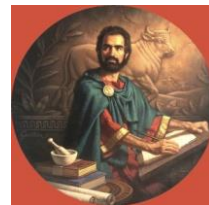


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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 27 MAY 2018

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR B

THE YEAR OF YOUTH

This week's readings: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

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'.

Historical Context – I believe: 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.

Have you thought? Mystery: 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.

Living the Gospel – The Sign of the Cross: 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.

Raise your voices ...

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.

Response to the Psalm: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

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!

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.

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We are Companions on the Journey ...

<http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Home.aspx>

Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Rev Father Gerard Johnson
Parish Priest

Marilyn Robert
Part-time Parish Secretary
Thursday & Friday
9.30am – 4.30pm

Email: BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au

Website:

<http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Home.aspx>

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil – 6:00pm
Sunday – 8:30am & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS & ROSARY

Tues. 11.00am
Weds. – Sat. @ 9:00am

Rosary prayed after Mass times as
listed above. All welcome.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30am & 5.30pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

The Blessed Sacrament is
exposed for Adoration
Wednesday

Start: 7:00pm | End: 8:00pm

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and
six months (6) notice, please.
*(This helps with the planning of both
celebrations and Parents usually know
nine months in advance when their
baby is to be born).*

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Prayer to Saint Luke the Evangelist

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal
by his preaching and writings the mystery of
your love for the poor, grant that those who
already glory in your name may persevere
as one heart and one soul and that all
nations may merit to see your salvation.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen!

*Patron Saint of artists, physicians, surgeons,
students and butchers.*

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER all who are sick and those Parishioners unable to be
among us this weekend. For those who died recently, for Irene and Pius Pereira and for all
those whose anniversaries occur about this time, may they rest in peace.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: Ordinary Time. May – month of Mary,
Mother of God and Mother of the Church. **Thursday:** The Visitation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary; **Friday:** St Justin, martyr; **Saturday:** St Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs;
Sunday Masses: Preface of the Holy Trinity. Euch. Accl. No. 1 & Eucharistic Prayer II.

A VOCATION VIEW: 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.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH FAITH COMMUNITY THIS WEEKEND:
Amber Rose Thomas, daughter of Elizabeth and Thomas; as well as
Penny Lisa Sciacca and Luke Thomas Sciacca, children of Marita and Dean.

**PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(PENANCE) CONTINUING THIS WEEK:** Please pray for our First Reconciliation
Candidates, their Parents, Teachers and Catechists who are preparing for the
celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in our Parish.
*Loving God, you are our friend always. We are good people but sometimes we mess
things up and hurt one another. We are sorry for the uncaring things we do. Thank you for
loving us all the time even when we hurt one another and make one another unhappy.
Help us to make good choices in our family so that the sun can shine and drive away the
clouds. Help us to be more caring and thoughtful towards one another. Please keep all
our Candidates and their families in your prayers.*

THE PARISH THANKS all those Parishioners who have committed themselves once
again to serving it by putting themselves on recently published rosters. Our thanks too
to Megan McLean and Margaret Gearon for co-ordinating this process so effectively
for all of us.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL: contributions for the 2018
Winter Appeal will take place on 2/3 June. Envelopes for monetary donations will be
available and a third collection will be taken up. Donations of non-perishable goods
can be left in the basket in the church foyer. The conference members thank all
parishioners and families at the school for their generous support of the work of the
Society in the local community. Margaret Gearon, Conference President.

ANNUAL GREETING TO THE BUDDHIST COMMUNITY OF MELBOURNE: Please
find this year's annual greeting to the Buddhist Community of Melbourne for the
celebration of the festival of Vesak on our Church noticeboard. Also find with it the
Message to Buddhists from the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

RASP ANNUAL CONVERSATION | RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: On 18 May the
Federal Government's Inquiry into Religious Liberty under the Chairmanship of Philip
Ruddock will present its report. It is very timely that the University of Divinity's Centre
for Research in Religion and Social Policy (RASP) invites you to attend the second
annual RASP Public Conversation on this significant topic on 1 June at Collins Street
Baptist Church. There will be questions from former ABC radio host John Cleary to the
panel and the audience are invited to submit questions to the panel (via email to
rasp@divinity.edu.au) prior to, and during, the event. **Speakers:** Fr Frank Brennan SJ
AO (CEO, Catholic Social Services Australia) Dr Sharon Rodrick (Researcher, Institute
for Civil Society) Revd Dr Robyn Whitaker (Lecturer, Trinity College Theological School)
MC John Cleary (former ABC host) **Free entry – all welcome.** Please see Church
noticeboard for further details. [https://www.divinity.edu.au/news-
events/2018/04/23/rasp-annual-conversation-religious-liberty/](https://www.divinity.edu.au/news-events/2018/04/23/rasp-annual-conversation-religious-liberty/)

**LAUNCH OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL IN 2020 - LISTEN TO WHAT THE
SPIRIT IS SAYING:** Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to
hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the
Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for
the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question:
"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about
the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au The plans for a national Plenary Council of the
Catholic Church in Australia in 2020 were approved by Pope Francis in March of this
year. Pope Francis also endorsed the national bishops' nomination of Perth
Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB as the Council's President. Please visit this website
for Frequently Asked Questions <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/faq/>
The Story so far: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/about/> The Archdiocese of
Melbourne, via the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, will also be providing a
range of opportunities and resources to assist Catholics of Melbourne to reflect on
the Plenary focus question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this
time?" These conversations will take place at a local parish level, and in the case
where parishes find it difficult to gather people in conversation, regional events will
also be organised. Please see time-line on Church noticeboard.

Promotional Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exNXH2YcB8Y>

Introduction to the Plenary Council: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2dk5ez3EcM>

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

26 AND 27 MAY 2018

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Monica Hodder
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Engelina Nyhuis
10:30 AM Lynda Kilroe-Smith

2ND AND 3RD JUNE 2018

Olive Hammill
Melina Barcellona
Jess Kilroe-Smith

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

26 AND 27 MAY 2018

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Bernie Brennan
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Godfrey Thong
10:30 AM Dale Dixon

2ND AND 3RD JUNE 2018

Shirley Prabha
Godfrey Thong
Elizabeth Dixon

WELCOMER'S ROSTER

26 AND 27 MAY 2018

SATURDAY 6:00 PM Lorraine Kermond
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Marie Pekish
10:30 AM Leigh Kelly

2ND AND 3RD JUNE 2018

Terry Wells
Joe Brogno
Mary

SLIDE OPERATORS

26 AND 27 MAY 2018

SATURDAY 6:00 PM David Prabha
SUNDAY 8:30 AM Rosemary Donaldson
10:30 AM Manny Gonzalez

2ND AND 3RD JUNE 2018

David Prabha
Mary White
Manny Gonzalez

CHURCH FLOWERS

2 JUNE 2018

Lesley Cormick & Toni Plevier

CHURCH CLEANING

2 JUNE 2018

Team 5 (Kellie's Team)
Kellie McCarthy, Emma Brodawka,
Toni Wynne, Daniella Manolopoulos

MAINTENANCE

2 JUNE 2018

Manuel Gonzalez,
Arthur Kolitsis &
Mike Lockwood

"The real newness is the newness which God mysteriously brings about and inspires, provokes, guides and accompanies in a thousand ways." Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* 12.

THE 6PM CHOIR will lead the singing tonight Saturday 6pm Sunday Vigil Mass Sat 26th May.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL JEWISH AND CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP DINNER! In keeping with the Year of Youth being observed in the Catholic Church, this year's event will focus on the life and contribution of youth in our communities. The dinner will be on Sunday 17 June at 7pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre, cnr Victorial Pde and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne. Bookings can be made at <https://www.trybooking.com/VSMN> or by phone or email to the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission (9926 5708 or eic@cam.org.au) For more details please see Church noticeboard.

NEWSLETTER NOTICES: Please send to the following e-mail address by **Wednesday 5pm** – BlackburnSouth@cam.org.au

INTER-PARISH WALK, 27 MAY 2018: Lysterfield Lake (20 minute from Waverley Gardens SC), 2pm. **Meeting point:** Mahogany Car Park; **Time:** 2.00pm sharp. **Walk Difficulty:** Easy – with two short gradients. More details please see parish noticeboard. Enquiries to Nimmi 0413 135 889, Thuy 0423 882 718, Michaela 0412 260 406.

HEART OF LIFE SPIRITUALITY CENTRE: Come away awhile for a weekend retreat to make space for your heart. Live-in 'Winter Wisdom Weekend Retreat in the Company of the Mystics' from 4pm Fri 8 June to 4pm Sun 10 June 2018 at Community of the Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Cheltenham. Includes guided reflection, opportunities for spiritual companionship, sharing and input. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost \$195 including accommodation and catering. More information and bookings: holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.

CATHOLIC MISSION: Cardinal Charles Bo, SDB of Myanmar to speak in Melbourne. Friday June 15 10.00am – 3.00pm The Oratory, Newman College. Please see Church noticeboard for further details.

GOD, SEX, AND LIFE: An exciting weekly series for young adults to explore important questions using Jason Evert's video series on sexuality based on St John Paul 2s teachings, 'You: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body'. Each evening includes contemporary videos, testimonies, music discussion, and dinner. For more info or to book, see tinyurl.com/tobmelbeast. starting 10 June, Sundays at 6:30pm in Burwood. Contact us geraldine343@gmail.com or 0413 398 528 More details on our Church noticeboard.

PETITION TO REGULATE DONATIONS: Please find available on the notice table in our foyer a petition about the Bill to potentially regulate donations to churches like donations to political parties. An initiative of the Unifying Church. More details on our Church noticeboard.

SAFETY STATEMENT: We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable adults in our Church. Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish Blackburn South holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. <http://pol.org.au/blackburnsouth/Policies.aspx>

Parish Groups & Contacts

Did not our hearts burn within us as we walked along ...

**Lectors, Welcomers Collectors
Extraordinary Ministers of the
Eucharist, & Rosters**
Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135

Children's Liturgy Group
Nina Grieve - 9877 4023
Jess Kilroe-Smith - 0452 613 863

Thanksgiving Counters
Dale Dixon - 0433 885 087
Steve Kilroe-Smith - 0404 864 232

**Pastoral Council &
Child Safety Officer**
Darren McLean - 0417 774 504

History
Margaret Gearon - 0409 807 135
Whitehorse Deanery -9926 5710

Finance Council
Steve Brennan
Parish Accountant

Hall Hire
Marilyn Robert - 9877 2292

Care Group & Gardens
Judy Noy - 9894 1506

Church Sacristan
Greg Grant 0401 644 474

Church Linen
Toni Plevier

Church Cleaning & Flowers
Megan McLean 9878 8691

Maintenance
Bill Goodwin 9803 6056

Holy Communion
to the housebound

Parish & School Choirs
Maria Pinto, Lina Mafi
0411 136 043

Marg Yore & Kat Bergin
9877 4023

**Parish and School
Fete Committee**

Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023
Parish School Advisory Board
Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

**Parish School
Parents' Association**
Jackie Purcell - 9877 4023

St Vincent de Paul Conference
For Assistance: 1800 305 330
(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contact:
Margaret Gearon

RECRUITMENT NOTICE:
These Parish Groups welcome new members who choose to participate in the life of the Parish in these ways - would you like to make contact with one or more of them?