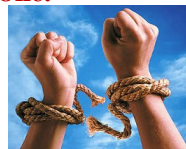


The truth of the Trinity is taught in many passages of the New Testament. It is undoubtedly the most distinctive doctrine of the Christian faith. Most religions are either pantheistic (e.g., Buddhism) or polytheistic (e.g., Hinduism). Two other religions are monotheistic (Judaism, Islam), but only Christianity recognizes the one real God (the Triune God—Father, Son, Holy Spirit)—one God in three Persons. The Koran—regards Jesus as only a prophet, repeatedly denouncing as infidels all those who believe in the Trinity. The Jews often consider Jesus to have been a great teacher, but no more than that. To the Christian, however, the Lord Jesus Christ is a person yet God incarnate, God's only begotten Son—Creator, Saviour, King of kings and Lord of lords. Christians also believe that the Holy Spirit is not just a spiritual influence, but a real person, the third Person of the Godhead. When an individual becomes a Christian, he acknowledges it by being baptized in the "name [note, just a single name] of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). He believes in one God—but not the unknowable, unapproachable "god" of Islam called "Allah." Instead, he recognizes God as the infinite, invisible, omnipresent Father, but also as the Son, the visible, touchable, yet perfectly holy Word always revealing and manifesting the Father, and as the Holy Spirit, always present to guide, convict, and comfort. He is very real—eternal and invisible, omnipresent Father of all, yet visible and approachable through the Son and experienced and understood in the Holy Spirit. Majestic mystery, but wonderful reality! Christians believe in the Trinity—one God, not three gods, but three divine Persons, each equally and totally God. We cannot really comprehend this with our minds, but we can believe it and rejoice with our hearts. It is somewhat analogous to the "space" of God's created universe. Space is comprised of three dimensions, each of which permeates all space. This structure is helpful to illustrate the nature of the triune God. That is, God is one God, not three gods. Yet He is revealed as three Persons, each of which is eternally and completely God.



The Holy Trinity.

Just like the leaves on each shamrock I see, there are three parts to the Holy Trinity. First is God the Father, then Jesus, His Son, and the Holy Spirit together as One.



What does shape our daily decisions?

Do we seek to inform the exercise of our freedom with the truth? Are we aware of the effect of sin in our daily lives? Are we struggling against it and taking advantage of every opportunity to receive God's grace?

City Botany Bay Family Picnic Day 27th Sep. at Booralee Park Botany. Preparatory meeting on 16th June at 6 pm at 141 Coward St. Mascot. Call 93663600.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm
 Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am
 Wed: 6pm
 Fri: 9:15am
 Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm
 Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass
BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME & WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend
1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.
PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:
 100% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm



31st May 2015 (B) The Most Holy Trinity

1ST READING: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

2ND READING: Romans 8:14-17

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: St Matthew 28:16-20

Internet resources:

"Zenit News"; "Catholic on Line";
 "Liturgical Year Calendar", "Spirit Daily",
 Children's web: Google, EWTNKIDS.
 Deepen your faith-find answers on "Tim Staples; Catholic Sacraments" videos;
www.vocationcentre.org.au

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 9:15am: †Yolanda & Giuseppe Pappalettera

Sat Vigil: †Joseph & Marcelle Zarzour

Sun 8am: †Edgar Busuttill

Sun 9:30am: †Tony Amaro (1st Anniv)

Sun 5pm: Pro Populo

Mon: †Moira Gannon

Tues: †John Bevan

Wed: †Gregory McShane

Thurs: †Georgia Wogas

OUR SICK: Marie Busuttill, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Moira Butler, Alan Sargeant ...

Happy Birthdays to: Helen Edge and Kiara Odisho (27th), Alfonsus Alvin (7th),

The next Anointing Masses will be held next weekend of 6th & 7th June.

CITY OF BOTANY MULTICULTURAL FAIR: Sat 13th June from 10am to 4pm at Eastlakes Reserve Park, Evans Ave, Eastlakes. Our Youth Ministry will be performing on stage at 3:10pm. Please come and support our young adults.

Parish School News: 1) Family Masses: Sun 31st May: Yr 1. Mass time: 9:30am. **Sat 13th June:** Yr 2. Mass time: Vigil. **2) Class Masses: Fri 5th June:** KH & KB, Yrs 5&6. **Fri 12th June:** Yr 1.

➤ **WALK WITH CHRIST!** Next Sunday 7th June, join thousands of Sydney Catholics on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the modern Eucharistic Procession in Sydney by processing through the streets of Sydney with the Blessed Sacrament. The Procession will start at St Pat's Church Hill, Wynyard at 2:30pm and finish at St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt at 4:30pm. Write your prayers and petitions in our parish **"Book of Life"** which will be carried in the Procession and placed before the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral Forecourt. For more info, visit sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist.

➤ **Fashion Parade fundraiser:** Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor (35 Dudley St, Coogee) on **Thur 18th June from 11:30am.** \$15pp (including a light lunch). Bookings: 9665 6331.

➤ **"Night of Prayer & Reparation"** organised by the Sydney Archdiocesan Committee of the World Apostolate of Fatima: 12th & 13th June at St Joseph's, Enfield from 9pm. For full details, please ring Rosetta on 0403 578 994 or 9984 8988.

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – Upstairs 1-bedroom unit may be available soon. For further details please call Joe de Andrade (Manager-Property) on 0438 696 396 or Patricia Low (Manager-Admin) on 9349 1292

This weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) P Low, R Williams (R) F & G Hogan (C) M Yong (M)

8:00am: G Diab (A) Volunteer, F De Andrade (R) M Alimario, K Jayasiri (C) P Low (M)

9:30am: A Varghese (A) M Tjokrowidjaja, Delwin T (R) Volunteer, I Tjahjadi (C) T Chin (M)

5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteers (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** M Wells

Next weekend: Vigil: J Haggar (A) J Spora, T Tjugito (R) F Doherty, C Lan Kam (C) M Yong (M)

8:00am: G Diab (A) A Burke, J Perera (R) G Gates, M Wong (C) P Low (M)

9:30am: A Varghese (A) H Evening, KWong (R) C Goncalves, L Tjoe (C) A Burton (M)

5:00pm: R Yang (A) Volunteer, D Sarmiento (R), Volunteers (C) **Counter:** M Wells

Perhaps the deepest, the most profound of all mysteries is the mystery of the Trinity. The Church teaches us that although there is only one God, yet, somehow, there are three Persons in God. The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, yet we do not speak of three Gods, but only one God. They have the same nature, substance, and being. We came to know this immense mystery because Christ revealed it to us. Just before ascending He told them: "Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). We know that these Three are not just different ways of looking at one person. For at the Last Supper, Jesus told us: "I came forth from the Father." So He is different from the Father. But He also promised: "If I go, I will send Him [the Paraclete] to you. . . . He will guide you to all truth" (John 16:28, 7, 13). So the Holy Spirit is also different. Even though the Three Persons are One God, yet they are distinct: for the Father has no origin, He came from no one. But the Son is begotten, He comes from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit comes or proceeds from both the Father and the Son. These different relations of origin tell us there are three distinct Persons, who have one and the same divine nature. Even though everything the Three Persons do outside the Divine nature is done by all Three, yet it is suitable that we attribute some works specially to one or the other Person. So we speak of the Father especially as the power of creation, of the Son as the wisdom of the Father, of the Holy Spirit as goodness and sanctification. The two doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation are the foundation of Christian life and worship. By becoming man, God the Son offered us a share in the inner life of the Trinity. By grace, we are brought into

the perfect communion of life and love which is God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This sharing in the life of the Trinity is meant to culminate in heaven, where we will see the three Persons face to face, united to them in unspeakable love.



Teaching is about giving young people, especially troublemakers, values and hope...In a world where it is already difficult for kids to find a decent point of reference, they must find positive guidance from teachers, who "are able to give meaning to school, studying and culture, without reducing it all just to passing on practical knowledge," he said on Saturday. "You have to teach not just about a subject, but also life's values and habits" because when it comes to learning about a subject, "a computer is sufficient, but to understand how to love, to understand what the values and habits are that create harmony in the world, you need a good teacher," Pope Francis said last week.

Sacrament of Baptism
2.30pm: Program before Baptism on 2nd Sunday of the month in the Presbytery.

**Sundays: 4.00-4.25pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet;
Litany to Our Lady and
Chaplet to St. Michael the
Archangel. Confessions till
4.45pm.**

Meal together in the
Presbytery at Noon on
2nd Sunday of the month.
(Share plates appreciated)

**Welcome to Foley Gardens
& Happy Birthday to
Helen Edge**



**Foley Gardens Residents'
meeting last week.**

