



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

31 MAY 2026

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.

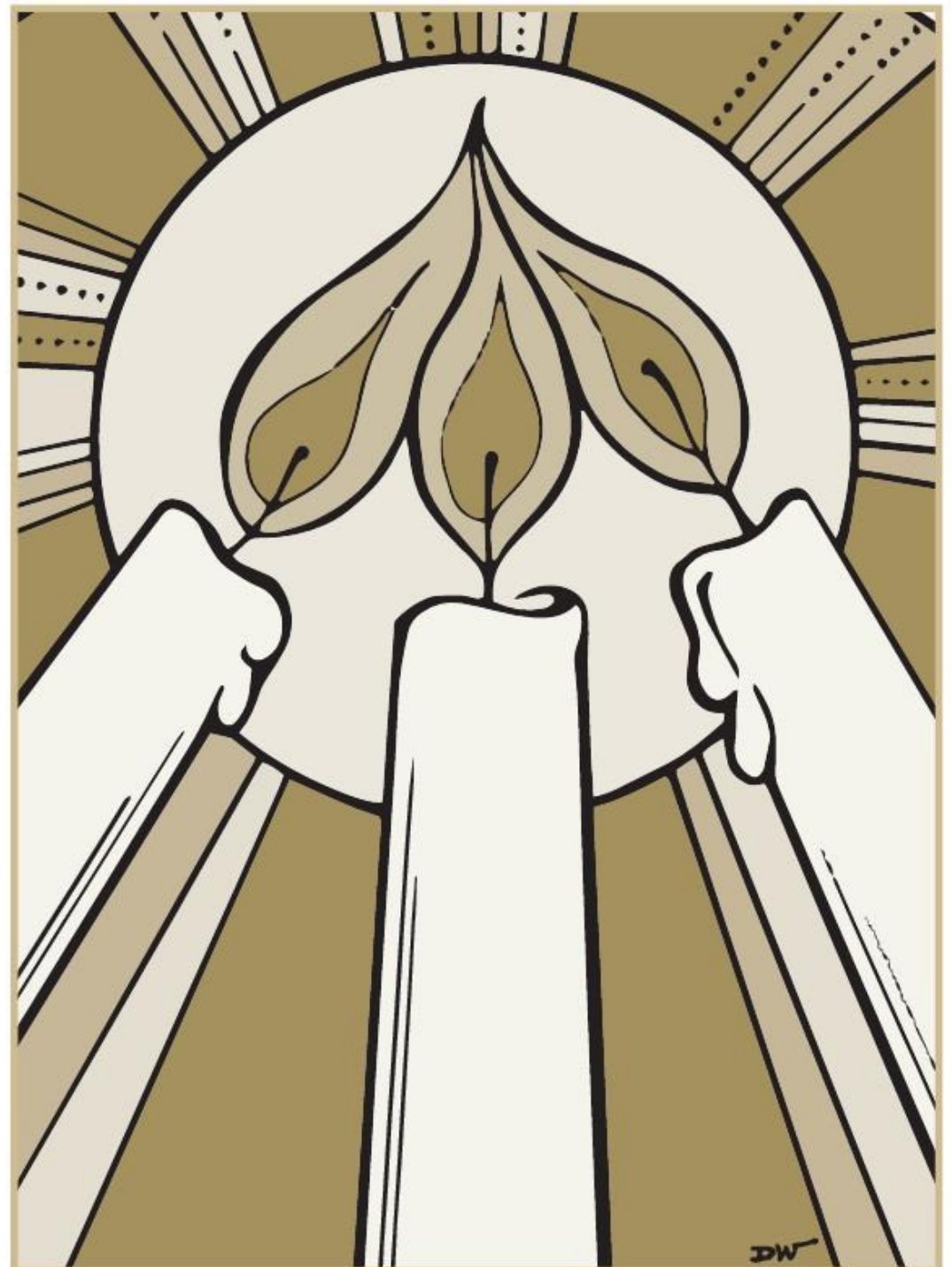
R. Glory and praise for ever!

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.

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ST JOSEPH'S, ELSTERNWICK

71 Orrong Road, Elsternwick 3185

Mass

Wednesday and Friday 10:00am
Saturday 6:30pm, Sun 10:30am

Reconciliation

After weekday Mass and Saturday 6:00pm

HOLY CROSS, CAULFIELD SOUTH

707 Glen Huntly Road, Caulfield South 3162

Mass

Tuesday and Thursday 10:00am
Sunday 9:00am

Reconciliation

After weekday Mass

ST ANTHONY'S, GLEN HUNTLY

74, Grange Road, Glen Huntly 3163
In Residence: Fr Pat Jackson SAC, Br Lindsay Rust SAC

Mass

Monday - Saturday 9:15am
Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Reconciliation

30-mins before all Masses and Saturday 9:45am - 10:10am

Thanksgiving & Special Collections

Church: \$1108.25 Presbytery: \$1158.25
Special Collection: -

Thanksgiving



Next Week's Roster

Lectors:

Saturday 6:30pm R Rodrigues
Sunday 9:00am D Sarah 10:30am E Zheng

Counters: M Beaumont & B Leong

Upcoming Week's Liturgical Calendar

Mon 1 Jun: St Justin
Wed 3 Jun: Sts Charles Lwanga & companions
Fri 5 Jun: St Boniface
Sun 7 Jun: Corpus Christi



Mass Count during May

The National Count is a simple but powerful way for parishes to contribute to a national picture of Catholic life in

Australia. These statistics are for the purposes of pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years for our Archdiocese.

This is the final weekend of the Mass Count for this year and we will need to do the count by age groups. We thank you in advance for your patience as we complete this exercise.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Our Chapel offers a quiet, sacred space to pray and to spend time with Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Chapel can be accessed 24/7 with a security tag. To apply, contact the Parish Office. A refundable deposit will be required. Concessions available.



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 (Gal 4:6)

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are ill*: Paul Donohoe, Virginia Poloie, Tamara Bryan, Kevin Bryan, David Milne, Bernd Neubauer, Lila Wati
**Names are published for a month, unless further requested.*

Recently Deceased: -

Death Anniversary: -



Special Collection: 6 - 7 June 2026 Propagation of the Faith

Reach out. Give life. The Catholic Mission is supporting the construction of a primary school in Malawi after cyclone Ana so that children in this community can learn, grow and look to the future with hope.

Our generosity helps people to see with the eyes of the Church: to notice a child they will never meet, and to respond as neighbours in Christ. In that sense, mission is never far away. It becomes present in prayer, in witness and in the quiet generosity of ordinary Catholics.

Donations can be made via the envelopes in the church OR scanning the QR code OR online: cm.org.au/united



Sacrament of First Eucharist



Next week, when we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, six children from our Parish will also be receiving their First Holy Communion.

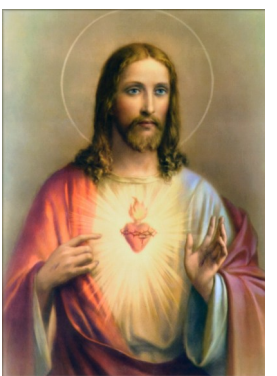
Let us pray for these children and their families to prepare themselves well and to truly understand the significance of the Blessed Sacrament.

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Class Relics of both St Margaret Mary Alcoque and her confessor St Claude de le Clombiere.

Adoration, Prayers of the Feast and Holy Mass starting at 7pm on Friday, 12 June at St Joseph's Church, Elsternwick.

The Combined Societies of Mary.
www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com
Enquiries: Joy Hunt 9509 2207



The Gift: A Life in the Spirit

6 sessions starting at 8pm on Fridays

12 Jun: The Father's Loving Plan

19 Jun: The Joy of the Gospel

26 Jun: The Gift of the Spirit

3 Jul: Unwrapping God's Gift

10 Jul: Encountering the Holy Spirit

17 Jul: Living in the Spirit

Location: The Glen (rear of 74 Grange Rd, Glen Huntly)

Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical Magnifica humanitas ('Magnificent Humanity')

Addressed to all humanity, the document reflects on what it means to protect and preserve human dignity in the age of artificial intelligence.

'The magnificent humanity created by God stands today before a decisive choice: to erect a new Tower of Babel or to build the holy city, where God and humanity dwell together,' the encyclical begins. It sets out the contrast between a world founded on power and self-sufficiency and a path of shared responsibility and communion. 'Every human person is planned and willed by God to enter into communion with him, with others and with creation,'

Every generation, it argues, is entrusted with the task of shaping its own time, yet every age faces the risk of building an inhuman and more unjust world. 'When human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanisation, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human. We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us, the splendour of which no machine can ever replace,'

Putting people first ought to be our response to the project of artificial intelligence

In response to the encyclical's publication, Archbishop of Melbourne Peter Comensoli, who chairs the Australian Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement, says artificial intelligence is driving a new industrial revolution and it is important to address how this will challenge human dignity, work, family and the environment.

More details on the article can be found at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/putting-people-first-australian-catholics-respond-to-magnifica-humanitas>

St Anthony & St Aloysius Feast Day Celebrations



The Feast of St Anthony of Padua together with the Feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga will be celebrated at St Anthony's Church at all Masses of 13 and 14 June.

The main celebration will be the 11am Sunday Mass, which will be

followed by a social function in the Padua Pavilion.

If possible, please bring a plate of food to share! Light refreshments will be served at the church after the other Masses.

St Anthony's Bread will be blessed and distributed at each Mass. The church will be decorated with colourings of both St Anthony and St Aloysius, whose feast day is on 21st June. Copies of a suitable picture are available in the church porches.

At the Padua Pavilion, children and young people are warmly invited to present a brief song, dance or other entertainment. This is a nice way for everyone to celebrate.

Please register by contacting the Glen Huntly parish office if you would like your child to perform.

How can you help?

Volunteers will be needed to help with setting up, food reception, serving, and packing up. Help will also be needed with the light refreshments being served after all Masses. Please contact the Glen Huntly parish office to volunteer your services.

Novena to St Anthony at Glen Huntly

A 9-day Novena will begin on Thursday, 4th June at St Anthony's Church. Rosary at 8:40am, followed by the Novena, and Mass at 9:15am.

Booklets are also available in the church foyer. For those who would like to pray it from home, the Novena prayers can be accessed from St Anthony's Parish website <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/glenhuntlycaulfield>.

The Most Holy Trinity

Dear brothers and sisters

We believe in 'One God = Three Divine Persons'. How is it possible? We do not understand. It's a holy mystery. To explain the impossibility of grasping the mystery of the Holy Trinity, a story from St Augustine of Hippo's life is often told. It is as follows:

"One day while Augustine was working on his book on the Holy Trinity, he took a walk by the seashore, and as he walked he kept meditating on the difficult problem of how the One God could be three Persons. Then, he came upon a little child by the seashore. The child had dug a little hole in the sand, and with a small seashell was scooping water from the sea into the small hole. Augustine watched him for a while and finally asked the child what he was doing. The child answered that he was trying to scoop all the water from the sea and pour it into the little hole in the sand. 'What?' Augustine said. 'That is impossible, the sea is too large and the hole too small.' 'Indeed,' said the child, 'but I will sooner draw all the water from the sea and empty it into this hole than you will succeed in being able to understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity in your little mind.' With this the child disappeared. Then Augustine understood that the child was Jesus himself indicating to him the impossibility of understanding the mystery of the Holy Trinity".

We have a few more beliefs related to this mystery; e.g. we attribute the act of creation to God the Father, the act of redemption to God the Son and the act of sanctification to God the Holy Spirit. Yet, none of the Three exists in isolation, nor acts in isolation from the other two. That is to say, 'The Father exists and creates together with the Son and the Holy Spirit; the Son exists and redeems together with the Father and the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit exists and sanctifies together with the Father and the Son. They are three but one!

What we as Catholics believe is, that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are three real Persons distinct from each other yet inseparable. Each one is fully God, yet only One God. All three are eternal, having neither beginning nor end, even though the Son proceeds from the Father; and the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

As we wonder at the Most Holy Trinity we have a reason to wonder at ourselves too. We wonder at the fact that we are created in the image of the same Trinitarian God. Since we are created in the image of the "One God in Three Persons" it tells us the kind of people we ought to be. Though we are many, we are but one.

May the Triune God be praised.

Fr Leenus.

Q: Who was the smartest man in the Bible?

A: Abraham. He knew a Lot.

Tony's Café Thank You

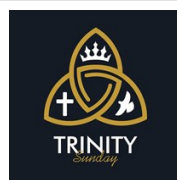
Thank you for your egg cartons which are very useful in helping distribute the eggs we receive.

Now that the colder weather is upon us, some of the Café's male guests need warm jumpers or windcheaters in good order. Please bring your donations to St Anthony's Hall on Tuesdays or Thursdays or leave them in the marked boxes at our church foyers.

Safeguarding Children and Young People

Our parishes are committed to Safeguarding Children and Young People. All children and young people who come to our parish have a right to feel and be safe.

All volunteers are reminded maintain a current Working With Children Check and complete the Safeguarding online training.



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

Jn 3:16-18

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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Breaking Open the Word

WE ARE GOD’S BELOVED

In a world of unrest and at a time when many of us could be struggling with uncertainty and loneliness, the readings for this Feast offer us a soulful soothing balm. Each of the readings celebrate God (first reading), the Holy Spirit (second reading) and Jesus (our Gospel); our focus is on the Gospel. The passage’s context is about Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, coming to Jesus ‘by night’, seeking to understand Jesus’ relationship with God. Jesus speaks of the importance of being born ‘from above’.

In typical Johannine misunderstanding—Nicodemus doesn’t understand how we can be born ‘again’ (a confusion with Jesus’ word ‘above’ and a play on the Greek)—John invites the audience (and us) to come to the heart of God’s agenda: God is in absolute love with the world; his Son, Jesus, becomes the fruit of that love through whom believers, even the searching Nicodemus, will be found and have life eternal. This is a powerful witness and clear statement of God’s intention for our world. We, too, need to hear this when there seem to be many contrary and conflicting voices.

John’s Gospel is important for us to know that no matter what, we are God’s beloved; God does not judge or condemn us. This flies in the face of those who think, wrongly, that God is ‘out to get us’ and awaits to chalk up our misdeeds. This is so contradictory to the God revealed to us in Jesus. We, like Nicodemus, find ourselves at times stumbling around ‘by night’ as we seek to come into the light. This is God’s gift to us on this feast as we celebrate God’s beloved intent for us and our world.

Fr Michael Trainor