



# St Patrick's Parish

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## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year B)**

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22**

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

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

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

By his word the heavens were made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.

He spoke: and they came to be.

He commanded; they sprang into being.

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

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,

to keep them alive in famine.

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

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you..

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

### **Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Acclamation: cf Revelation 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: Matthew 28:16-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated.

Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### General Intercessions

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



### PARISH PRAYER LIST

#### Recently Deceased:

#### Anniversaries:

**Sick:** Joan Keuken, Angela Del Guidice, Lynne Fleming, Anne-Maree Sullivan, Aurelia Di Ciero, Tony Cunningham, Claudette & Gilbert, Florens, Kate, Tim Lawson, John Hopper, Cassandra, Mary and John Hamilton, Carmel O'Healy, Michelle, Pat Robb, Robert Taylor, Nancy Leonard, Brian Walsh, Michael Paola, Barbara De Vincentiis, Emma, Wayne, Julian Monteiro, Dolly Maher, Salvacion Santos, Ricky, Giovanna Zammit, Sam Lawson, Geoff, Bianca, Stephen, Gael Holliday, Rob Meridith, Bill Meyer, Cathie & Jose Grima, Roman De Angelis, Tedi & Santi, Stephen Wakeham, Gwen Weaver, June, Jenny Goh, Rose Roberts, Ellie Keefe, John Phillips, Geogi Didumo, Justin Calle, Michael Di Ciero

#### Reconciliation:

**Tuesday & Wednesday:** 8.45am-9.10am

**Friday:** 8.45am-9.10am & 9.45am -10.25am

**Saturday:** 8.30-8.55am – 10am-11am

**Anointing of the sick** By appointment

**Marriages:** Please give at least six months' notice.

**Baptism:** Please contact parish office for details.

**Parish office** - Please call 0448 658 418

**Pastoral worker** - Please call 0448 664 731

**St Vincent de Paul** - If assistance is required please contact 1800 305 330 Mon-Fri 10.00am – 4.00pm

**Care group** Contact Parish Office 0448 658 418

**Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction** every Friday following 9.15am Mass. Fr Francis will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before and following Mass.

#### Rosary Group

Each **Wednesday following the 9.15 am Mass:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary, concluding with simple Benediction.

#### Italian Prayer Group

Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Tuesday mornings following 9.15am Mass in the church.

### WEEKLY THANKSGIVING

**Weekly Pledged Amount to Parish  
(Thanksgiving only)**

**\$1404.50 - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

Thanksgiving Collection \$	1010.00
Presbytery	\$ 509.00
Restoration	\$ 219.90



#### Knitting Group!

Do you like to knit? Would you like to learn how to knit? We knit for little treasures charity! Come and join us on Wednesday afternoons 12noon -2.30pm in the community centre. Call Maureen if you would like any further information 0438 782 275.

### YOU MUST QR CODE SCAN BEFORE YOU ENTER THE CHURCH

Please use these QR codes to download the Services Victoria app to check-in.

For Apple iPhones (<https://bit.ly/SBHCO>):

For Android Phones (<https://bit.ly/SBSAFE>):

This will save you time as you scan the code when you arrive at Church. **PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE.** Covid officers will be on hand to help those who need it. Please help someone else if you can.

Please support our volunteers during this time

### NO MASSES THIS WEEK

Mass Times: Lilydale	Healesville
Tuesday 9.15am	Thursday 9.15am
Wednesday 9.15am	Sunday 8.30am
Friday 9.15am	
Saturday 9am Latin Mass	
Vigil 6pm	
Sunday 10.30 am	



During lockdown staff are working from home. Please call Sharon 0448 658 418.

These are trying times. If you would like a chat with Debbie, please call 0448 664 731

#### Save the dates!

Our social committee has been busy planning. Please put the following dates in your diary. More details to follow:

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** - Moring Cuppa in the school hall following 10.30am Mass.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** – Bingo Night



**August 14<sup>th</sup>** - Pasta Night  
**October 30<sup>th</sup>** – Trivia Night

### **RECORDED MASS FOR THIS WEEKEND**

With the latest Government-imposed lockdown for Victoria once again churches are forced to close their doors. As per the last lockdowns, there will be a recorded Mass this weekend available for our parishioners who want to tune in. Hopefully we'll be able to meet again the following the weekend though there is every chance we'll be back to more severely limited numbers. Let's wait and see.

The recorded Mass will be uploaded by Sunday morning via the St Brigid's Youtube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChsJzN9g\\_LiIDt8a5vwNig](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChsJzN9g_LiIDt8a5vwNig)

### **Trinity Sunday and the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The yearly Solemnity of the Holy Trinity prompts us to grapple with the central mystery at the heart of Christianity: that there is indeed one true God, who is a Communion of three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We know this not by reason, but by Revelation. The doctrine of the Trinity was unveiled only when the eternally begotten Son assumed a human nature in order to reveal the love of the Father to the world. We come to know the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. As Jesus explains to Philip: "Whoever has seen me, has seen the Father" (John 14:9). The incarnation of Jesus Christ keeps the Trinity grounded lest it become a mere intellectual abstraction. God's love is not a distant cosmic force or a philosophical proposition. It is real, personal, and accessible: 'Divine Love in a human heart' as the Australian poet James McAuley put it. This year the feast of the Sacred Heart falls on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. However the whole of the month of June is traditionally dedicated in a particular way to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in much the same way as the month of May is dedicated to Mary. As we approach the Month of June in the coming week we may wish to renew our consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and particularly to the First Friday devotion explained below. The following is an extract from *Catholic Culture*.



Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church. Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Saviour, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.

### **The Practice of the First Fridays**

The pious practice of the first Fridays of the month which derives from the "great promises" made by Jesus to St. Margaret Mary. At a time when sacramental communion was very rare among the faithful, the first Friday devotion contributed significantly to a renewed use of the Sacraments of Penance and of the Holy Eucharist. In our own times, the devotion to the first Fridays, even if practised correctly, may not always lead to the desired spiritual fruits. Hence, the faithful require constant instruction so that any reduction of the practice to mere credulity is avoided and an active faith encouraged so that the faithful may undertake their commitment to the Gospel correctly in their lives. They should also be reminded of the absolute preeminence of Sunday, the "primordial feast" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*), which should be marked by the full participation of the faithful at the celebration of the Holy Mass. Excepted from the Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy

### **Twelve Promises of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary**

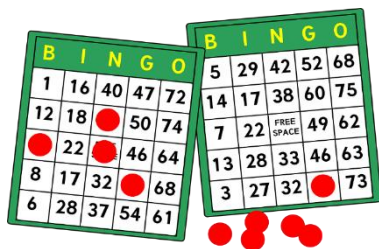
In the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Jesus gives these twelve promises for those who are devoted to His Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will console them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
5. I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honoured.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.

11. Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.

[https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/06\\_1.cfm](https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/06_1.cfm)

Yours in Christ,  
Fr Francis Denton



**When:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>  
June @7.30pm  
**Where:** St Patricks  
Community Centre  
**What to bring:** BYO  
drinks & Nibbles  
**Cost:** Entry is \$10 per

person.

**Theme:** Each table will be allocated a colour when booking. Decorate your table and yourselves! from the colour of your tablecloth, your food, clothes hats etc. If you can't get a table together, we will add you to a table! Prize for the best decorated table. Please call or email the office for bookings.



**ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL Next Weekend**

The Winter Appeal will take place at all Masses next weekend. The Lilydale Conference relies heavily on your contributions Either through blankets & warm socks, gloves and hats or monetary Contributions. This will greatly assist us in aiding those we assist in the area. Please give generously as you have in the past. Thank you In anticipation.

**Debbie's Desk**



As we follow the Feast days of the Church year, I am blown away again and again when I consider how cleverly constructed the Scriptures are, and how masterful is the schedule of Readings that guide us to knowledge of Jesus, and through him, the Father and the Holy Spirit. It really pulls together as a massive work of art! At this time of the year, 50 days and counting on from Easter Sunday, we are led through Solemnity after Solemnity that draw our thoughts to heaven, the great unknown. Throughout the liturgical seasons, we accompany Jesus, the Son of God and son of Mary, as he walks the earth, in the trenches, right alongside us. The pace builds in Holy Week, there is a roller coaster ride from Holy Thursday's awe-filled celebration of the Last Supper, to the cross on Good

Friday, through the stunned paralysis and silence of Holy Saturday, to the exploding joy of Easter Sunday and Jesus' defeat of death itself, through his resurrection. Throughout the Easter season, we listen to accounts of the Risen Jesus encouraging and guiding his apostles through to the Feast of the Ascension, when he physically rises in to the sky to be obscured by cloud, and our hearts are encouraged to follow Jesus to what our eyes cannot see, heaven. Pentecost takes us to the limitless power of the Holy Spirit's fire, the celebration of Trinity Sunday this week inspires our minds to explore God's mysterious unknown, and next week we will celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Jesus, the limitless potential of the Holy Eucharist. Somehow, as we walk beside Jesus and his apostles through these chosen scriptures, we experience our human potential for the lowest low to the highest heights. We experience our human potential for communion with our Father through the Holy Spirit in our union with Jesus, our saviour and our companion on the journey. As our eyes follow Jesus 'up', our hearts are drawn into the eternity of what we cannot see, mystery beyond our immediate comprehension.

It is enough to make you dizzy! Up, down, up, sideways, up, up... We are, in fact, shaken not stirred! Jesus reveals the Father through his relationship as Son. He promises to 'send' the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, a distinct 'person' of the Holy Trinity, making it clear to his apostles, and to us, that he will not be with us in the world as he had been, that he is 'returning to the Father', so that the Holy Spirit would come. We have brains that fit our tiny heads, we have minds that suit our tiny, frail human lives, but the concept of the Blessed Trinity is just too big for us to 'get'. Our souls take over where our minds find limitations, opening wider and wider as we grow. We think we 'have it', and then another jolt of understanding becomes possible, opening up far more possibilities than we suspected exist. The rewards of us working to grow towards understanding to our potential are enormous. Equally, we can relax, and let God do the work in us, as a child relaxes in Mum's arms. It all depends on our energy levels in any given day really. And that's ok. We could imagine ourselves as vessels open to receiving God's grace. Some of us may be thimble sized, bucket or bath sized, some swimming pool sized, some heading for Lake Eildon sized, and beyond. If we simply ask God to expand the size of our hearts, expressing our desire to know him and to love him, he will do the rest. The larger our vessels, the more we can hold in our human possibility. What must eternity bring us, when our body is irrelevant and we see God clearly, as he really is?? God is the one who works it all out, we just need to ask, to open our



hearts, and to let it all happen. As we celebrate Trinity Sunday and the extraordinary, awesome mysteries of God that we cannot hope to unpack yet, it is as simple as that.



We are a child safe Parish.