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The Most Holy Trinity Sunday – Year A – 4th June, 2023.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Dianne Bergant CSA



The report of Moses' encounter with God is rich with covenantal language. God initiates the encounter and descends upon the mountain in a cloud that both reveals and conceals the divine presence. Revelation of the divine name YHWH (the Lord) is followed by the explanatory phrase 'merciful, gracious, slow to anger, rich in mercy, lovingkindness and truth'. This phrase, which

eventually became a creedal recital (see Ps 86:15; 103:8; 145:8; Num 14:18; Joel 2:13; Nah 1:3; Neh 9:17, Jonah 4:2), is not an interpretation of the name but a description of the divine essence. In response to this spectacular revelation, Moses prostrates himself in worship. Moses admits that this is a difficult people, stiff-necked or stubborn. They do not easily follow directives. They are in need of God's mercy.

The doxology from Daniel includes the refrain: Praiseworthy and glorious above all forever! God is first praised for having been the God of the ancestors. The reference here is probably to the promises that God made to Abraham and to his family (cf. Gen 12:1-3; 17:5-8). This is followed immediately by the mention of God's holy and glorious name. God is next praised in the temple, the focal point of the religious life of the nation. Though believed to be present in the temple, God was really enthroned above the heavens. God holds sway over the depths as well. Thus God reigns over all.

The short passage from 1 Corinthians begins with the typical Pauline exhortation, followed by greetings from other Christians. Paul's exhortation is fivefold. He begins with a summons to rejoice. He then admonishes the Christians to mend their ways. The admonition throws light on the situation in the Corinthian community. He exhorts them to be of one mind, for if their differences turn into factionalism, this might cause the entire fabric of community to unravel. The final exhortation is a summons to live in the kind of peace that will enable them to experience the presence of the God. Paul ends with a Trinitarian blessing.

In the gospel reading, the extent of God's love is drawn in bold lines in two different ways. The first is the scope of divine love; the second is the price that God is willing to pay because of that love. The author maintains that God's love for the world is so deep and so magnanimous that nothing is spared for the world's salvation, not even God's only Son. God gave/sent this Son first in the incarnation and again in his saving death. This Son was truly a gift from God. However, the Son had a sacred, all-encompassing mission to perform. The world, though created good, often stands in opposition to God and, consequently, is in need of being saved. It is this sinful world that God loved (v.16); it is into this sinful world that God's only Son was sent (v.17).

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WEEKEND MASSES: Heyfield

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm
1st & 3rd Sunday Cowwarr: 11.00am

WEEKEND MASSES: Maffra

Sunday: 9.00am
2nd & 4th Sunday - Newry: 11.00am
5th Sunday – Dargo : 12.Noon

WEEKDAY MASSES HEYFIELD

Tuesday: 9.30am

MAFFRA

Tuesday Mass & Adoration 2.00pm
Wednesday to Saturday: 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

MAFFRA

Any time by request

HEYFIELD:

Saturday: Before Mass 5.20pm
OR any other time by request

DAILY EXPOSITION: Maffra – Thursday,

Friday, Saturday – 8.20am – 9.20am
followed by Mass

EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION: Maffra

Wednesday: After 9.30am Mass

BAPTISMS:

During or After the Vigil / Sunday Mass

MARRIAGE:

At least six months' notice requested.

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS:-

Parish Luncheon Monday 5th June 2023, at the Sporting Club Maffra 12noon. **RSVP a Must, please ring 0411436227 for bookings.**

All Welcome!

The parish Luncheon is a monthly event who meet for fellowship as a parish community, they meet on the 1st Monday of every month. RSVP is essential.

School News

Heyfield:

Whole School Mass

Tuesday 20th June 9:30am

Planned Giving Envelopes Are at the back of St Michael's Heyfield and St Mary's Maffra Churches. The New Year starts on the 4th of June. Please collect.

Cowwarr News

"A shared lunch occurs on the first Sunday of the month at Cowwarr after the 11am mass. Please join us in the St Joseph's Hall. You are most welcome. St Joseph's hall is available during the weekday with great kitchen facilities for meetings and catchups."

A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, whether in private prayer, attendance at services and/or provision of slices for the luncheon – all much appreciated. God bless!

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship Closing Date 4 August 2023

Keith (Mick) Hanratty, Mark Doolan, Brian Keady, Rosina (Rose) Robinson, Margaret McLaverty, Isabel Reid, Joan Brick, Thelma Hoppner, Oscar Bates, Mary McCarthy (Valencia Creek), Keith Payne, Syd Hird, Roberts Urbans, John Cusack, Zofia Michalik, Una Killeen, David Gannon, Patrick (Paddy) Johnston, Kevin Mills, Annie Higgins, Ellen Clarke, Hugh Allman. Frs. James Byrne, D. A. Donovan, Daniel Vincent Holohan

Care for the Sick: If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would like the Eucharist brought to them, please advise us on 5147 1921.

We pray for ALL who suffer (at present) in body, mind or spirit:

Rose Woodhouse, Linda Allman, Xavier Mills, Kevin Bennett, Marge Canny, Coral Justice, Julie Frew, Peter Smyth, Fr. Brian O'Connor, John Phelan, Lyn McLindin, Ann Martin, Gerry Gray, and all those who seek our prayers.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers. Contact Via the Parish Office: 03 5147 1921.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

ST. MARY'S: Terry Donahoe
ST. MICHAEL'S: Ed O'Brien

WEEKLY COLLECTION

PRESBYTERY: \$ 733
ST. MARY'S PG: \$ 243
ST. MICHAEL'S PG: \$ 85

The readings for this feast do not directly explain the doctrine of the Trinity as we have come to know it. Rather, they offer us glimpses into the nature of our Triune God. The psalm response suggests that our primary response to God should be one of praise for the love that God has for us. The God who is beyond our comprehension is also the God who has saved us. We see this theme in both the first reading and the gospel. The covenant language in the reading from Exodus underscores God's unfathomable goodness. God's graciousness and mercy are not rewards for our fidelity. They are extended to us in our sinfulness. It is God's saving grace that transforms us, not any merit on our part. In the gospel we are assured that Jesus was sent into the world to save it, not to condemn it.

The Trinitarian phrase found in the letter to the Corinthians is so expressive of the love that God has for us that it has been incorporated regularly into the liturgy. It declares that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened for us the treasury of divine grace. It also proclaims that the love of God has forged the bonds of community that unite us. Created in the image and after the likeness of this God, we are called to unity among ourselves. As incomprehensible as it may seem, it is primarily through the unity that we share that we will manifest the unity that exists in God.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD:-
Anniversaries:

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

MAFFRA PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (JUNE)

LITURGY:	Sun: 11 th	Office
READER:	Sun. 11 th	Mary Hartwig
COMMENTATOR:	Sun. 11 th	Dorothy Smyth
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	Sun. 11 th	Rosemary Wirken
COMPUTER:	Sun. 11 th	Mary Hartwig
COLLECTORS:	Sun. 11 th	Roy Shelton and Dick Moulton.
ALTAR SERVERS:	Sun. 11 th	N/A
FLORISTS:	Sun. 11 th	Mary Hartwig & Anne Munro
SACRISTANS:	Sun. 11 th	Marianne & Chas Bagguley
HOLY VESSELS:	Month Of JUNE	Donna Sebastian

HEYFIELD PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER (JUNE)

READER:	Sat. 10 th	Carmel Pittari
FLORISTS:	Sat 10 th	Heather Higgins
ALTAR LINEN –	MONTH OF JUNE	Carmel Pittari

ST ITA'S NEWRY (JUNE)

READER	Sun. 11 th	N/A
CHURCH CLEANING	MONTH OF JUNE	Christa Dwyer

PERSONAL ORDINARIATE MASSES

COWWARR: ST BRIGIDS'

MONDAY: 9.00AM

TUESDAY: 6.00PM

WEDNESDAY: 10.00AM

THURSDAY: 10.00AM

FRIDAY: 6.00PM

SATURDAY: 10.00AM

SUNDAY: 9.30AM

MIRBOO NORTH: ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 2ND

SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 4.00PM

4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: 4.00PM

CONFESSION: BEFORE EACH MASS

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Sunday gospel reflections written by the clergy, religious and laymen and women of our diocese are published weekly through the diocesan website and the diocesan Facebook page enabling us to reflect and prepare ourselves on the Gospel before we get to the weekend masses.

The link to our website

is <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/sunday-gospel-reflections>

and the link to our Facebook page

is <https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale>

"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October,

journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For more information, questions, itinerary and application form, can be obtained at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818.

Anyone can read the scriptures in public; only the believer can proclaim them.

THE ART OF PROCLAMATION

A workshop for readers in proclaiming the word of God

10.00 - 1.00pm

14 JUNE

St Mary's Parish,
Bairnsdale

2.00 - 4.30pm

17 JUNE

St Patrick's Parish,
Pakenham

Are you a reader or would you like to be a reader at Mass?

You are welcome to attend one of our two formation workshops. Learn more about your ministry as a reader and share some practical tips about proclaiming the word.



Presenters

Sophy Morley
Sr Rose Duffy (Pakenham)

Please register using QR code

or

Contact your Parish Office



*Yours is a share in the work of the Lord's spirit
who opens our hearts to God's holy word.
Fr Austin Fleming*

For more information contact Siji Dominic at 03 5614 5163 / email SijiDesale.catholic.org.au

If anybody is in need of a ride to the above event on the 14th June at Bairnsdale, please contact the office.

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.

FIRST READING Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **(R.)**

Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. **(R.)**

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. **(R.)**

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 2 Cor 13:11-13

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.

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 Jn 3:16-18

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.'

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.



What is the meaning of solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity?

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity invites us to remember that God has revealed himself to us as one God in three Persons. As Jesus departed from his disciples, he shared with them the power to make disciples of all nations.

Holy Trinity Prayer



O most Holy Trinity, bless me with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please give me wisdom so

that I may recognize the importance of others and keep God central in my life. Please, also, pray for me and my intentions (State your intentions here). With my voice and my heart, I glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: SUNDAY MASS

First Reading: Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:16-17

Gospel: Jn 6:51-58