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The Most Holy Trinity Year B

Waking up to Trinity consciousness

Some years ago, whilst visiting Fulham prison on a bleak, windy winter's day, three Muslim boys corralled me on my visit to the protection unit. They were friendly in a cocky superior sort of way, but wanted a piece of me for two particular Christian beliefs. One, I was worshipping a man, rather than the transcendent God and to make matters worse, two, I was proclaiming the idiotic, complex notion that God was three, rather than always and only one.

I was a poor apologist for the faith. The idea of Incarnation and the transcendent holiness of God becoming flesh and immanent in all things did not register. So too, the notion of an unlimited God becoming circumscribed by human limitation, struck them as stupid and absurd. And as for the Trinity? Forget it. Three does not go into one. Their superior smiles only got more superior.

The moral of this lesson is talk has exceptionally limited value. Operatively speaking and on a practical day to day living basis, the doctrine of the Trinity is forgotten by most Christians, nominal and otherwise. Too often attempts to unfold it's meaning have been lost in abstraction, reducing the living God to an ossified conundrum, with as much practical value as the answer to the question, "How many angels can be found on the head of a pin?"

The Franciscan Richard Rhor rightly asserts, that in the west we have emphasised individual names and distinct persons, rather than the relationship between them, which as Rhor says, is where all the power and meaning of the Trinity lies.

All I can say is we should not delude ourselves that our conceptions and images of the Divine pin the mystery down. God is too wild for all our theologising. Yet as a Christian, for me the whole God thing comes into focus through the presence and life and legacy of Jesus. The one who demonstrates the unity of the divine and the human in turn, invites us to recognize the union of Spirit and matter. Instead of a stand alone God, locked away as a solitary transcendent noun, we have a dynamic God, always One and always manifest in the many. In other words, Trinity is about unity and diversity, it is about a God calling us into deeper relatedness.

Instead, we so often see a world of alienation and fragmentation. Just when we think the sex abuse scandal cannot get worse it does, leaving so many broken and alone. And just when we thought our hardness to lost souls, stateless and bereft of mercy on the high seas, could not get harder, we hear a loud "Nope, nope, nope" to rendering aid. Not only that, there is now rank indifference to the impoverishment of many in our own society afflicted by unemployment, disability and homelessness.

We need to have Trinity consciousness, to wake us up out of disunity and discord and see just how related and seamlessly connected everything is.

Fr Vincent Jewell PP



We pray for those who are unwell :

Peter Harbison **Noelene Goonan**

Vincent Daniels **John Orders**

Tim Coakley **Tulli Seabert**

We welcome for Baptism :

Sophia Woollard

Oliver Smith

William Treurniet



Special prayers for :

Mohammad Rahmani, that our request to Minister Peter Dutton to provide a visa, or at least work rights, will receive a favourable response.

Noura Kka, former parishioner, who returned to Iraq & encountered persecution for her Christian beliefs and is now battling ill-health.

May God hold them all in the palm of his hand.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal next weekend

This is the last weekend of the annual mass
count for the Archdiocese.

Thurs 21st June 7.30pm '**People Come First**'

The Geelong Deanery presents :

Bro Mark O'Connor reflecting on the
Pastoral Theology of Pope Francis.
Here at St Bernard's Church.

Brother Mark will speak on the *pastoral
revolution of Pope Francis during his five years
in office and his emphasis on "the first and
living rule is the person of Jesus Christ,
his humility, his gentleness, his joy and
his love"*. All welcome.

Enquiries Catherine Moon : 0409 007 913

Sat 23rd June 6pm until late!

Carnival Gala Night

Michael Carmody Foundation.

Venue : St Joseph's College.

Tickets \$75 for 2 course meal.

Tables of 10 ph : 0438 983 566 or
trybooking.com/book/event?eid=377962

(see noticeboard)



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Collect a copy after mass today!

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BSB : 063 504

acc number : 008 005 74.

Bank reference : 'Coffee & surname'

Cheques :

'St Bernard's Church Manny acc'.

Contact the Office for further information.

Thank you

St Bernard's Book Fair -

Thank you to so many who helped in
any way, to make such a successful day.

- Hundreds who **donated** books, CDs etc
- Those who **delivered** pamphlets & spread the word to family & friends
- The talented cooks who **baked** delicious items for the Cake Stall
- **Helpers**, setting up & on the day

Special thanks to Peter & Margaret Wills.

Peter has worked tirelessly collecting & sorting throughout the year, to make St Bernard's Book Fair a '*must do*' on the calendar of every book lover.

Funds raised
will all go
towards the
cost of
recent
landscaping
around the
church.



VINNIES **CEO Sleepout launch - 4th June**

Potential participants (friends and colleagues) welcome. RSVP by 1st June

- Monday 4th June
- 6pm - 8pm



Presidents Room, Level 2 Brownlow Stand,
GMHBA Stadium. Kardinia Park

Wine and canapes served

RSVP : lucy.menting@svdp-vic.org.au

Archbishop Hart's Pentecost Message to Youth
Take the risk, spread the joy

The Archbishop points out, it is Jesus and the Spirit of Jesus driving us forward, a Spirit which has 'no reverse gear!'

The Kingdom of Heaven is at the core of Jesus' teachings, and Archbishop Hart points us to where we can find that Kingdom in our world today. It is to be found in 'a world of people defined by *love for each other, life to the full, wonder and care for the earth and universe, filled with creativity and beauty.*'

Project Compassion money at work

Caritas : supporting marginalised communities



Three years after the Nepal earthquake, which killed 9,000 people and injured more than 22,000, Caritas Australia continues to restore infrastructure, livelihoods and community wellbeing in the earthquake prone country.

Caritas has built over 4000 new homes and re-built 13 village communities across Nepal with earthquake resistant buildings.

'Caritas Nepal continues to focus on effectively reaching the most vulnerable community members, with *shelter and livelihood support*. We recognise that households face many challenges to rebuild their homes and improve their lives and so are working with local communities to *create employment opportunities*.'

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How is the Holy Spirit generated within the Trinity and how do the gifts of the Spirit flow out of that?



The Holy Spirit has classically been defined in theology as "the love between the Father and the Son." This is not simply an abstract formula, but a phrase that tries to express, however inadequately, what results anywhere, here or in heaven, whenever there is a genuine reciprocal flow of love.

- Thus, simply within the normal flow of human love, we can see the following dynamic: Someone, out of love and gratitude, gives a gift to another.
- That gift helps fire love and gratitude in that other, who then, in gratitude, reciprocates.
- This reciprocation fires a deeper love and gratitude within the initial giver who can now give in an even deeper way to the other.
- As this dynamic works, an energy, a fire, a certain palpable force, a spirit, begins to build, which affects and infects for the good, everything it comes into contact with, drawing it into its own joyous energy.

extract Ron Rolheiser OMI

The Journey'. Australian Catholic Radio
free every Sunday. www.jcr.org.au
OR download the App : www.itunes.jcr.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal next weekend



One in every five Australian children has gone hungry in the past 12 months

according to a recent report, with some even resorting to chewing paper to try to feel full. The survey of 1000 parents, commissioned by Foodbank, shows *22% of Australian children under the age of 15 live in a household that has run out of food at some stage over the past year*.

One in five kids affected go to school without eating breakfast at least once a week, while one in 10 go a whole day at least once a week, without eating anything at all.

The *Rumbling Tummies: Child Hunger in Australia* report showed more children were going hungry in Australia than adults.

The report found parents living in poverty would often go without, so their children would have something to eat.

The main reason parents were struggling to feed their children was the cost of living, including mortgage or rent costs and utilities.

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Go Beyond Your Comfort Zone



That was a shock to Jesus' first followers. Go to all nations? But they were Jews!

Nonetheless, that was Matthew's message for early Christians. The Gospel was originally written for a community of mostly Jewish followers of Jesus. Go beyond your comfort zone, it tells them. *Build relationships with people who are different, with people you never expected to enter your life.*

Jesus grew up in Galilee, which some scholars argue was an ethnically mixed part of Israel. His apostles were also quite a mix. One wanted to start a revolution against the Romans (Simon the Zealot) while another collected taxes for them (Matthew). In this Gospel, which is the climax of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus sends this diverse group, from a diverse area, to baptise all people.

The message is clear. *We find life is fuller when we meet, serve, learn from, and develop relationships with all types of people.* GPBSeNews

Need to know **mass times** at another church in Geelong?

Visit the **Deanery website** :
geelongdeanery.cam.org.au

Mon 28th May 1.30pm **Ron Ellis on Stage** Belmont Seniors Concert Hall. Entry \$4.00. Tea and coffee.

4pm Fri 8 June to 4pm Sun 10 June **Live-in 'Winter Wisdom Weekend Retreat in the Company of the Mystics'**. Community of the Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre Cheltenham. Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost \$195 Contact : holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.

Sun 10th June 2-5pm **Singing the Classics** *An Afternoon of Gilbert and Sullivan*, conductor Allister Cox. St Luke's Uniting Church. \$15.00 RSVP Anne 0412 524 316 or pandapilgrim@gmail.com (see noticeboard)

16 & 23 June 11am-3pm **From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals** presented by ACU. St Mary's Pioneer Room. Cost \$60.00. RSVP 8th June. Enquiries 02 9701 4751. Registration : www.acu.edu.au/ntre_for_liturgy/short_courses

Friday 22nd June **Refugee Week Fundraising Dinner**. Geelong College \$110 per person. Tables of 10. Organised by Diversitat. Bookings through www.trybooking.com/VHSZ

Geelong-Viqueque Friendship Schools 'Developing social responsibility and connectedness with Timor Leste'. Support through membership : Adult \$20, Students \$5: Direct Debit: Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Account 132923756 Reference: 'Membership' or Cheque: Geelong Viqueque Friendship Schools Treasurer, Michael Wright 45 Itkeston St Herne Hill 3218

Parish Office Hours

Mon : 10.00-3.00
 Tues : 8.30-4.30
 Wed : 8.30-4.30
 Thurs : 8.30-1pm
 Thurs pm-CLOSED
 Friday : 8.30-4.30

St Bernard's Mass Times

Saturday: 6.00pm
 Sunday: 9.00 am and 10.30 am
 5.30pm at St Mary's
 Wednesday : 12 noon
 Friday: 12 noon
 Mass on the radio: 7.00am Light FM 89.9;
 10.00am Pulse FM 94.7

St Bernard's Playgroup

Tuesdays during school term.
 9.00-10.30am
 in the Big Space,
 entrance Fryers Rd.
All welcome

Please Note: Church **car park** gates are locked at 1.00pm each Sunday

If you need a priest urgently,
 phone Fr Vincent
 0417 837 565

Charismatic Prayer

1st & 3rd Tuesday
 10.00am
 in the Church.

Week 1: 2/3 June

Setting up for Mass	6.00pm	B & C Bogacki
	9.00am	B & AM Sherwell
	10.30am	M Powell M Inei
Eucharist Ministers	6.00pm	B Shannon V Bogacki D Turnbull A Parnell L Russell
	9.00 am	G Mugavin AM & B Sherwell J & R Gollan
	10.30am	L Dowling S Dowling L Rastas T Watts
Readers	6.00pm	J Loveday J Parry
	9.00 am	G Mugavin M Calderwood
	10.30am	M Inei M Powell
PowerPointers	6.00pm	K Bogacki
	9.00 am	B Arnup
	10.30am	N Fanning
Musicians	6.00pm	
	9.00am	Men's Choir
	10.30am	Instrumental music
Book Nook	9.45am	Joanna
Coffee Shop	Mary S Margaret S Rita P	
Cleaners : 10	D Fraser A De Bekker M Powell D Canny B Hollander	
Flowers	Shirley Eileen and Mary	
Bread Roster: blue	L Dowling L & N Jaques C Raj G Mugavin J Harte R & J Gollan	
Communion at home	D Turnbull-co-ord. Contact Office to arrange.	

Men's Group :

Second Tuesday of the month
 10am
 in Church café.
 Come along for a *cuppa & chat*

Christian Meditation

Wed 7.30pm
 in the church

Tai Chi : Fridays

9.30-10.30
 in the Church café.



This week:

Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40 Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22
 Rom 8: 14-17 Mt 28: 16-20

Next Week:

Ex 24: 3-8 Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18
 Heb 9: 11-15 Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26