

## **HOLY TRINITY - YEAR B**

**7th June 2009**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

We celebrate today with reverence the feast of the most Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

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

### **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!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You are the sons of God, so God has given you the Spirit of his Son to form your hearts and make you cry out: Abba, Father.

### **FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Thursday 11th June

Barnabas apostle

Saturday 13th June

Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor

### **TRINITY - ONE GOD THREE PERSONS**

The Holy Trinity in fact has everything to do with daily life and ethics. It is true that God is absolutely one. The first reading for today's Mass, from Deuteronomy, emphasises this. Israel's God differs from all the other gods worshipped by the peoples around them in two ways: he is absolutely one and transcendent and he is related to them in a covenant that emphasises his intimate life.

This one and transcendent God is revealed in a new way in the New Testament to the Church, to us, the successors of Israel. Before he ascends into heaven, Jesus gives the apostles a great commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19). These wondrous names perfectly express the marvellous real distinction among the persons in God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - each of which has his own absolute identity even though they are also completely one. Father and Son express this distinction between the first two persons because the only difference between the two is that the Father is the infinite God without origin and the Son is God originated or begotten. Moreover, this Son is identical in person with the redeemer, Jesus Christ. The name of the Holy Spirit perfectly expresses a distinct person who is also originated from the Father and the Son after the manner of love though equally eternal God with them. St Paul expresses the fact that by this spirit of love each Christian in baptism receives grace, or a gift by which he can experience intimate communion with this Trinity. "We who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" (Rom. 8:14)

The Trinity invites us through Christ's passion and incarnation, through his cross, to enter daily into the eternal communion of persons that they experience among themselves. They are the perfect society because they spend all eternity giving and receiving truth and love.

The Sign of the Cross is an especially powerful testimony of our belief in this mystery.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Georgina Nelson, Allan Goddard, Ann Twomey, Mat Talbot, Brian Scanlan, Lionel West, Geoff Bray, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Kath Robinson, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Mary Cooper, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melda McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Charles Francis, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook.

Grant eternal life to:

James Monahan, Fay Langfield, Sheila Smith, Harold Dean, Paul Moate, Mona Quinlan and all our dear ones deceased.

Anniversaries:

Mary Percy, Bridie McCormack, Ethel Wales and all our loved ones whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also:

Phillip, Frank & Anne-Maree Percy, Lorraine Hill, Bill Livsey, Rose & Harry Livsey, Mary & Bill Kotthoff, Eileen, Gus, Kerry, Patrick, Bonnie & Patricia Roche, Noel & Peter Rothe, Philip Smith, Victor Bruce, Lil Munk, Frank Kelly, Henry Wynter, John Dallinger, Malcolm Nicholson, Sr Helen Shortall RSM, Sr Monica Esler, Brian Esler, Dan Moore, Alice Plunkett, Clare Flynn & the Flynn Family and all our dear ones who have died.

## **LORD HEAR US**

## **BAPTISMS**

Recently we welcomed into God's church the following newly baptised:

**BENJAMIN WILKINSON**

**MICHAEL TANTS**

**PATRICK STEPHENSON**

## **FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Next weekend at all Masses there will be a special collection for Propagation of the Faith.

### **FUNDRAISER FOR BLESSED MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE**

A comedy cabaret show will be held at Holy Spirit Hall, Lavington on Saturday 4th July at 7.30pm. Adults: \$15.00, Children: \$8.00, Family: \$40.00.

Please see the noticeboard for details. Enquiries (02) 60432936.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of St Patrick's Parish Council will be held this Thursday 11th June at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

### **WORLD UNION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ORGANISATION**

The Catholic Women's League is affiliated with the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisation. WUCWO is a Public International Association of the Faithful and has

Consultative Status with the United Nations and the Council of Europe. We will be having a Mass at 10.30am on 16th June at St Patrick's Church, and a light luncheon afterwards in the supper Room. All parishioners welcome. Please reply to the luncheon to Helen Sandral (02) 6023 6110 or [helensandral@bigpond.com](mailto:helensandral@bigpond.com)

## **YOUNG ADULTS GROUP FOR 18-35YRS**

A weekly discussion group for 18-35yr olds meets weekly on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm in the upper room of St Patrick's Hall. Contact Miriam Kirley on 0400 419 981 or email [mizmim@gmail.com](mailto:mizmim@gmail.com) , John Burton 0400 574 958 or Marcus Shaw 0418 463 952.

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

St Patrick's Meals on Wheels Team will deliver meals the week commencing Monday 8th June.

## **WINTER BUSH DANCE**

A Bush Dance for the whole family will be held at Holy Spirit Hall Lavington on Saturday 13th June. Come dressed in your flannies and boots and don't forget your Akubra! Time: 7.30pm-11.00pm. Tickets \$10.00 each, youth under 16yrs gold coin donation. Money raised will go toward Catholic youth work in the Albury area.

A light supper and refreshments will be provided. BYO drinks. This is a family friendly event for people of all ages. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a guardian. For more information see the noticeboard or contact Miriam on 0400 419 981.

## **SANCTA SOPHIA COLLEGE**

Sancta Sophia College is a friendly and vibrant residential college for undergraduate women and post-graduate men and women set in beautiful grounds on campus at the University of Sydney. You are invited to tour the College on our Open Days (also Sydney Uni Info Days) on Saturday 29th August 2009 and Tuesday 5th January 2010. For more information and details about applications and scholarships phone the College on (02) 9577 2100 or visit [www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au](http://www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au).

## **TOGETHER**

This month's copy of Together is available for free distribution at the church doors.

## **SNIPPET**

He (Christ) still wants the assistance of men and women in every time and place who help him to affirm his victory using his own weapons: the weapons of justice and truth, mercy, forgiveness and love. (Benedict XVI)