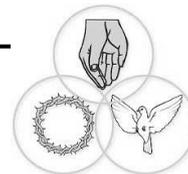




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LITURGY AND BULLETIN



OPENING PRAYER

Father,

you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy.

Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons

by proclaiming and living our faith in you.

Amen.

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Proverbs

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.

Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;

before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,

when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries

– and the waters will not invade the shore –
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,

I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,

ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,

delighting to be with the sons of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? (R.)

2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. (R.)

3. All of them, sheep and cattle,

yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

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!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 16:12-15.

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.'



Reflection on the Gospel of John 16:12-15 by Richard Leonard

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. 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We pray for all Christian communities. May they offer the world the love of God, the grace of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Pope Francis. May his visit to Lebanon stir fresh hope for peace, unity and healing in that troubled land. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the starving people of the Horn of Africa, and for all people facing famine in the world's worsening food crisis. May nations with plenty pledge the aid that is needed. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for peace. May the leaders of every nation renounce militant aggression and all forms of oppressive control. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for hospital staff, health workers and all still struggling with COVID. May they stay safe and be given all the support they need. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for community leaders in Australia. May they find fresh heart in their efforts to promote goodwill, respect and shared purpose in service of the common good. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, those on our prayer list and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased - Ian Vardanega, Marilla Lowrey, Rod Coady, Rupert Ermet, Barry Bevege. . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May their hope for heavenly glory be completely fulfilled. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

*Lord God,
we worship you,
a Trinity of Persons, one eternal God.
May our faith bring us health of mind and body. Amen.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10.00am in the Church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Ecumenical Pentecost Celebration: Sunday 5 June, 10am in the National Theatre. All welcome

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 5 July 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Dear Parishioners,



World Meeting of Families | 22 - 26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome, with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of “Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness.” You can discover local Australian events or explore the resources with your own family by visiting: www.family.catholic.org.au

Archdiocesan Celebrations of the World Meeting of Families 2022 will be held in three locations in our Archdiocese

- Sunday 12 June Cooma for the Snowy Monaro region
- Sunday 26th June Manuka for the Canberra region
- Sunday 10th July Cootamundra for the Western Deanery

Vinnies Winter Appeal held over until Saturday night. Please help us help our locals in need.

“Help Ukrainians Raffle”, sponsored by the Goldsmith Street Surgery in Goulburn. Tickets available from Wendy Hart either at Mass times or wherever you see her around town. Many prizes are on offer. See poster for details. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Call to Connect (CTC) is a Catholic women's ministry where women gather in small groups to pray and share the faith journey. On **Wednesday, 22 June from 7.30pm to 8.10pm** women are invited to experience the CTC style of prayer and friendship, in an introductory Zoom meeting, including an opportunity for Q&A. To register go to ctc.registrations@yahoo.com and for further information visit www.calltoconnect.org.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation will be celebrated in the coming months. Reconciliation 13 August; First Eucharist 18 September and Confirmation 20 November. If you know of any children, who attend the Central School or home school, who might like to make these sacraments, please forward their parents and their names and contact details to the parish office.

“Save the date!

Caring for Creation Conference on 17 September at John Paul II College in Gungahlin.

Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin is holding a conference on how to achieve the goals of *Laudato Si'* – On Care for Our Common Home. The Pope has called all our Parishes, schools, families and individuals to help save the planet and one another from greed, consumerism and climatic change. Our Bishops have called us to respond to: The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor. Everything is connected.

Saturday, 17 September is the day to work together to change ourselves, each other and the planet. Save the date! Contact: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com

Ministry Rosters: now that we are more or less back to normal in the Church and parish there are a couple of vacancies on our rosters. After 3 years of doing the counting by herself Helen Bopping would like to have a break. So we are looking for teams of 2 (preferably) to count the collections and do the banking each week. Interested persons should speak to Br. Brian.

Also I would like a back-up or two for the PowerPoint and music. As you could tell from last week, there aren't too many options. Geoff is my usual standby but he was called to another role that time. Helen Mulholland also was unavailable.

Readings for Mass: 1st: Proverbs 8:22-31. 2nd: Rom. 5:1-5. Gospel: John 16:12-15.

Readings for next week Corpus Christi: 1st Gen. 14:18-20. 2nd: 1Cor. 11:23-26. Gospel: Luke 9:11-17.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Welcomer</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Music/PP</u>
11 June	Geoff	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
18 June	James	Geraldine	Bobbie/Brian	Helen H
25 June	Felix	Helen P	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
2 July	Geoff	Cathy F	Wendy M-B/Ann T	Helen H
Ministries of Service:	17 June	24 June	1 July	8 July
Altar Decorating:	Cathy F	Margaret	Joy	Helen P
Cleaners:		Bunny & Ella		Wendy M & Pauline

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

In the name of the Father
and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

From my head to my heart
across the entirety of my life,
may the power and the victory of the cross
be upon me and within me.
Amen.

Holy Spirit you are God.
You were sent from God Our Father
and Jesus your Son to me.

Fill me more deeply with your presence.

You are wanted in my life.
You are welcome in my life.
You are needed in my life.

Holy Spirit deepen my knowledge and personal relationship with you.

You are the power of God alive in me.
You are the strength of God within me.
You are the enabler of God within me.

Holy Spirit you enable me to HEAR the voice of God in my heart.
Holy Spirit you enable me to RESPOND to the voice of God in my heart.
Holy Spirit you enable me to ACT according to the voice of God in my heart.

Holy Spirit you enable me to LOVE in keeping with the voice of God in my heart.

Lead me in truth

Guide me in wisdom

Strengthen me in courage

Holy Spirit come upon me in power and have your will in me.

Amen

From Bruce Downes

Catholic Ministries

Take care of each other,

Helen Hart