

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*God sent his Son to save the world through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.’

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

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## GOD OF LOVE

The feast of the Holy Trinity brings the whole long sweep of Lent and Eastertide to an end. It invites us to sit back, as it were, and reflect upon the God who has been revealed in the full scope of the paschal mystery.

As sometimes presented, the doctrine of the Trinity can appear to be nothing but an arid theological puzzle. For the early Christians it was nothing of the kind. They held firmly to the Jewish belief that there was only one God. Yet as they reflected upon what they had experienced in all the events surrounding the person of Jesus Christ and the subsequent gift of the Spirit, they could only conclude that they had been addressed and drawn into a divine communion of love.

Today’s feast, then, celebrates the nearness, rather than the remoteness, of God.

Each of the readings explores this in some way. But the Gospel, drawn from the concluding section of Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus, most clearly brings out the continuity between the act of Christ in the paschal mystery and redemptive love of the Father.

The Father sent the Son, not to ‘judge’ (= condemn) the world, but to rescue it from its captivity to sin and death, and draw human beings into the communion of life and love that is the Godhead.

Judgement is not so much a future prospect as something that human beings determine for themselves by the way they respond to the revelation of God that comes to us through the life of Jesus and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**

## FIRST READING

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

*The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.’ And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. ‘If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,’ he said ‘let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.’

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

**R. Glory and praise for ever!**

Blest your glorious holy name.

**R. Glory and praise for ever!**

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.

**R. Glory and praise for ever!**

You are blest on the throne of your

kingdom.

**R. Glory and praise for ever!**

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.

**R. Glory and praise for ever!**

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

**R. Glory and praise for ever!**



## SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 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!



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## PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Sick calls as usual. Please call 67221103 OR 0428126703 if you would like Fr James to come for confession, communion etc. He is free to do this now with the easing of the restrictions in NSW allowing more visitors.  
Baptisms (50 people), Weddings (20 people) by appointment with Fr James  
Funerals (50 people).

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF YOUR PRIESTS AND YOUR PARISH

Those who contribute by envelope and would like to convert to direct debit are invited to come during office hours to fill in their forms (social distancing will be observed). If you would like to continue with your envelopes, please leave at the presbytery. If possible leave in office hours. Alternatively you may like to make the transfers yourself: Please make sure you put your name in the reference section

**First Collection:** Presbytery for priest upkeep  
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**Second Collection:** Church for running costs  
BSB 082105 A/C 001001010

We are sure that you will understand that normal running expenses will have to be met and ask for you usual generous support.

Thank you to those who have responded already. Your support is greatly appreciated

**OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION:**  
*We as a PARISH, try to live out our*  
**VISION:** *To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.*

**MISSION:** *To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and*



**Mass Intentions for the Week**  
*Holy Souls in Purgatory, Michael Turner.*  
*Intentions of Sr Leo Clancy, Margaret Palmer*

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**  
*Mary Kramer, Baby Isabel Akhil, All those with the Corona Virus, Terry Hopgood, Joan Hiscox, Paul Saint, Debrah Brown, (sister of Margaret Jones) Kerrie O'Keeffe, Carmel Hooper, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nichols) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp. Brian Barker, Dorothy Ball, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Agnes Hannigan the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.*

**We Pray for the Recently Deceased & Anniversaries**  
*Leslie Kennedy, Sue Spackman, Stephano Banchong, Sam Asara, Murray Marshall, Patricia Durkin, Yvonne Hawkins, Sr Theresa Noon, Cleo Campagner, Nolene Lane, John Harmon (brother of the Harmon family) Gail King, Teresa (Clancy) Conroy, Fr Bernie Melville, Pat Stewart, Sr Anne O'Brien rsm (aunt of Shayne O'Brien) Eileen O'Brien, Sr M. Bernard Morton, Phil John Moore, Alan Matthews, Thomas Hanley, Mary Robbins, John Lennon, Veronica Hutchins,*  
**Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord ..... May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**  
O Mary you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and feasting after this time of trial. Help us Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen

## JUNE 7, 2020—TRINITY SUNDAY / YEAR A

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**  
My dearest Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament .  
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot, at this moment, receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**PRAYER OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**  
O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

From June 1 restrictions have been eased and we can now have 50 people at Mass. If you attend on weekdays, this will fulfil your obligation. Please ring or email the office on 67221103 or [inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au) to book in for WEEKEND MASSES only. No need to book for weekdays.

**Mass Schedule**  
Weekdays 9am Rosary. 9.30am Mass

**Please note: there will be no Mass on Monday, 8th June**

Saturday 13/6	Confessions 8am – 9am Inverell Mass 9am Tingha Mass 4pm Inverell Mass 5.30 pm
Sunday 14/6	Inverell Mass 9am and 5.00pm Bundarra Mass 11am
Saturday 20/6	Confessions 8am – 9am Inverell Mass 9am Tingha Mass 4pm Inverell Mass 5.30 pm

**CONTACT SHEETS**  
All those attending Masses are required to place their name and details on the contact sheet at the door. This a Health requirement for tracing purposes in case of a coronavirus outbreak.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, JUNE 22 AT 5PM IN THE MEETING ROOM**

**Prayer to the Holy Trinity**

**Glory be to the Father,**  
Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

**Glory be to the Son,**  
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

**Glory be to the Holy Spirit,**  
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

**Glory be to the three adorable Person of the Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**