURCH (Piety Stall side)
PUBLIC TOILETS are OPEN FOR USE

Glory be to the Father

And to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit



Communique of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches

Collection for the Holy Land 2020

(This collection is usually held on Good Friday)

The Christian communities in the Holy Land, also exposed to the risk of contagion and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and social structures that assist all citizens with healthcare, education & peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest & poorest. **For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the proposal that the Collection for the Holy Land, for the year 2020, take place on Sunday, 13th September, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.**

~ Excerpt from letter from Congregatio Pro Ecclesiis Orientalibus 27th March, 2020