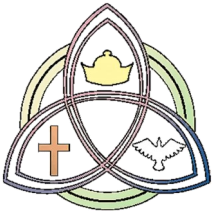




To know, love and serve Jesus  
by sharing our gifts through our baptismal mission

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.*

12 June 2022  
The Most Holy  
Trinity Sunday  
Year C



**Trinity Sunday**

**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.

**First Reading** from the  
book of Proverbs 8: 22-31

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

**Response:** O Lord, our  
God, how wonderful your  
name in all the earth!

**Second Reading** from the  
letter of St Paul to the  
Romans 5: 1-5

**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!

**Holy Gospel** according  
to John 16: 12-15

**Communion Antiphon**

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

**Next Week**  
The Most Holy Body  
and Blood of Christ

## The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

A teacher asked her grade one class to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about the task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Beckie was particularly focused on her painting. 'What are you painting Beckie?' asked the teacher. 'I'm painting God, Miss' replied the little girl. 'Well that must be difficult because no one knows what God looks like.' At which Beckie stopped, looked up and confidently announced, 'But they will when I'm finished.'

The names Christians give to God – Father, Son and Spirit – are both ancient and important. But we should never think they exhaust the possibilities of God's reality. Creator, mother, lover, redeemer, Saviour, higher power or friend all go some way to help us put words around our experience of our God, who is more and beyond all names we can possibly use.

The naming of God, however, is an important, but secondary focus to today's feast. There are two other facets to it that are more central.

The first is that the Trinity declares that relationships are at the very centre of God. We believe that the Father, Son and Spirit are in full communion, communication and relationship with each other at all times, in all places. To know Jesus is to know the Father and the Spirit and vice versa. They are one. This special relationship also indicates to us that nothing should matter more in our lives than our relationships with one another. To be like the God we profess every Sunday is to commit ourselves to our relationships, in all their varieties. To work hard on our relationships is, for a Christian, to touch the divine.

The second extraordinary thing we celebrate today is that the Father invites us into this loving relationship with Him, Jesus and the Spirit. What is especially consoling about this is that we are the only world religion that believes our God took our flesh. So through Jesus' life, teaching, compassion and sacrificial love we not only discover who he is, but, at one and the same time, we find out what God and the Spirit are like.

Some people think themselves unworthy of such invitation. Others argue they have to be a better person to deserve such an offer. While both of these responses to God's invitation are understandable, they fail to take into account that in Jesus we have been made worthy of God's love and if we are waiting to get to a certain level of goodness to deserve God's love, we will wait forever.

God invites us into the compassionate embrace of the Trinity where we are and as we are, so that we can become all that God knows we can be. We don't have to get good to get God. We have to get God before we can get good.

Let's not be like the small boy who once said to me, 'The feast of the Trinity is all about that old bloke, his younger son and that bird.' On this Trinity Sunday let's celebrate the intimacy and dignity to which we are called by signing ourselves with the focus of our love – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. *by Richard Leonard*

**Next Weekend the children of the Parish will be making their First Holy Communion at all Masses. We pray for the children and their families as they celebrate this important milestone.**

## Contact us

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## Mass times

### Sunday Mass times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm

Reconciliation: Saturday at 11am

### Weekday Mass times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am

Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm

All Sacramental enquiries: call the parish office

### Diocese of Wollongong Mass Online:

for all of the online Mass options- please visit the DoW website <https://dow.sh/dailymass>

## Rosters

19 June 2022	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
<b>Monitors</b>	Glen & Arlene. John	Jackie & Volunteer	Beatrix & Stuart
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Bernadette & Charlotte	Orly & Luisa	Vu & Ralph
<b>Readers</b>	Richard & Tracey	Ronda & Tina	Evangeline & Rachel
<b>Refreshments</b>	Riana & Suzanne M	Steve & Sarah	
<b>Flowers</b>	Jessica & Patricia	<b>Church Vacuuming</b>	Binny Family
<b>Counters</b>	Louise & Lina	<b>Foyer Cleaning</b>	Mafi Family
<b>CLOTW</b>			

**Readers are needed:** We are trying to approach as near to normal (pre covid) as possible within our church ministries. Please consider joining the Ministry of Reader. If you feel called to this ministry we will offer you our prayers, training and support. For those who have previously been Ministers of the Word, please consider returning to this ministry. There is a readers in service meeting on the last Friday of each month. Colleen from the Readers group is happy to discuss this ministry if you have any questions or concerns about joining.

## Prayer intentions



As our Parish is developing a culture of Prayer and Worship the PLT (Parish Leadership Team) have made a little gesture of welcoming everyone to express the need for prayer. There are boxes placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary wherein you can drop your petition (example: asking for good health, or any favour, etc.) and thanksgiving prayer (answered prayer, favour's given, blessings received, etc). After some time, we look forward to forming a group of people who are interested to be part of an intercessor of the Parish Community. For inquiries, you may ask anyone from PLT: Fr. Shane, Fr. Sam, Sr. Ines, Beatrix Reuter, Geoff Ashton, Colleen Haughey, Donna Ransom, Sr. Ninfa

**For the sick & homebound:** John McDermott, Reg Gardner, Phyllis Cooper, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, John Ingster, Elizabeth Moore, John Morgos, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doreen Gribbons, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Erlinda Hermes, Aurelia Vertucio, Mary & Frances Raithi, Jeanna San Diego, Hugo Garzotto, Eileen Butcher, Josephina Duefries, Austin Taylor, Marisa Aquirre, Joan Wilson.  
*May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.*

**For our recently dearly departed:** Raymond Potter, Clothilde Bastoli, Sr Sarah Carpenter, Fr John Whitty, Martin D.Coutho, Fr Tadgh Tierney, Ofilia Mawson,

**Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Frazer Toweel, Ivan Srebrenovic. Noreen Farrell & Joe Farrell  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.*



## Bulletin Notices

**Raffle Ticket books are available in the foyer after Mass and all parishioners are encouraged to take home a book and sell them to family and friends. It will be drawn on 17 July at the Feast day.**

**Feast Day planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 June at 7.30pm.** We need your assistance to prepare for this year's Feast Day on July 17 in the Parish.

**Sacramental Registrations** are currently being accepted for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. There will be a parent formation evening on Wednesday 29 June at 7.15pm. There is information available on our parish website and all enquiries should be directed to the parish office.

**The Journey, Weekly Podcast** On The Journey This Week: Fr Mark De Battista's Gospel reflection on the Trinity. Mother Hilda uses Shakespeare to explain God's different view of justice. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook, Trish McCarthy, and Fr Dave Callaghan, and more great music! The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

**Corpus Christi Procession:** Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow will be holding their Annual procession in honour of the blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 19 June at 2.30pm. It will include Scripture readings, Rosary, Procession and Benediction. This is for all parishes in the Macarthur Region, and all are welcome to join in this witness to our Eucharistic Lord among us.

**2022 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass** If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday, 7 August 2022 at 2pm, please register online at [www.dow.org.au/events/](http://www.dow.org.au/events/), or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) by no later than Monday 11 July. Once you have done so, an invitation and official online registration procedures can be sent to you.

**LIVE LOCAL – Macarthur** LIVE Local will run every Sunday night in the school term from 6:15pm-8:15pm at St John the Evangelist Parish Campbelltown. This youth group is open to young people aged 13-17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer and music. For more information, please contact our Deanery Youth Group Coordinator Luke Vail at [luke.vail@dow.org.au](mailto:luke.vail@dow.org.au)

**Vocations Event: Discovering God's Plan for Our Lives** Sunday 19 June 2022, Xavier Conference Centre (38 Harbour St, Wollongong), Refreshments from 1:30pm for a 2:00pm start. You are invited to join with vibrant people from around the Diocese including a representative panel who will be discussing what a vocation is and how each of the four vocations are a call to love and holiness! What exactly does that mean? Come and see! All welcome - those living their vocation as well as those discerning their vocation. The event will include refreshments, good company, and the opportunity for anonymous Q and A.

We hope to see you there! Register and learn more here: [dow.org.au/events](http://dow.org.au/events)

**Catholic Diocese of Darwin | Evangelisation (Leader/Director)** For more details, go to Evangelisation Director Job in Darwin – SEEK; If you would like to be considered for this "exciting new role", please email a copy your current CV and a cover letter to [cv@darwin.catholic.org.au](mailto:cv@darwin.catholic.org.au) outlining how your experience and qualifications meet our requirements. Applications close Wednesday 15 June.

**menALIVE's—reFUEL Weekly Sharing and Journaling Sessions—** Every Tuesday 7.30pm; reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to:

- break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style
- "catch up" with great men from across Aust and N Z.
- gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men.
- pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others.

Join via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>

**"Deep Calls to Deep" a deep dive into the contemplative practice of centering prayer, 20 – 26 June 2022;** Jamberoo Abbey Online Retreat with Sr Magdalen Mather OSB. If you have a desire to go deeper in your prayer and relationship with God but have been at a loss to know how to go about it, this retreat may be of help. It takes us through the foundations, method, and practice of this simple, yet profound and transformative way of prayer. The invitation to practice and the offering of practical tips help to navigate the seas of spiritual practice and ultimately enable a wholehearted response when 'Deep calls to Deep'. Go to <http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/> for more information/details, please

**Online Retreat: Be refreshed and renewed! (28-30 July 2022)** Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to survive? Priests and active parishioners across Australasia are passionate about answering the Church's call to mission. The problem is that with the usual demands of parish ministry, it can be easy to feel discouraged and burnt out. Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to get by spiritually? Join us at the Refreshed & Renewed Online Retreat on 28-30 July 2022. With fantastic keynote speakers and retreat leaders, such as Fr James Mallon from Divine Renovation and renowned Catholic author Dr Edward Sri, take this opportunity to be re-energised, pray and worship, and spend time with other Catholics. Register here: [dow.sh/Refreshed](http://dow.sh/Refreshed)

**Catholic Women's League Council Meeting - Wollongong Diocese** 10am Tuesday 28 June 2022 Xavier Centre Wollongong at 10am The Catholic Women's League members of the Wollongong Diocese would like to invite ladies in all our parishes to attend the upcoming Council Meeting. This will be an opportunity to experience and learn what Catholic Women's League do. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting or as many of our members do bring your own lunch. Please contact Diocesan President Jo Clark if you have any queries. 0400 041 190 or Email [jo.clark@y7mail.com](mailto:jo.clark@y7mail.com)

## Holy Gospel according to John 16: 12-15

*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.

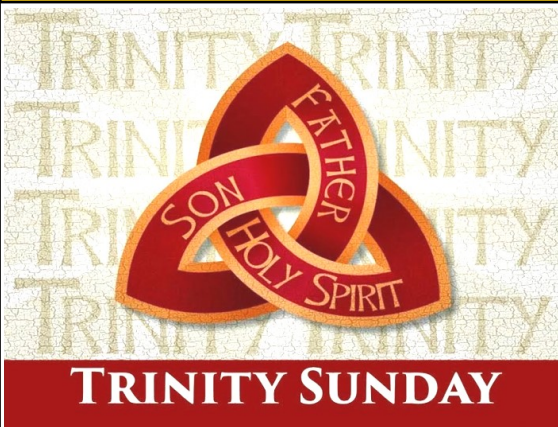
He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

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.



## Reflection by Pope Francis



Today, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, the Gospel of St John gives us part of the long farewell discourse pronounced by Jesus shortly before his Passion.

In this discourse, he explains to the disciples the deepest truths about himself, and thus he outlines the relationship between Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus knows that the fulfillment of the Father’s plan is approaching and will be completed with his death and resurrection. Because of this he wants to assure his followers that he won’t abandon them, because his mission will be prolonged by the Holy Spirit. It will be the Holy Spirit who continues the mission of Jesus, that is, guide the Church forward.

Jesus reveals what this mission is. In the first place, the Spirit guides us to understand the many things that Jesus himself still had to say. This doesn’t refer to new or special doctrines, but to a full understanding of all that the Son has heard from the Father and has made known to the disciples. The Spirit guides us in new existential situations with a gaze fixed on Jesus and at the same time, open to events and to the future. He helps us to walk in history, firmly rooted in the Gospel and with dynamic fidelity to our traditions and customs.

But the mystery of the Trinity also speaks to us of ourselves, of our relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In fact, through baptism, the Holy Spirit has placed us in the heart and the very life of God, who is a communion of love. God is a “family” of three Persons who love each other so much as to form a single whole. This “divine family” is not closed in on itself, but is open. It communicates itself in creation and in history and has entered into the world of men to call everyone to form part of it. The trinitarian horizon of communion surrounds all of us and stimulates us to live in love and fraternal sharing, certain that where there is love, there is God.

Our being created in the image and likeness of God-Communion calls us to understand ourselves as beings-in relationship and to live interpersonal relations in solidarity and mutual love.

Such relationships play out, above all, in the sphere of our ecclesial communities, so that the image of the Church as icon of the Trinity is ever clearer. But also in every social relationship, from the family to friendships, to the work environment: they are all concrete occasions offered to us in order to build relationships that are increasingly humanly rich, capable of reciprocal respect and disinterested love.

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity invites us to commit ourselves in daily events to being leaven of communion, consolation and mercy. In this mission, we are sustained by the strength that the Holy Spirit gives us: he takes care of the flesh of humanity, wounded by injustice, oppression, hate and avarice.

The Virgin Mary, in her humility, welcomed the Father’s will and conceived the Son by the Holy Spirit. May she, Mirror of the Trinity, help us to strengthen our faith in the trinitarian mystery and to translate it in to action with choices and attitudes of love and unity.