

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR C

14TH AND 15TH JUNE 2025

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6pm

SUNDAY 7.30am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.00pm -

5.45pm in the Meeting Room

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We, the people of Corpus Christi, seek to grow in living Christ-centred mission, sharing our gifts to foster welcome, justice and community in today's world. A very warm welcome to anyone who is new to the parish.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, we are invited not merely to reflect on a doctrine, but to enter into the very heart of God's life. The Trinity— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is not just something we believe; it is the pattern after which our Christian lives are to be shaped.

At its core, the Trinity reveals to us that God is a communion of love. The Father gives Himself completely to the Son, the Son gives Himself to the Father, and the Holy Spirit is the bond of that perfect love. This divine relationship is not closed in on itself but reaches out to include us. At Baptism, we were welcomed into this eternal relationship and invited to live in the same spirit of unity, love, and self-gift.

To live a Christian life, then, is to live a life of communion—with God and with one another. Just as the Trinity is not divided or individualistic, we too are called to move beyond selfishness and isolation. In our families, parish communities, workplaces, and friendships, we are to reflect that same mutual love, respect, and unity.

The early Church Fathers used the Greek word perichoresis, meaning "a divine dance," to describe the relationship within the Trinity. It is a beautiful image: a dance of love where each Person of the Trinity moves in perfect harmony with the others. Our Christian life becomes authentic when we join in that divine rhythm—when we allow the love of the Father to shape our hearts, the grace of Christ to guide our actions, and the power of the Holy Spirit to inspire our witness.

Let us ask ourselves: Do our lives mirror this Trinitarian love? Are we building unity? Are we growing in self-giving love?

May the Holy Trinity not remain a mystery only professed with our lips, but a reality lived with our lives. Let our parish be a reflection of that divine communion, so that others may see the face of God in the way we live, love, and serve.

With prayer and blessings,

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

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First Reading	Gospel Acclamation	Mrs Sue Weekes — Secretarial Support - sw@corpuschristi.org.au
Proverbs 8:22-31 Wisdom was born before the earth was made. Responsorial Psalm	See Apocalypse 1:8 Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:	Mrs Vanessa Sultana – Office Support - cranebrook@parracatholic.org
Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2 (R.) O Lord, our God,	to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!	<u>SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH:</u> Corpus Christi Primary – ph 4726 2200
how wonderful your name in all the earth! Second Reading Romans 5:1-5 To God through Christ in the love which is poured	Gospel John 16:12-15 Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will re- ceive what I give and tell you about it.	(Principal - Mrs Sarah O'Rourke) Xavier College – ph 4777 0900 (Principal - Mr Michael Pate)
out through the Spirit.		

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

Visit our website: www.corpuschristi.org.au

Parish News

This weekend 95 children form our parish community received the sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate each and everyone of them. May the Holy Spirit bless them with the strength and wisdom to live God's holy way... the true

path to a life of virtue.



We also extend a word of thanks to everyone involved in preparing the children as well as organising our

Masses. We thank our sacramental team, school teachers,

musicians, data operator, altar servers and photographer. Your support was greatly appreciated

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also known as Confession or Penance, is a sacrament of healing and spiritual renewal in the Catholic Church. It is a sacred opportunity for individuals to seek forgiveness for their sins, receive God's grace, and restore



their relationship with God and the Church community. This sacrament offers a profound experience of God's mercy and love.

Going to Confession is sacred and transformative. By approaching confession with sincerity, humility, and a desire for change, Catholics can embark on a journey of spiritual renewal and strengthen their relationship with God.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IS AVAILABLE AT CORPUS CHRISTI EACH SATURDAY AFTERNOON FROM 5PM-5.45PM, OR ON REQUEST AS NEEDED. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO REGULARLY TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE THIS SACRED **RESTORATIVE SACRAMENT.**



First Eucharist

The registration date for First Eucharist is

Wednesday 20th August, 2025 at 6.30pm

The sacrament of First Eucharist will take place on the following dates:

> Saturday 6th September at 11am Saturday 6th September at 6pm Saturday 13th September at 11am Sunday 14th September at 9.30am

Confirmation

The registration date for Confirmation is

Wednesday 7th of May, 2025 at 6.30pm

The sacrament of Confirmation (for children who received Penance and First Eucharist last year) will take place on the following date:

Saturday 14th June, 2025 at 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Baptisms and Weddings

Baptisms take place in our parish on the first and third Sundays of each month at 11am. Parents wishing to have their children Baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office to book the date of Baptism and to register for the Rite of Welcome and Information Meeting.

Wedding bookings are taken by request. Please contact the parish office to discuss available dates and to make a booking.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI 2025

This year the feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd of June.

This liturgical solemnity celebrates the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



On the day, we will be having a Eucharistic Procession around the grounds of our church after our 9.30am Mass. This will be followed by a morning tea in the Corpus Christi Primary School Hall.

We warmly invite everyone in our community to join us for this joyous event.

To ensure our morning tea is catered well we need the support of our parish community. We warmly encourage everyone to bring along a plate of food on the day, alternatively you can leave a donation this weekend in the box available in the foyer which will be used to purchase food and supplies for morning tea next week. Thank you.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY 18TH OF JUNE AS THE STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING A TRAINING DAY IN PARRAMATTA

CARPARK SAFETY

There have been a number of cars parking in the school's 'kiss and drop' area when coming for Mass on the weekends, particularly at our 6pm Vigil. Please note that this area is a No Parking Zone. Parking in this area makes it very difficult to exit the carpark from the parking spaces near the entrance to the church, and can reduce visibility when parishioners are crossing the carpark. We ask all parishioners and visitors to kindly consider the comfort and safety of everyone and park only in our designated parking spaces.

LOST PROPERTY

The parish lost property basket has been moved to the foyer of our church. It contains many lost items such as umbrellas, books, water bottles and bags. Please check to see if any of the items belong to you. Any items that have not been collected after Sunday 29th of June will be donated to charity.



LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased: Maria Thi Nguyen (Mother of Bishop Vincent), Angela Barka Anniversaries:

Michael Pace, Adam Vella

For those who are sick:

Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr Jerome Antogop

We extend prayers and sympathy to the family of Angela Barka who passed away on Tuesday 10th of June. Angela's funeral will take place at St Joseph's Kingswood on Friday 20th of June with a viewing at 10.30am and Mass at 11am. All are welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Parish Morning Tea

Our parish hosts a morning tea after our 9.30am Mass on the second Sunday of every month. Our next parish morning tea will take place on

SUNDAY 13TH JULY

Everyone is welcome. We warmly encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us both for Mass and morning tea

To support our parish with catering, you are most welcome to bring a plate to share or an optional gold coin donation can be made. We kindly ask that a list of ingredients is provided for any home prepared food to support

anyone with food allergies



Corpus Christi Youth Mass



Our next youth Mass will take place on

SUNDAY 15TH OF JUNE AT 5.00PM

Mass followed by refreshments.

Please note that parents are welcome to attend the Mass and registration is not necessary.

For more information about our parish Youth Masses please contact the parish office or Kieran Faccin.

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group



Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass in the Parish Office. Our next senior's morning tea will take place on

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

Please bring a small plate of food to share for morning tea. New members are always welcome.

Safeguarding

As part of the Diocese of Parramatta's commitment to ensuring all children and adults at risk are safe, respected, protected and supported in our care, all staff and volunteers in our parishes, chaplaincies, agencies, ministries and councils are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding.

All staff and volunteers are required to undertake safeguarding training and must complete three mandatory modules which total six points.

Cycle 1 (New staff/volunteers who have not completed any training within the Diocese)

Module 1: Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards

Module 2: Legal Compliance, ROSH (Risk Of Significant Harm) and RC (Reportable Conduct) Module 3: Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

Cycle 2 (Renewal Training for staff/volunteers who completed Cycle 1 two years ago)

Module 4: Applying the Child Safe Standards to Safeguard Children & Adults at Risk

Module 5: Legal Compliance: Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) and Reportable Conduct

For online safeguarding training opportunities please visit: https:learning.safeguarding.org.au/ Or for face to face training opportunities visit: https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?

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PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for anyone who left their contact details on their project compassion box are available for collection in the church foyer.

Planned Giving/Parish Donations

Your gift to Planned Giving helps cover the running of the parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

If you would like to contribute directly, the parish bank details are:

 BSB:
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Please ensure you put your details in the reference section (ENVELOPE N# OR SURNAME)

Please contact the Parish Office if you

 are contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;

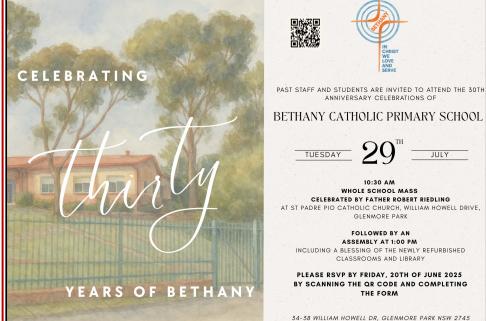
◊ would like to join the Planned Giving Program.

Diocesan News

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening – 25 June (Register by 18 June) You are invited to an engaging panel conversation with Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Sr Susan Connelly and Fr Patrick McInerney about the Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth & Peace – A Gospel Word in a Violent World", paired with a delicious meal and good company. This free event is co-hosted by the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay and the Archdiocese of Sydney and will be held on 25 June (6:00pm – 9:00pm) at St Monica's Parish Hall, 8 Daking St, North Parramatta. Please register by 18 June at <u>parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan</u>

Public Lecture: "Shaping a Culture of Encounter in a Fragmented World" by Prof Leo Lefebure – 26 June

How can religious and interreligious leaders work with political and cultural leaders in shaping a constructive culture of encounter? Georgetown University professor and author Leo Lefebure will explore this question on Thursday, 26 June at 6.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Register: tinyurl.com/2efk584d



The Living Word

Pentecost Sunday - Year C

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

Proverbs 8:22-31

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 Gospel Acclamation 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 John 16:12-15 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

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

(R.) O Lord, our God,

how wonderful your name in all the earth! 1.When I see the heavens, the work of Since you are children of God. your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father. 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,

ves, even the savage beasts,

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

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

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.

See Apocalypse 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!

Gospel

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.'

Communion Antiphon

Galatians 4:6

God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,



7th and 8th June 2025

NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY by Mary Coloe PBVM

The Spirit of truth will lead you. Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Desire – The heart of God.

We do not find an explicit statement of the doctrine of the Trinity in the Gospels; it took centuries of discussion before the Council of Nicea came up with the language we profess in our creed about Father, Son, and Spirit. What we do find is a seminal faith and an experience of God present in the life of Jesus and the early Christians. As a Jew Jesus would have daily prayed the great Jewish proclamation of faith, 'Hear O Israel the Lord our God, the Lord is one.' Drawing on his Jewish traditions and Scriptures Jesus spoke to God as 'Abba', father. While the Greeks had the idea of God as a distant impersonal and immovable being, Jesus knew God as personal and loving. Jesus' experience of an intimate loving God continued in the experience of the early Christians who glimpsed that while the historical Jesus of Nazareth was no longer with them, Jesus as the Risen Christ was a powerful presence, still alive in their midst, and they experienced this as a powerful Spirit of love, courage, gratitude and peace, even in the midst of hostility and suffering. They knew with the certainty of experience God as Father, as Son and Spirit. How this could be so, remained mystery, as it still is, but the experience of love has its own certainty, as Paul writes with conviction: 'the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.' For this certainty, he will travel thousands of miles to share his experience, and ultimately will give his life.

The section from John's Gospel continues Jesus' Final Discourse as he tries to console and encourage his disciples on the night of his arrest. He promises them that even in his absence they will still have an advocate, a teacher and guide; they will not be left orphaned. The understanding of God as Trinity can also help us understand our own life.

The Trinity expresses the Christian faith that the essence of Divine life is a love that reaches out to another in desire to be in relationship. As this Gospel reveals, the Spirit is turned towards Jesus, the Son; all the Spirit expresses comes from the Risen Christ, just as all the Father has, is given over to the Son. Our own relationships and desires for love image the dynamic self-giving within the life of God. As Genesis states, 'in the image of God they were created, male and female.'

In celebrating the Trinity, may we also celebrate and give thanks for our participation in this life of loving desire. May the patterns of our own loving mirror the generous self-giving of our God.

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

rather lengthy Last Supper discourse that runs from chapter 13 to chapter 17. The discourse is a centrepiece of this particular gospel. In it, Jesus speaks a number of times about the coming of the Holy Spirit. The portion that makes up today's reading Q. Why is the concept of the Trinity difficult for some people to comes from a slightly longer passage about the sending of the accept? Spirit (16:4-15).

Throughout the Last Supper discourse, the Holy Spirit is find helpful? identified as Gift and Love. The Spirit is the Gift that will be sent by the Father and by the Son so that the world may continue to Q. Why do some people accuse Christians of worshipping three experience the Love of the Father and the Son. In the discourse, Jesus calls on the disciples to love one another with the same love that they had experienced from him – the love of God. To assist the disciples to continue to love with the same love of God and Jesus, the Spirit is sent to them. The Holy Spirit is the lasting speaking as from himself? expression of the divine love that had previously been Q. Why do many people attribute a feminine quality to the Holy experienced through the Father and the Son. The discourse makes it very clear that the Spirit will continue the work of Jesus.

Today's passage has Jesus saying to the disciples that there is still so much that he has to say to them, to teach them. But the disciples are not ready to receive everything in the time that Jesus has remaining. So to continue the teaching of Jesus and to continue the expression of Love, the Father and the Son will send the Spirit. It was the sending of the Spirit that we celebrated last week in the feast of Pentecost and it is the unity of Father, Son and Spirit that we celebrate this week in Trinity Sunday.

Historical Context – The Nicene Creed

The definitive statement of Christian belief is contained within the Nicene Creed that is proclaimed by the community in the Mass. It was developed by the Council of Nicea, held in 325, in response to a variety of teachings (some declared to be heresy) that were circulating at the time and the creed was further revised in 381. The creed declares that Jesus is 'God from God, light from light, true God from true God ... of one being with the Father' and that the Holy Spirit 'proceeds from the Father and the Son'. All of these statements seek to define the oneness of the Trinitarian God.

Have you thought? Spoken through the prophets

One Creedal statement about the Holy Spirit is that 'He has spoken through the prophets'. This statement of Christian belief is to reaffirm that the Spirit has played a role throughout human history and did not 'come into being' at Pentecost. In fact, a translation of the opening lines of Genesis reads, 'and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters'. Although the Old Testament emphasises God the Creator, or the Father, the gospels emphasise the role of Jesus, the Son and the New Testament writings emphasise the work of the Spirit, all three expressions of God's loving presence are beyond the limits of time and place.

Living the Gospel – Trinity

Every time we make the sign of the cross we reaffirm our belief in a God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although some people have difficulties with the gender-specific language of 'Father' and 'Son' and look for other ways to express this reality, all Christian people profess a belief in the one God who is experienced in three distinct ways. We are baptised 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit' and we remind ourselves of this reality when we pray and when we bless ourselves or others.

Ouestions for Adolescents

In the Gospel of John, today's reading appears as part of the Q. Why did Jesus say that things he still had to say to the disciples would be too much for them?

> Q. In what ways did the coming of the Spirit lead the disciples to 'the complete truth'?

Q. What symbol, image or understanding of the Trinity do you

Questions for Adults

Gods, not one?

Q. In what ways do you find three different expressions of God to be helpful?

Q. What did Jesus mean by saying that the Spirit 'will not be

Spirit?

Q. How would you describe your understanding of the Trinity?

Learning moments

Research the meaning and origins of statements contained in the Nicene Creed. What heresies were different statements designed to eradicate in Christian thought and belief?

Gather a collection of images, symbols and concepts associated with the Trinity. Identify which of the ideas are helpful in developing an understanding of Trinity; which ideas are unhelpful or confusing and which really challenge your own understanding.

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Saint Patrick is famous for making the shamrock a handy tool to illustrate the Blessed Trinity: one plant, three leaves that are all connected and united – symbolising the one God, three persons that are all connected and united.

Sometimes close relationships are also compared to the Trinity: the person you love, the person who loves you, and God. If God is a part of your relationship, it's hard to think of the two of you without the power, joy and courage that God brings. Do you have any relationships like that? What are they like?

A family, a team or a close group of friends can also form a community of love that is similar to the Trinity – several persons that are connected and united in a very special way. Do you belong to any such group? If so, what makes it special?

The Holy Spirit brings the truth of God. Sometimes in our life we are running away from a truth, or trying to ignore or avoid it. What basic truth in your life do you think God wants you to be more aware of?

Sometimes in our life, when we have done something wrong or when we are about to do something wrong, the Spirit of God speaks to us through our conscience. Have you ever thought about doing something, until that voice inside you called you to do something else? What happened?

The main message of every Gospel is to know the way of the Spirit and to follow the way of the Spirit. How easy is it to live your life that way? How is living your life that way similar to preaching the Gospel?



Children's Worksheet



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