

## 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.

### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

**Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40**

***The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.***

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

**The word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm

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

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

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**Romans 8:14-17**

***You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!***

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The

Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

**The word of the Lord.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**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!**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**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.**

### Communion Antiphon

**Galatians 4:6**

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 Sunday Readings

#### First Reading

Exodus 24:3-8

#### Responsorial Psalm

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

#### Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

#### Gospel

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



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*The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)*

**Our Parish Vision Statement:**  
*We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....*

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave 17 Terry Avenue, Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR B - 25th/26th, May, 2024**

**REFLECTION by Nick Brodie**

When Pope Francis instituted the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2015 he said the following: 'Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.'

'With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze,' the Pope went on to say, 'we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness.'

The Pope reminds us that Jesus showed us what mercy looks like. 'The signs he works, especially in favour of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.'

Which shows us what kind of community our Merciful God calls us to be. 'Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life,' declared Pope Francis, reminding us that 'nothing in her preaching and in her witness to the world can be lacking in mercy.'

'All of her pastoral activity should be caught up in the tenderness she makes present to believers,' he stresses.

'From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God,' the Pope concludes, 'the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends.'



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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

### **Recent deaths:**

Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities. May their souls rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Jacobus Johannes Warmerdam, Fr. Eric John Hodgens PE, Peter and Paul Stokie, Sr. Mary Baptist, Nancy Cromar, Abraham Schellenbach, Bernie McDonnell, Norienne Peterson.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: John Kuyper, Flynn Kroeger, Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper, John Barber, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Champion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Rebecca Jane Atkinson, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Maureen Lyons, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

- **Sick List: If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 97542141.**

For details relating to Baptisms, Marriages & Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

### **Reading Roster — 26th May**

Marianne Kuyper & Robert Quirk

### **Church Cleaning Roster**

Kathleen Burns & Patrick, Maureen Coyne

### **The Classical Education Revolution**

Tuesday 4th June - 7.15pm at ACU Fitzroy.

Join Andrew Kern and Katerina Hamilton of the CiRCE Institute for a public talk on classical liberal arts education, a growing movement worldwide. This free event will be held in Cathedral Hall at ACU, Fitzroy. Discover how classical education fosters wisdom and virtue, and learn how parents and teachers can implement it in schools and home education. Don't miss insights from Kern, a pioneer in the field, and Hamilton, a global advocate and educator.

Free event, RSVP essential: [classicaleducation.com.au](http://classicaleducation.com.au)

**Training Seminar on Classical Education for teachers and parents at Catholic Leadership Centre - Wednesday 5th June, 8.45am-3pm**

Visit [classicaleducation.com.au](http://classicaleducation.com.au) for details and tickets

## **Baptism**

Let us welcome **Freya Kathleen and Mirikki—Gail Austin – White** into our faith community. May they be richly blessed throughout their lives constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God.



## **Flower decorations on Thursday at St. Thomas More Church**

Dear Parishioners,

Christine Hadden is all by herself in doing the flowers on Thursdays after Sue Fitzgerald left the parish last week with her husband Andrew Fitzgerald. Can anyone assist Christine Hadden to do the flowers on Thursdays.

Thank You.

**Fr. Cruz**

For more information of Marriage Enrichment Course, please contact Maureen Coyne on 0431483963 .



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## **The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024 — Month of May**

**For the formation of religious and seminarians** We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - 26th May



The fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptized. The feast of the Blessed Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as a prolongation of the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in this triune life of the Divine Persons, to which we have been given access by Baptism and by the Redemption won for us by Christ. Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, in union with Christ, to share as sons in the very life of God.

The feast of the Blessed Trinity was introduced in the ninth century and was only inserted in the general calendar of the Church in the fourteenth century by Pope John XXII. But the cultus of the Trinity is, of course, to be found throughout the liturgy. Constantly the Church causes us to praise and adore the thrice-holy God who has so shown His mercy towards us and has given us to share in His life.

### Trinity Sunday

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.

Why is this feast celebrated at this particular time? It may be interpreted as a finale to all the preceding feasts. All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of redemption. The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son." The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist par excellence to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler. On solemn occasions a thanksgiving Te Deum rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's Te Deum of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined

us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is the day of the Most Holy Trinity.

—Excerpted from The Church's Year of Grace, Pius Parsch

**Symbols of the Trinity: Equilateral Triangle;** Circle of Eternity; Three interwoven Circles; Triangle in Circle; Circle within Triangle; Interwoven Circle and Triangle; Two Triangles interwoven in shape of Star of David; Two Triangles in shape of Star of David interwoven with Circle; Trefoil; Trefoil and Triangle; Trefoil with points; Triquetra; Triquetra and circle; Shield of the Holy Trinity; Three Fishes linked together in shape of a triangle; Cross and Triangle overlapping; Fleur de Lys; St. Patrick's Shamrock.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2021-05-30>

Hi everyone,

Here is the final note with details of the recently completed "craft table and raffle" event.



As foreshadowed in the newsletter last week, the final figures are simply **FANTASTIC !!!!!**

All in all the monies handed over to Fr Cruz this week totalled \$2019.00 Anyone who was in anyway involved (be it as baker, maker, grower, buyer etc. etc) please stand up and take a bow.

We deliberately did not specify any specific project for this fundraiser event, but Fr. Cruz will have this at his disposal for a need anywhere within the entire parish.

We thank you (each and everyone of you) who contributed in any way to this totally amazing result.

**Marianne**

### **First Friday and First Saturday Devotion at St Thomas More, Belgrave**

#### **First Friday**

Mass at 9am. Reciting the rosary after the mass with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. There are twelve promises given to St Margarat Alacoque about the First Friday. Pray nine consecutive first Fridays and experience the Mercy. There are flyers available at the church foyer.

#### **First Saturday**

Mass at 9am. Reciting the rosary with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. During the holy hour of Adoration, Priest is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pray five consecutive Saturdays.

To learn more about Our Lady Fatima, flyers are available at the church foyer.

