



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / B

26 MAY 2024

FIRST READING

Deut 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.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

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

1. 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.**

2. 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.**



3. 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.**

4. 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.**

SECOND READING

Rom 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.



OUR LADY of MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

REFLECTION: Trinity Sunday. God of Elijah: When I was a child there was a marvellous motivating story, a true story that was aired on the radio stations and was splashed across the newspapers. The saga was about a little boy who was lost. At the time it was Australia's greatest land and air search. For four days and three nights in February 1960, William Stanley a first-generation Australian tracker, over three thousand people and seven aircraft searched the rugged New England Rangers of New South Wales for this four-year-old farm boy, Steven Walls, who had become known as "The Little Boy Lost". Everybody was looking for him including his father. Finally, this little chap was found somewhere near Armidale as the repost had it. The first words to come out of his mouth were "I want my Daddy". Those words were splashed across the newspapers. Everybody was talking about that. The impact of this youngster's simple request

upon being found safe precipitated for a song to be written. Some of you may remember the composition. The artist who sang the ballad was Johnny Ashcroft (Now that's a name, a blast from the past.). Even if you were not familiar with it but if you listened to it today, I am sure that your hearts would be tugged away as mine was... In the Second Book of the Kings, we read "Where is the God of Elijah?". In other words where is my God. Where is the God of Elijah? Where is the God that I know? Where is the God that I am at home with? You and I both know that when the "chips are down" we know who is important to us because that is the first name that comes to our mind and heart. This is the name we go calling out for. Do you go calling out for God (not in a blasphemous intent) when the chips are down? Is that who you call out for? Perhaps this week when you say I want my God, perhaps when you do, the picture will come to you in your mind of yourself swept up in the arms of God just like "The Little Boy Lost" in Armidale. Imagine what it does to the heart of God when he holds you close and hears you say, "I want my God".

DEATH NOTICE: We pray for Dermot McKernon who died on Tuesday 21-5-24 at Rossmoyne Nursing Home. He was a member of our parish community for many years and lived at Foley Village.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS (PAID / UNPAID): All Church Workers (Volunteers or Paid) are to attend the Safeguarding Induction. A Church Worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary. If you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years, please register for the upcoming session. To register please book online: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>. Mater Christi, 340 Yangebup Road, Yangebup. Thursday 11 July 2024. 7-8pm.

FLU SEASON IS HERE: Parishioners, Covid variant virus is still with us, and we are approaching Flu Season. If you are unwell, please stay home until you are recovered. We can show care for self and others in the community.



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MASS TIMES WEEKENDS:

Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 7.30am & 9am.

MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS:

Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 9am, Thursday 9am, Friday 9am & Saturday 9am.

RECONCILIATION -

Saturday's: 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION:

Parishioners are invited to spiritually adopted, pray for a child in our Parish who is preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist on Sunday 9 June 2024 at 9am. **“Please Pray for Me”** cards can be found in a basket in the foyer of the church. Please take one and keep that child and his or her parents in your daily prayer. Thank you. Fr Michael.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP:

Pilgrimage 15-26 October 2024. Find out more by phoning 02 8912 4812 or emailing national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

VOTIVE CANDLES: Donations towards the votive candles is always appreciated. To meet our costs each candle is 30c. your generosity is acknowledged.

PARISH INTERNET & PHONES:

Parishioners we are happy to advise that our internet has been restored and our parish phone lines are back into operation. We apologise for any inconvenience.

PRIEST and SECRETARY TEMPORARY OFFICE:

Fr Michael's and Parish Secretary's Offices are temporarily in the Meeting Room while tradespeople are working through the Presbytery.

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Monday night's 7-9pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 25 May

9am Mass: Jaka Damjanovich (Ann)

6pm Mass: Giovanna Sgro (Ann)

Sunday 26 May

7.30am Mass: Tom Merchant (Ann)

9am Mass: Solemnity Blessed Trinity, Vincey Capolingua (Ann)

Tuesday 28 May

9am Mass: Anna Jurica (RIP)

Wednesday 29 May

9am Mass: Marin Resic (Ann)

Thursday 30 May

9am Mass: Nina, Angelo and Bertone & Family (Int)

Friday 31 May

9am Mass: Giuseppe & Carmela Borgomastro (Ann) & Madalena Nuncia (RIP)

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK

PARISHIONERS: Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Liam Keating SMA, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Graham Lynch, Fr Greg Carroll.



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!

GOSPEL

Mt 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.**



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Breaking Open the Word

UNIQUENESS OF GOD AS TRINITY

The mystery of the Trinity as part of the revelation of God is something that we have come to know as part of our faith. As we engage with the readings today, we encounter something of the biblical journey to the understanding we have.

The verses of Deuteronomy focus on the uniqueness of God. Moses recalls Israel's exceptional encounters with God on Mount Horeb and in Egypt, declaring in v. 39 'there is no other'. Moses entreats the people to take to heart the all-encompassing realm of God and to keep God's 'statutes and commandments'.

Paul, beginning with the statement that those led by the Spirit are children of God, logically unfolds that relationship step by step, to reveal that we are joint heirs with Christ. In this short passage, Paul presents Father, Son and Spirit in relationship with believers, an important text for later development of the theology of the Trinity.

The Gospel contains the final verses of Matthew. The location – a mountain – immediately suggests a connection with the encounter with God mentioned in the first reading. The eleven are gathered to see the resurrected Jesus before he ascends. They are then sent out to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The inclusion of teaching all future disciples to 'obey everything I have commanded' also echoes the words of Moses. Jesus words, 'I am with you always' links these final words with the beginning of Matthew's Gospel and highlights the all-encompassing presence of God from the beginning, recalled in Deuteronomy, and for all believers in the future.

Dr Rosemary Canavan