

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.

SUNDAY MAY 25 2024
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
YEAR B



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 Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Response:

Happy the people the Lord
has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading from the
letter of St Paul to the
Romans 8:14-17

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
Matthew 28:16-20

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 YEAR B**
YEAR B

First: Exodus 24:3-8

Resp Ps:

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

Second: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

The Great Commission:

A Catholic parish is nothing short of an outpost for the Great Commission. When Jesus told his disciples before his Ascension to go to the ends of the earth to share the Gospel, the physical manifestation of what we call a parish.

Somehow, we Catholics lose sight of that. We think that an outpost for Christ would have to be a church in the middle of the desert in a distant foreign land. That, we may think, is where real missionary work is done. But the reality of the New Evangelization is that most of our parishes are the tip of the spear in a world where people's souls are going drier and drier. And so, the question that must be asked is this: Is there any reason not to make our parishes the most effective outposts they can be?

"We don't need to know about Jesus. What we need is cards!" With this, she pounded the table and a hush fell over the hall. Jaws fell open and hands still clutching the next card to be played hung suspended, frozen in the air.

The week before, when it became public that I was indeed going to sequester the parish hall (dislodging the Bingo) on Monday nights to run a ten-week programme on evangelization called the Alpha Course, the uproar was so great that an emergency meeting of the parish council had to be called. In spite of words of advice to back off, I, as a 31 year old priest pastoring my very first parish, stubbornly pushed ahead. There was no other option. Little did I know that this would be the first of many matches I would have with the game of cards over the next ten years of my priesthood.

God blessed our small parish immensely in those early attempts to run Alpha and reach out to the unchurched in our community. Within a year, this small parish would be hosting evenings with over 100 people gathering in the hall on a Monday night to listen to the presentation of the Gospel message with an invitation to respond. Lives were transformed. The lukewarm were catching fire and people who had been away from the church were encountering Jesus in a powerful way, experiencing the Holy Spirit and returning to the community of faith. The great confrontation had been worth it.

The Key to regaining the buildings of every parish I've ever led is to address the very reason they were turned over to community groups to begin with. It's all about identity.

There is much talk in our Church today about crises. We are told that we have a vocations crisis, a family crisis, a marriage crisis, a financial crisis, a faith crisis and a leadership crisis. I contend that our deepest crisis is an identity crisis, and these other crises are but symptoms of this deepest crisis of all: we have forgotten who we are and what we are called to do as a Church. When this happens, we soon forget not only what our buildings are for, but why we exist as a Church to begin with. Like Jesus we have been sent to seek out and save the lost. Yet, so often as a Church, we sit at a safe distance more concerned with our own needs and comfort. We lament the tragedy of the loss of faith, secularization, church closures and so on, but it does not occur to us to become a missionary Church ourselves.

If we exist for mission, then what is the mission of the Church? Jesus instructed his disciples with his Great Commission to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We are called to "make disciples". This task is the very heart of the Great Commission, and it is around the making of disciples that all the other missionary aspects of the Church revolve: the going, the baptizing and the teaching.

Being a Church of disciples, however, is just part of our calling. The Church of disciples must "go" and "make disciples" of all nations and all peoples. We are mandated by the Lord to proclaim this Good News not just to lukewarm or fallen-away Catholics, but to all who do not know Christ and his Church. We are called to go out to the fringes of society, to the poor, the rich, the vulnerable and those who hide in their gated communities. We are called to "go". Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The Greek word that means "to send" is apostellein. An apostle is one who is sent.

Excerpt from "Divine Renovation" by Father James Mallon

Worship: Mass and Devotions

Sunday Mass	Weekday Mass	Devotions
Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed Mass at 9am	Adoration with the Rosary: Saturday 9.30am
Sunday: 9.30 am and 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm	Divine Mercy Devotion: Third Sunday at 3pm
Filipino Mass: Third Sunday at 11.15am	Fri and Sat Mass at 9am	Alliance of the 2 Hearts Mass and Devotion: First Friday of each month from 7.30pm
Samoan Mass: First Sunday at 12 noon	Healing Mass on the first Saturday of each month at 9am	Reconciliation: Saturday 11 am—12
Maori Mass: First Sunday at 2pm		



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Meetings and Gatherings

Friendship Group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9am.

Readers Ministry Meeting meets on the last Tuesday of every 2 months at 7.30pm via zoom.

Holy Family Fellowship meets on the 4th Saturday at 7pm.

Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10am.

Fundraising Team meeting is on Wednesday 29 May at 7.30pm.

Faith Circles meets every Monday via zoom at 2pm & 7.30pm.

Bible Reflection group meets every Monday at 10am.

Children’s Choir will meet on 3rd Friday at 7.30pm.

Childrens Ministry Gathering will meet on the 4th Sunday from 3– 5 pm.

Youth Ministry is on fire for faith, friendship and specially for God! All 13-17 years old are invited to join every fortnight on the 2nd & 4th Friday of every month at 6:30 pm.

Save the date: **Parish Fiesta** July 14

Prayer intentions

For the sick and homebound: Matthew Johnson, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Amanda and John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Marie and Barry Atkins, Carol and Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Pat Stewart.
May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain and affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Gerry Antilla, Emeritus Bishop Peter Ingham, Jaya Jones.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ivan Srebrenovic, Nelia and Antonio De Azevedo,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.



Our Community: Rosters

2 June 2024	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Welcomers	Suzanne, Russell & Berna	Chris, Margaret & Irene	Terry & Maree
Altar Servers	Maria, Cassandra, Abigail, Austin	Orly	Vu, Nathan
Readers	First Holy Communion	First Holy Communion	First Holy Communion
Refreshments	Josephine & Glenda	Steve, Sarah & Tess	Beatrix & Madonna
Altar Linen		CLOTW: Sarah & Janny	
Flowers	Maree, Asinate, Patricia	Church Vacuuming	Binny family
Counters	George & Anita	Foyer Cleaning	Parish office

Our Parish Notices:

Community Notices

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at every Mass next weekend. We welcome the families & friends of the 25 children who will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

Parish Rosters are being prepared at the moment and will be distributed when they are complete. There is a desperate need for more people to volunteer to help with church and foyer cleaning. If you can help with vacuuming and cleaning for an hour once a month, contact the parish office asap.

Property Committee Update: Our plans for renovation have stalled and we are presently accepting tenders from interested builders who can undertake our foyer renovation project. The prospectus can be obtained by contacting the parish office.

Working Bee will be held on Saturday 22 June for gardening, general maintenance and Fiesta preparation.

ALPHA Meeting on Wednesday 29 May at 7.30pm for all past participants who are able to support the ALPHA program this year.

Fundraising news: Our major raffle tickets are available from the foyer after all masses. Please take a book home and sell to family and friends.

The draw will take place at our Fiesta on 14 July 2024.

Save the date: "Dress to Impress" Gala Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 29 June from 7pm. Bookings will be essential and tickets will be available in June.

Fiesta update: The preparations for our Fiesta on 14 July have begun. For information about how to get involved please call the parish office or check our parish website. **The next meeting will be held on Monday 17 June at 7.30pm.**

A vocation view Trinity Sunday: We are sent to proclaim the Gospel to the very ends of the Earth, so that we might draw others into union with the Triune God. Be courageous in showing your faith that others may know the reason for your joy. If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

On The Journey Podcast this Week: Fr Joshua Whicker MGL says that at the heart of the mystery of the Trinity is love and relationship. Mother Hilda says that impatience is taking over and she has an antidote. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, and new Journey presenter Peter Abela. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

Carmelite Day Retreat "Come to Me" Saturday 1 June from 10am – 4pm (Fr Paul Maunder) An exploration of the way of prayer taught by Our Lord Jesus Christ by word and example in the Holy Gospels. Cost \$30 BYO lunch. Call 87953464 or bookings@mtcarmel.com.au for bookings.

Corpus Christi Procession: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Demetrius Rd, Rosemeadow will be hosting the Corpus Christi Procession in honour of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 2 June 2024 at 2.30pm. It will include Scripture readings, Rosary, Procession and Benediction. All are most welcome to join us in prayer and witness to our Eucharistic Lord among us.

Corpus Christi – Young Adults (18 - 35 years) This year the Parish will be trying a new initiative of offering young adults a Retreat Morning on the day. It will involve catechesis on the history and Church teaching about the Holy Eucharist and the Real Presence of Jesus. There will also be a social aspect of bringing together young adult Catholics to celebrate their faith and belief. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Commencing at 10.00am the day will conclude with the Corpus Christi Procession at 2.30pm. Enquiries, phone Elise on 0449 991 716. For catering purposes please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/CRSFO>

Awake Day Retreat Saturday 15 June 2024 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Varroville 9am - 4pm, BYO lunch, \$25. Begins with Mass. Awaken to a renewed experience of God's love and rediscover the joy of your life with the Risen Jesus during the day retreat with the MGL sisters It will include praise, inputs from the MGL sisters, time for silent prayer, Reconciliation and prayer ministry together as a group. Register on: <http://www.trybooking.com/CNTCH>

Marriage Encounter Weekend 28 – 30 June 2024 at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Book online at www.wme.org.au or contact 0490 774 419.

MenALIVE MAX national Conference – Varroville 19 - 21 July Many men have benefited from the challenges, encouragement and faithful brotherhood that comes from menALIVE. Here's a chance for men from all round Australia to come together- be renewed in faith for action, for good - and it is happening in our Diocese- so don't miss this. It's time to book you spot and stoke the desire to become fully alive as the men we have been created to be. For more information and to book go to <https://menalive.org.au/events/max-weekend-2024> or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au or Mob: 0408 236 191

Simon Carrington & All Saints Parish in Liverpool present "The Ultimate Relationship Blueprint - How to Date with Sincerity and Clarity". Weekly 6:30-9:30pm from Thursday 27 June to Thursday 1 August 2024. The series will focus on the Catholic understanding of dating, providing the foundation to discerning a relationship and how to best take a holistic and catholic approach to singleness. Registrations are \$60 pp. To register please Woolf for more info ben@cpsal.org.au or 9753 6500.

SAVE THE DATE



Sunday , 14th July 2024

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

FEAST DAY

From 10 am onwards



Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The Easter season celebrates some of the most important events and beliefs in Christian tradition. In the last seven weeks, we have remembered Jesus' Last Supper with his friends (regarded as the institution or establishment of the Eucharist); Jesus' death on the cross; the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday; the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples; the Ascension into heaven; and finally, the Holy Spirit filling the disciples at Pentecost. They are events that have shaped Christian belief for nearly 2,000 years. They provide the basis of beliefs and teachings such as: Christ present in the Eucharist; the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of resurrection for all people; the divinity of Jesus; and the ongoing action of the Holy Spirit in the world. The period of Easter-Pentecost celebrates these truly momentous events, beliefs and teachings.

Almost to round off this extraordinary focus on Christian beliefs and teachings, the Church this week celebrates the central doctrine of Christian faith: the Trinity. The belief in the Trinity is the belief that there are three 'persons' in the one Godhead: Father; Son; and Holy Spirit. The understanding and articulation of this doctrine occurred over time and was not until well after the writing of the gospels and other New Testament letters. Consequently, there are no specific scriptural passages that identify explicitly the doctrine of the Trinity. This week's gospel passage, the commissioning of the disciples from the Gospel of Matthew is perhaps the closest any New Testament writer comes to an expression of the Trinity when Jesus instructs the disciples to baptise 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'.

The word 'Trinity' does not appear anywhere in the New Testament although one can certainly see the beginnings of ideas about a Trinitarian God. It was not until 325, at the Council of Nicea, that the doctrine of the trinity was established as being orthodox teaching. This council sought to officially define the relationship between the Father and the Son as a response to the arguments of Arius (later known as Arian heresy). The statement of beliefs developed by this council in 325 is the Creed (credo = I believe) that is used in Catholic churches around the world today.

I always thought that to describe the Trinity as a 'mystery' was a bit of a 'cop out' for not offering a decent explanation. However, a theological 'mystery' is defined as something that not only are we incapable of discovering except through divine revelation, but that even when its truth has been fully revealed, we are incapable of fully grasping it. Our understanding can never be any more than partial, even when we fully accept it. This is a concept with which our world struggles – that there is something that is not fully able to be known but it's OK not to fully understand it.

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptise them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.

National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week 2024: This year National Sorry Day falls on Sunday 26 May and is a day when we pause to remember the Stolen Generations of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It leads us into the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation and National Reconciliation Week which is held each year between 27 May and 3 June. See here for a liturgy resource that you might find useful to help your community acknowledge National Reconciliation Week. Other helpful resources relating to National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week can be found at the following websites: