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PAINTING THE PICTURE OF GOD

by Fr Michael Tate

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

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Making Our Church Safe for All

Since only **50 people** are permitted to attend Holy Mass in the church, please come to the church early. When the maximum number has been reached, you are not allowed to enter the church because the fine will be very expensive. Besides, the main purpose of this regulation is for our common good too. Please follow these protocols, as recommended by the NSW government and the Archdiocese:

- ➔ If you feel unwell, you should not come.
- ➔ Keep a safe distance and use a hand sanitiser when entering the church.
- ➔ Measuring body temperature (will be assisted by an usher/trusted delegate).
- ➔ Fill in the guest book (for COVID-19 safety purposes, and parish database/communication).
- ➔ Keep a safe distance by sitting on a bench that has been marked with a sign "SIT HERE."
- ➔ Receive Holy Communion by hand.

Facebook Live Streaming

If you cannot attend the Holy Mass in the Church, please follow the live streaming:

www.facebook.com/stfiacreparish/live

MASS TIME AND CONFESSION

- ❖ DAILY MASS: Monday-Saturday, 7.00 am
- ❖ SUNDAY MASS:
 - Vigil Mass (Saturday afternoon), 5.30 pm
 - English Mass, 8.00 am (at St Francis' church, Lilyfield)
 - English Mass, 9.30 am
 - Italian Mass, 11.00 am
 - Adoration & Mass for Young Adults, 4.00 pm
- ❖ CONFESSION: Every Saturday, 4.45 pm (or by appointment. Please contact parish office)

PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

God bestows talents to everyone (Mat. 25:14-30). Therefore, if you feel called and have the capacity to be a reader during Holy Mass, musician, singer, or altar server, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your support.

PRAYER INTENTION & DONATION

If you want to ask for prayer intentions for the sick, recently deceased, death anniversaries, or other needs, please contact the parish office.

Mass on Sunday

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.

Collect

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion'

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, 'The 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

Daniel 3:52-56

R: To you glory and praise for evermore.

- ☞ You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R)
- ☞ Blest your glorious holy name. (R)
- ☞ You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R)
- ☞ You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R)

- ☞ You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R)
- ☞ You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R)

Second reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

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

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

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.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

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.

Prayer after Communion

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.

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THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER:

Sun 9:30am..... † Runy Sarda

Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.

Amen.

Reflection

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

This well-known verse summarizes the Christian faith; it is the whole Gospel in miniature. It is essential for our Christian belief to know that it was God's love, not condemnation that was the motivation to send the Son to redeem the world. Each person has a choice to respond to the grace God offers, or to turn away from it. By rejecting God's love, condemnation is brought upon oneself. Those who believe in God's Son have the indwelling light of the Spirit to guide them to all truth (Jn 16:13). Our belief is in the One God who is revealed in three divine Persons—Father, Son, and Spirit—the creative, the redemptive, and the sanctifying love of God. The Trinity is about relationship. The Son is obedient to the Father and the Father does whatever the Son asks. Although the word "Trinity" is not found in Scripture, Paul concluded his letter to the Corinthians, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you" (2 Cor 13:13). Our concept of the Trinity has scriptural roots in the variety

of ways we understand the one God in three persons that the creeds later defined.

NOTE: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. The first Sunday after Pentecost celebrates the great dogma of the Christian faith, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, which was declared a feast of the universal Church in 1334. During the first thousand years of Christianity there was no special feast honoring this mystery (mystery, in this sense, means a supernatural fact revealed by God that transcends the power of human reasoning). The word "Trinity," first used by Tertullian (145-220) to describe the nature of God, was only defined by the Church councils in the fourth and fifth centuries. In the fourth century, the Council of Nicaea addressed the doctrine of the Trinity in response to the Arian heresy that taught that Jesus was only a created being like others. Through the Spirit, Jesus is the "only-begotten" son, consubstantial with the Father. In baptism, we are baptized in the name of God, not the "names," for we hold that there is only one God, the Father, his beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity (CCC 232).

<http://www.togetherwithgodsword.com>

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Saint Fiacre's Parish and the Capuchin Friars extend their gratitude to all parishioners and friends who are helping during these difficult times! Donations can be made by EFT to:

- Account Name: **St Fiacre's Catholic Church**
- BSB: **062 784**
- Account No: **0457 5001**
- ❖ If you require a **30% tax deduction**, please write your **Envelope Number** in the reference box.
- ❖ Tax deduction is only available to those givers who are enrolled to the Second Collection at St Fiacre's.
- ❖ If you wish to join the program, please contact the Parish office at **02 9518 0650** or fiacre@capuchinfriars.org.au

TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

How does Trinitarian love manifest itself in me?

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore and worship you.

From the Archdiocese

PLENARY COUNCIL DISCERNMENT PAPERS RELEASED

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the National Plenary Council Assembly has been postponed to October 2021 (Adelaide) and April 2022 (Sydney). Importantly as part of the journey towards the national Assembly, the discernment papers foundational to the development of the working paper and ultimately the agenda for the Assembly are available on the National Plenary Council webpage under the Discernment tab:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Appeal for Blankets - As winter approaches, the Jesuit Refugee Service is in need of new blankets for their clients. If you are able to donate new blankets please contact Amelia Savage at Amelia.savage@jrs.org.au or on 9098 9336 and see the attached image for drop off points (drop off points as for food bank donations).

Petition by Catholics to ask that No One Is Left Behind - As the COVID-19 pandemic tightens its grip, people seeking protection and migrants in vulnerable situations have been left with no safety net. Please join us by signing and sharing the Catholic petition to leave no one behind during the COVID-19

Pandemic: <https://www.change.org/nooneleftbehind>

SANTISSIMA TRINITÀ



Luce, splendore e grazia della Trinità. Dalle «Lettere» di sant'Atanasio, vescovo (Lett. 1 a Serap. 28-30; PG 26, 594-595. 599)

Non sarebbe cosa inutile ricercare l'antica tradizione, la dottrina e la fede della Chiesa cattolica, quella s'intende che il Signore ci ha insegnato, che gli apostoli hanno predicato, che i padri hanno conservato. Su di essa infatti si fonda la Chiesa, dalla quale, se qualcuno si sarà allontanato, per nessuna ragione potrà essere cristiano, né venir chiamato tale.

La nostra fede è questa: la Trinità santa e perfetta è quella che è distinta nel Padre e nel Figlio e nello Spirito Santo, e non ha nulla di estraneo o di aggiunto dal di fuori, né risulta costituita del Creatore e di realtà create, ma è tutta potenza creatrice e forza operativa. Una è la sua natura, identica a se stessa. Uno è il principio attivo e una l'operazione. Infatti il Padre compie ogni cosa per mezzo del Verbo nello Spirito Santo e, in questo modo, è mantenuta intatta l'unità della santa Trinità. Perciò nella Chiesa viene annunziato un solo Dio che è al di sopra di ogni cosa, agisce per tutto ed è in tutte le cose (cfr. Ef 4, 6). E' al di sopra di ogni cosa ovviamente come Padre, come principio e origine. Agisce per tutto, certo per mezzo del Verbo. Infine opera in tutte le cose nello Spirito Santo.

L'apostolo Paolo, allorché scrive ai Corinzi sulle realtà spirituali, riconduce tutte le cose ad un solo Dio Padre come al principio, in questo modo: «Vi sono diversità di carismi, ma uno solo è lo Spirito; e vi sono diversità di ministeri, ma uno solo è il Signore; vi sono diversità di operazioni, ma uno solo è Dio, che opera tutto in tutti» (1 Cor 12, 4-6).

Quelle cose infatti che lo Spirito distribuisce ai singoli, sono date dal Padre per mezzo del Verbo. In verità tutte le cose che sono del Padre sono pure del Figlio. Onde quelle cose che sono

concesse dal Figlio nello Spirito sono veri doni del Padre. Parimenti quando lo Spirito è in noi, è anche in noi il Verbo dal quale lo riceviamo, e nel Verbo vi è anche il Padre, e così si realizza quanto è detto: «Verremo io e il Padre e prenderemo dimora presso di lui» (Gv 14, 23). Dove infatti vi è la luce, là vi è anche lo splendore; e dove vi è lo splendore, ivi c'è parimenti la sua efficacia e la sua splendida grazia.

Questa stessa cosa insegna Paolo nella seconda lettera ai Corinzi, con queste parole: «La grazia del Signore Gesù Cristo, l'amore di Dio e la comunione dello Spirito Santo siano con tutti voi» (2 Cor 13, 13). Infatti la grazia è il dono che viene dato nella Trinità, è concesso dal Padre per mezzo del Figlio nello Spirito Santo. Come dal Padre per mezzo del Figlio viene data la grazia, così in noi non può avvenire la partecipazione del dono se non nello Spirito Santo. E allora, resi partecipi di esso, noi abbiamo l'amore del Padre, la grazia del Figlio e la comunione dello stesso Spirito..

<https://www.maranatha.it>



ARE YOU STRUGGLING IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS?

Depression. Anxiety. Loneliness. Conflict. Stress.

CCareline 13 18 19 is a free and confidential helpline for counselling, relationships, parenting, ageing, disabilities, addictions and mental health.

CatholicCare Marriage Preparations

Marriage Education Goes Virtual: CatholicCare has quickly adapted to social distancing laws, providing marriage education virtually from mid March. If you are engaged and are planning on getting married soon, CatholicCare is still able to provide you with your marriage education course during this time. We expect demand to surge when social distancing rules are relaxed further, so don't miss out. Book now! Call 13 18 19. "Considering we were attending remotely, [the educator] still made the experience feel collaborative and a safe space in which to share.

Young people's seminar Understanding Change, Loss and Grief

This seminar is an opportunity to explore and better understand:

- Our own grief reactions and those of others
- The effects of grief on our bodies, minds, emotions and behaviours
- How to take care of ourselves and others in grief.

This 1.5 hour seminar will be conducted via Zoom.

Please express your interest by emailing

Leonied@catholiccemeteries.com.au

and we will arrange the time to suit those wishing to participate.

hearing experiences of loss & death

Grief will be experienced by all of us at times throughout our lives, yet can affect each of us in unique ways. HELD is a safe place of welcome for anyone aged 18-35, where you can be open about how grief has impacted you. Our HELD gatherings will run every fortnight

beginning Monday 6 April 2020
6:30pm-8:30pm

Venue will be in the Lidcombe area: full address will be shared with you once you

RSVP to Ben at benjamin_woolf@yahoo.com.au

(Feel free to contact Ben with any questions before)

Care, Empathy and Compassion for Young Adults