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### The Most Holy Trinity

22 May 2016

Today we celebrate **Trinity Sunday**, the power and the mystery of three beings in one, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. As Catholics we remember and celebrate this every time we make the Sign of the Cross.

Whenever we talk about the Trinity, it's timely to recall the story of St Augustine, one of the Church's preeminent theologians, regarded by many as one of our finest thinkers. Augustine spent thirty years working on his treatise about the Trinity, called '*De Trinitate*' or '*About the Trinity*'. Even a brilliant mind such as his struggled to explain the Trinity, so I won't even attempt to do that in a page.

However, Augustine tells the story of walking on the beach one day and coming across a young boy dashing from the waterline, seashell in hand, to a small hole in the beach. Amused by this scene, Augustine paused a while to watch the little fellow dash from the shallows, little seashell filled with water, to the hole in beach where he then emptied the seawater into the hole and ran back and did it all again. After a while Augustine stopped the young boy and asked him what he was up to. The young boy replied "I'm trying to fill the sea into this hole" Augustine chuckled and said to the boy, "But surely the hole is too small for the whole sea to fit in?" The boy paused in his work, stood up and looked Augustine in the eye and said "It is no more impossible than what you're trying to do – comprehend the immensity of the mystery of the Holy Trinity with your small intelligence"

Taken aback by the young boy's keen response, Augustine looked away for a second and when he looked back, the boy had vanished. Could he have received a visit from an Angel or the Child Jesus himself? St Augustine took the lesson that in the end it is impossible for us with our limited intelligence to fully understand and grasp the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

So what can we make of today's readings? For me the narrative thread that connects all the readings together is that to begin to understand God, one must first be receptive to receiving his Wisdom, his first creation, the master craftsman as described in the first reading from the Book of Proverbs. And to receive his wisdom we must have Faith, as Paul writes to the Romans in the second reading. For through Faith we receive grace and patience, which in turn gives us perseverance and hope that God's love will be given to us by the Holy Spirit. Finally in the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, the night before his death to be ready to receive the Holy Spirit who is to come after him and is from him, just as Jesus himself was from the Father.

So we have this very hopeful and positive narrative from today's readings. Instead of trying to get our head around how three beings can be the one person, reflect instead on the succession plan that Jesus tells his disciples, that just as Jesus came from God the Father, the God of the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit would follow him after his death and resurrection. And through the Holy Spirit we would be in receipt of God's Wisdom.

So, just as the young child challenged St Augustine to stop trying to understand the mystery of the Trinity through his rational and logical mind, let us open ourselves up to understanding the nature of God through faith. For it is through faith that we can really let the Holy Spirit pass on the wisdom of God to do wonderful things in our life. God Bless you in the coming week.

Ben Norris, Parishioner.

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# PARISH MASS TIMES

**Weekends: Saturday Vigil: 6pm**  
**Sunday: 8.30am & 5.30pm**

**Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 9am**  
*A Mass of Anointing is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 10am followed by morning tea.*

## Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9.30am – 10am

**Rosary: Mondays –**  
after 9am Mass



*I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit*

**BAPTISMS**— This weekend we welcome into our Catholic Community the following children.

George Wower, Emily Squire,  
Thomas Squire, Samuel Capra  
Vincent Rogers & Sarah Kelly.

**Baptisms** are held on the  
**2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays** of the month at **10am**.

For further information, check out our website or contact the parish office.

**Thank you** to Rob Jansen for painting the front doors of our church. They were really in need of a freshening and now look great !

**Please note that the parish office has two incoming lines 3397 1587 or 3397 2121**

## Next Sunday's Readings:

**Year C Corpus Christi**

**Gen: 14:18-20; Cor 11:23-26;**

**Gospel: Lk 9:11-17**



## Cuppa & Bikkies

Today after the 8:30am Mass, we are having a cuppa & bikkie at the front of the Church.

We invite you to stay behind and enjoy a cuppa & a chat. We encourage you to also look around and say 'hello' and introduce yourself to a parishioner you have not yet met and help us to build a close community.

*Thank you to the ladies for hosting*

## STATE OF ORIGIN 2016

**Yes, it's almost that time of year again !**



So, come along and join us in watching this great

match on the BIG SCREEN in the Our Lady of Mount Carmel school hall.

**When: Wednesday 1st June 7pm**

**Cost: \$20 adults & \$5 for kids**

Entry includes a drink on arrival and a quality sausage on bread !

Plus a ticket in the draw for two tickets to the 2nd State of Origin at Suncorp Stadium.

**RSVP: Michael Sullivan ph: 0412 155 162 or zumalaifriends@gmail.com**

This is a major fund-raiser for the Friends of Zumalai, so we ask for your support of this event.

**The Friends of Zumalai would like to thank all those who baked cakes and supported the Gold Coin Map and Mother's Day cake stall. This event raised \$1633.10, a great result. These funds will provide ongoing support to education projects in Zumalai, East Timor.**



## CORPUS CHRISTI

Next **Sunday 29th May** is the feast of **Corpus Christi**.

Celebrations led by Bishop Oudeman will commence at

**2pm at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.**

A bus is running from Our Lady of Graces Parish, Carina to the Cathedral for \$5 return. Ph: Bill on 3157 2452 to reserve a seat.

"If Jesus were actually visible ...everyone would run to welcome Him, but He remains hidden in the Sacred Host. *Pope Paul VI*

# Around and About

The **Gregory Terrace Old Boys' Association Annual Reunion** will be held on Friday 27th May 2016 at 6:30pm at the Primary Quad St Joseph's Gregory Terrace. Register at [www.terrace.qld.edu.au](http://www.terrace.qld.edu.au) / click on About Us/College Events/GTOBA Annual Reunion

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**The All Hallows' School Open Day** will be held on

**Sunday 29 May 2016 at 11:am.** Established in 1861, All Hallows' is the oldest secondary school in Qld and is steeped in heritage and tradition. We look forward to welcoming prospective students, families and the community at our opening day.



To register please visit [www.ahs.qld.edu.au](http://www.ahs.qld.edu.au)

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A **Car Boot Sale** is being held in the carpark of Regina Caeli, Coorparoo on **Saturday 28th May from 8am—12noon.** Also a sausage sizzle, cake stall & coffee ! To hire a site for selling costs \$20. Or just come along and grab a bargain. Forms available at the back of the Church. Contact Jeanne on 3398 3697 or 0414 836 071.

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**The Banyo Nundah Parish** is celebrating **100 years on 29<sup>th</sup> May** commencing with Mass at 9.30am in Corpus Christi Church, Nundah, with Archbishop Mark Coleridge presiding.

This will be followed by a day of festivities, multi-cultural food "FEASTIVAL", entertainment, historical display, pipe organ recital, drawing of Centenary Raffle.

Past parishioners and friends are welcome to join us.

For further details ph. Parish Office 3266.1444

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**TRENT HORN - SPEAKING ON "ANSWERING ATHEISM"**

**International Catholic Speaker Trent Horn** will speak at the Norman Hotel on **Monday 23 May** on the topic of answering atheism. Young adults from around Brisbane are invited to attend the talk starting at 7pm. A special dinner menu is available thanks to the Norman Hotel.

Event: Trent Horn on his Life, Love, Marriage Australian Tour 2016

Venue : The Norman Hotel, Woolloongabba  
102 Ipswich Road Woolloongabba, Brisbane

Time: 7pm

Talk: Answering Atheism—Open to young adults; free entry

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**Attention UQ students!** Want to learn more about the richness of your **Catholic Faith**, and make some great new friends while you're at it?

The UQ Newman Catholic Society (est. 1921) is always looking for new members! Visit our website ([newmancatholicociety.weebly.com/](http://newmancatholicociety.weebly.com/)) or our Facebook, and get in touch!

In Christ, **Edsel Parke** Newman Society Secretary

**We remember those in God's care...**

**Recently Deceased:**

John Pak, Brian Ko-ou and for all who have died recently.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, may they Rest in God's Peace.*

**Anniversaries and Memorials:**

Louise Godwin, Timothy Kepui, Tony Ward, Eileen Wallis, Bernard & Molly Reilly, Tom & Kitty Pluck, John Crowe, Murgha Crowe, Vera Newton, Margaret Crowe,

**We pray for our sick....**

John Carroll, Letty Reynolds, Norm Isdale, Paula O'Sullivan, Lanie McPhee, John Eide and any of our unwell parishioners at this time.

To have someone included in the Newsletter, please phone or email the Parish office

**Names for the sick will be removed after two**

**24th May - Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians**

The decision to place the Australian Church under the patronage of the Virgin Mary invoked by the title Help of Christians was made in 1844 at the first provincial synod. This decision was confirmed by the Holy See in 1852. Mary Help of Christians was adopted as patron of the new Church of Australia at a significant time in our history. British settlement was just over 50 years old, the transportation of convicts was coming to an end, and the first elections in Australian history had been held in 1843. Issues of land, immigration and education had begun to surface and the Church was involved in these social problems.

In 1843 Archbishop Polding inaugurated the first Catholic apostolic meeting with aboriginal people in Moreton Bay.

Today, we confront many of the same social problems and the Church has the same need to witness to the values of the gospel. The task of evangelising the Australian culture is more urgent and daunting than ever. Recourse to our national patron, **Mary Help of Christians**, is as relevant and necessary today as it has ever been.



**Next Week's Rosters - 28 / 29 May**

**Ministers of the Word**

**6.00pm :** Jenny Wallis  
Duncan Stuart

**8.30am:** Debra Austin  
Peter Woods

**5.30pm:** Joanna Bach  
Clare Bach

*(Facilitator: Debra Austin)*

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**Ministers of Communion**

**6pm :** L Capra, S Capra, M Downey,  
V Evison, T Laing, M Tom

**8.30am:** G Connors, T Eckersley,  
M Martin, D Moloney, M Moloney,  
S Robinson, A Thomas

**5.30pm:** A Mahoney, L Oliver,  
M O'Leary Chay, B Sullivan, P Ward,  
B Wright

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**Communion to the Sick**

J O'Brien, M Shelly, T Sim, I McCarthy

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

S Cotter, B McPherson, K Rigby

**Baptism Preparation**

Cassandra Bevan, Emma Foley

**Reflection**

David Hutton

**Mount Carmel Parish acknowledges the Turrbal people as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.**