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Trinity Sunday ~ Year A

Sunday 31 May 2026



Readings for
this week:

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18



Readings for
next Sunday:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58



Liturgy Jottings Responsorial Canticle

Normally after the first reading the congregation respond to it with the responsorial psalm which takes up the sentiments or character of the first reading and often relates to the Gospel of the day. Listening to the Word of God elicits two responses, one of prayer and praise (the Psalm) and the other of Christian faith and action we take with us after Mass. But the text for the response is not always a psalm, despite the heading printed in the Lectionary. From time to time, it is an Old Testament Song or a New Testament Canticle.

The Response to the first reading in the liturgy today is a Canticle from the Book of Daniel (3:52-56) known as the Song of the Three Young Men. They sang this song in the furnace while under torture by the King of Babylon (see image above). The passage today is the first five verses of a much longer song – 38 verses in total. This song is only found in the Greek and Syriac versions on the Old Testament.

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Looking at the Readings

The readings we have for the Feast of the Holy Trinity do not give us a doctrine on the Trinity or even a description of God's many and wonderful attributes. Therefore, we should not expect a treatise on the theology of the Trinity today. Then what should we expect?

The reading from Exodus is the second time the name of God is given. The name we don't pronounce but what Moses received as the revelation of God, first at the burning bush and here on Mount Sinai. But we do read what the name means for the generations from Moses to now. God is the God of "tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness." The Responsorial Canticle, likewise, is not a treatise of the power of the Trinity but a moment of praise of God (see below). Again, the second reading is really a greeting evoking the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and what the grace of God gives: happiness, peace and love. Our expectation then is a loving relationship with God.

The scene with the Lord, Moses and burning bush is also known as the Gospel of the Old Testament because it reveals God to his people. The first line of today's Gospel is called the Gospel within the Gospel. It reveals God to us: '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.' Thus is the mystery of the Trinity: God is Love. God with us.

Prayer of the Week

The Responsorial Canticle of the Three Young Men: Shadrach, Meshach and Abendigo

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors.

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed is your glorious and holy name,

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed are you who look into the depths, seated upon the cherubim,

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven.

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

(Translation RNJB as found in the 2029 Lectionary)

On the Lighter Side

The serious seeker of detachment will have to embrace the Holy Trinity of solitude, stillness and silence and reject the new religion of commotionism: constant company, movement and noise



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Fay Shaw, Joanne Cox, Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Shane Boyd, Noreen Gallardo, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: John Shaw, Leo Cavicchiolo, John Nicholson

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Sunday 7 June 8.30am

Commentator – L Sorbello

Lector – **Help required**

Special Minister – A Brunt

Saturday 13 June at 5pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – **Help required**

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 14 June 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – B Elliott

Special Minister – M Elliott

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 948.35

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Giovano Robins into our faith community. Giovano will be baptised in St Augustine's church. Please keep Kris and Evi his parents and godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Throughout the year, many people celebrate milestone birthdays, especially our octogenarians (80+) and nonagenarians (90+). We would like to acknowledge and celebrate our special parishioners at Mass on Sunday 21st June at 8.30am. **Please bring a plate to share.**

MULTICULTURAL/PENTECOST MASS

A big thank you and congratulations to all who participated with readings, dressed in national costumes and brought food to celebrate our wonderful feast. It was certainly a lovely opportunity to mingle, share fellowship and celebrate the unity and diversity of our parish community.

MENS GROUP GATHERING

You are warmly invited to join a men's group gathering on Tuesday 2nd June from 5pm to 7pm in the Meeting room at the Presbytery. Come along for fellowship, conversation and connection. Dinner will be provided. RSVP Fr Uday, Carl 0406 665925 or John Lilford 0407 859636.

PROMULGATION OF RESOURCES FOR PARISH PLANNING

Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator has promulgated resources to assist parishes in preparing a Parish Mission and Pastoral Plan. The resources, prepared by the Office of Mission and Pastoral Life, focus on renewal and aim to assist parishes to intentionally plan for a future in line with the Diocesan Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals.

Online sessions to "unpack" these resources will be held on 3 and 4 June. It is recommended that Parish Leaders participate in one of the four online sessions, in which Geoff Gowdie, Assistant Director of Mission and Pastoral Life will walk participants through the parish planning process and these resources. To register for an online "unpacking the Parish Planning Process" session, please go to Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMJYF>

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 31st May - 8.30am Mass

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Tue 2nd June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 4th June - 10am Anointing Mass

Sun 7th June - 8.30am Mass

Sun 7th June - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 9th June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 11th June - 9.15am 5-8 Community Mass

Sat 13th June - 5pm Mass

Sun 14th June - 8.30am Mass

SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE “GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION”

Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton Building on the success of the 2025 Formation Gathering “*Building Communities of Belonging*”, Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator, is proud to invite you to the Sandhurst Formation Institute 2026 “*Growing as Communities of Mission*”. The Institute will explore bringing a mission lens to all we do in our faith communities. With a rich program of prayer, keynotes, seminars and a dedicated youth stream, it's an opportunity not to be missed. More details soon!

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

“We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!” — Pope John Paul II

More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org.

SUPPORT OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

As our access to low-cost nonperishable food from Food Bank Victoria was lost due to insatiable demand. Demand from families in need within our community is also high and supporting them with pantry food made a difference. Our pantry is empty. To provide an opportunity for parishioners to contribute nonperishable food items for our pantry, a basket is located at the rear of the church. The QR code can be used for online donations.

CATHOLICARE VICTORIA

CatholicCare Victoria (CCV) is the Catholic Church’s mission in action. CCV delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help reach their full potential and overcome life’s challenges. It’s committed to building thriving communities, where everyone belongs, and focuses on real life issues and offers practical support for all members of the community. Services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support, financial and material aid and a variety of courses to strengthen relationships and wellbeing. Office locations are in Bendigo, Shepparton and Wangaratta. Some services are provided remotely while others are location specific. If CCV cannot provide the support service, a referral can be made. For info or support, call 1800 123 228 or visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

The next working bee is Saturday 6th June at 9.30am.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

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We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annete Ryan 0408 502 858.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

“If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing. If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything.” – St. Bonaventure

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

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.

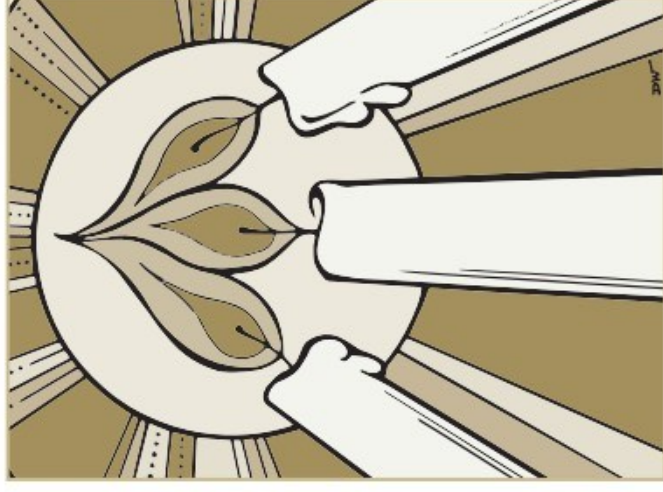
R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

THE SAVING WORD

31 MAY 2026



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.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

■ The word of the Lord.

Laudato Si'

In May 2015, Pope Francis released his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, to call for action to address the spiritual, social and economic crisis manifest in environmental devastation. He called us to "hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor".

"Laudato si'" are the opening words in Latin of St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures "All praise be yours, my Lord through all that you have made".

On the 5th anniversary of his encyclical, May 2020, Pope Francis announced a plan for Catholics to make a commitment to implement *Laudato Si'*. Over the next couple of years, a framework was developed to support this plan. This framework has 7 goals or ways of measuring integral ecology.

In Australia

Taking their lead from Pope Francis, our Australian bishops issued their 2021/22 Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", drawing wisdom from scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and human knowledge, so that we might be converted to new ways of living, both personally and collectively.

The Bishops' Statement, invites all parishes to commit to the *Laudato Si'* goals.

Our Parish

Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for us to take up the Bishops' invitation with a certified journey which we, as a parish, have begun!

The process begins with a wide-ranging self-assessment, followed by action planning for the next few years. We hope you'll join us on the journey!

Catholic Earthcare Australia was established in 2002 by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and mandated, through the activities of education, research and advocacy, to give leadership in responding to the call for ecological conversion. It is now a program of Caritas Australia, responding to the interconnectedness of the 'cry of the poor' and 'cry of the earth'.

We acknowledge our First Nations people and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present. Their deep spiritual connection to Country and respect for the natural environment has ensured the preservation of our natural environment for thousands of years.



Response to
the Cry of
the Earth



Response to
the Cry of
the Poor



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