

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A**  
**7.6.20**

**this week:** Ex 34:4-6. 8-9: 2 Cor 13:11-13;  
Jn 3:16-18

**next week:** Dt 8:2-3. 14-16 ; 1 Cor 10:16-17 ;  
Jn 6:51-58



**DISCERNMENT PAPERS HELP  
SHARPEN FOCUS FOR PLENARY  
COUNCIL**

Six Discernment and Writing Groups, one each for the six national themes for discernment that emerged from the Council's Listening and Dialogue phase, were tasked with writing papers to bring some major themes and issues into focus.

"The papers are the fruits of communal discernment. The aim of the discernment process was to draw upon the lived faith and experiences of more than 220,000 Australians, the living tradition of the Church, sacred Scripture, papal teachings and additional insights from outside the Church," said Archbishop Costelloe, the Plenary Council president.

Connect to this link to download the full story and 6 discernment papers:  
[https://cathnews.com/cathnews/38106-discernment-papers-help-sharpen-focus-for-plenary-council?](https://cathnews.com/cathnews/38106-discernment-papers-help-sharpen-focus-for-plenary-council?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CathNews%20-)  
[utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CathNews%20-](https://cathnews.com/cathnews/38106-discernment-papers-help-sharpen-focus-for-plenary-council?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CathNews%20-)

We believe that the God who creates, redeems and sustains the world seeks us out and invites us into a loving relationship. This is what gives us our greatest dignity and urges us on to share this message with everyone we meet. What a privilege! What an invitation! What a God!

It also follows that if relationships are at the core of God then, for those of us who accept the invitation into the Trinity's embrace, relationships are meant to be our core business too. We are not to be isolated believers or private disciples. The degree to which we understand today's feast will be shown in the care we take in our many and varied relationships, be they social, intimate, professional, civic or international.

Every time we do anything to form new and good relationships, mend those which are broken, help other relationships to be deeper and richer or just enjoy the ones we have, we discover one thing: Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast.

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May, the Month  
of Mary

"Whatever you ask in the Rosary  
will be granted".

- \* Put up an image of Mary
- \* Read scripture passages about Mary
- \* Pray the rosary
- \* Perform works of mercy

**LIVESTREAM MASSES**

Many parishes in the Diocese are now offering livestreamed Masses. These include daily Mass and Sunday Mass. You can see which parishes offer online Mass on our Diocesan website (<https://www.parracatholic.org/covid19/#online>).

Sunday Mass will be also be streamed live on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/parramattadiocese>) and Facebook (<https://facebook.com/st-patricks-cathedral-parramatta-1590485624520954/>) from St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.

# Sacred Heart Parish

**Sacred Heart Church ~ Blackheath**  
**Saint Paul's Church ~ Mount Victoria**  
**Saint Joseph's Church ~ Megalong Valley**

As a community bonded together through faith,  
we are called to share our experience of God with those we meet each day,  
in particular, those in our local community.

*We acknowledge the Darug and Gundungurra people, the traditional custodians of this land  
and pay our respects to the elders past and present.*

**There are no masses being celebrated here at this time. Live streaming of Masses, prayer resources etc can be found on [parracatholic.org](http://parracatholic.org). They can also be found on our Parish website**

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**Fr Bob:** 0417 355 479 emergencies only  
**Fr Jolly:** 0417 541 637 and  
email: [jollyms20022000@yahoo.com](mailto:jollyms20022000@yahoo.com)

**Parish Office:** 02 4787 8540  
**Office hours** Wed 12.00pm - 3.00pm  
Thu 9.00am - 1.00pm

**Sacred Heart Church:** 167 Wentworth Street, Blackheath.  
**St Paul's Church:** 65 Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria.  
**St Joseph's Church:** 1270 Megalong Road, Megalong Valley.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** If you would like an issue discussed, please submit it in writing to either Brian Bright (Chair) ([bbright45@bigpond.com](mailto:bbright45@bigpond.com)) or David Buck-

**Sacred Heart Care Group** (*helping parishioners in times of need*) Monica Bright 0420 937 690

**BULLETIN ITEMS:** Please contact the Parish Office on Wednesday or Thursday during office hours on 4787 8540 or email [blackheath@parracatholic.org](mailto:blackheath@parracatholic.org)

**Website:** <https://sacredheartblackheath.org.au/>

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**SAINTS OF THE DAY** (8 June - 13 June)

8 Jun	St. Robert of Frassinoro	Benedictine abbot
9 Jun	St. Ephrem	deacon, doctor
10 Jun	St. Timothy	martyr
11 Jun	St Barnabas	apostle
12 Jun	St. Christian	Irish martyr
13 Jun	St Anthony of Padua	priest, doctor

## FATHER JOLLY'S REFLECTION FOR THE HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY.

The God we believe in is a community of three persons, The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. And the indivisible oneness of the three Divine Persons stems from the eternal process of self-gifting to each other. A community becomes possible only through the process of a self-gift. The very process of self-gifting is nothing else but self-giving and communication. The better, the self-giving and sharing, the more personal and more intimate it is, the deeper and more intimate becomes the communion of the community. Today we celebrate the Trinity Sunday. It is natural for us to ask the question what earthly use has the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity for today's men and women? We believe Trinity is still a mystery. Christianity proclaims primacy of the persons and presents the Blessed Trinity – three persons in a perfect love relationship. It is in this context Trinity becomes the model of personal relationships. The three persons of the Trinity know and love themselves perfectly and relate perfectly to the others. It is mutual knowing, loving, sharing and giving based on knowledge, love and self-donation. This is the basis of the Trinitarian Community/ Unity in love.

Each one of us are called to imitate the example of the Holy Trinity. Healthy, harmonious relationships are hard to come by. A host of personal, interpersonal and social problems heavily militate against healthy relationships. We fail to relate to others on a person to person basis. Our relationships are more functional than personal, parents vs children, teachers vs students, employers vs employees, superiors vs subjects. How seldom do we succeed in breaking the hard shell of the 'role-play' to encounter the person behind and to establish meaningful relationships?

By the nature of our being we are Trinitarian. Every human being is created in the image and likeness of the Holy Trinity. Thus we are called to form Trinitarian Communities. Each of us has a threefold love: Love of God, Love of Others and Love of Self. These are the first and second commandments: to love God above all and to love others as oneself. And this love has to be totally personal.

George A Maloney describes this Trinitarian love the following way. "The true test of how ultimately you are living in the presence of the indwelling Trinity is how intensely you strive to live intimately with each person who comes into your life. Hence, to change your love-relationships with other human beings, you are called to live in deeper focus upon the indwelling presence of God at the core of your being. As you touch God and receive His infinite, perfect love for you, you are transformed into a loving gift to others".

When we offer this loving self-gift to others, in this self-gift, we open ourselves to the healing trust of others. This way of self-gift keeps us in an unbroken growth-process of love. Our faith in The Holy Trinity tells us that we are gifts of God who is love.

As we celebrate the Trinity Sunday we pray: "Dear God of perfect love and our model of love, mould us to be a real gift of love to one another. Amen.

**PARISH TRANSITION WORKING PARTY UPDATE** ~ We are grateful to be able to communicate that a significant interim report on the consultation with our community has been presented to Bishop Vincent Long for his review, and to ask him if he requires any further information. The report, as it stands, is based on feedback from the community and its recommendations are endorsed by our parish pastoral council. We also invite your comments on the report as it stands in the next two weeks (by 14th June) as we want to ensure it resonates with the Holy Spirit as voiced through our parish. For those who do not have email access, a limited number of printed copies of the report are available at the office (47878540) of a Thursday morning between 9:00am and 12 noon.

All parishioners are welcome to offer any comments to me at the Pastoral Planning Office via [pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org](mailto:pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org).

I take this opportunity to thank the working party for their efforts to date and continue to pray with you for a rich discernment and fruitful outcomes in growing our community in Jesus Christ. I will be seeking a timeline from Bishop Vincent for his response to the report and will keep you informed. Prayers and kind regards, Richard McMahon

**PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC, CHURCH TOILETS ARE LOCKED  
THEY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR USE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY** – focussing on BIODIVERSITY – Fri June 5 2020  
The foods we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the climate that makes our planet habitable all come from nature.

To Care for Ourselves, we must Care for Nature.

It's time to wake up. To take notice. To raise our voices.

It's time to build back better for People and Planet.

This World Environment Day, it's **TIME FOR NATURE**.

Support the Save Centennial Glen campaign [www.savecentennialglen.org](http://www.savecentennialglen.org)

Find out how locals Eva and Bill Johnstone are regenerating their bushland since it was destroyed by bushfire on 22 December 2019 [lis@thebigfix.org](mailto:lis@thebigfix.org)

Save your fresh fruit and veg scraps for our **FOOD SCRAPS SUNDAYS!** Store in a container with lid in the fridge if you wish and bring along each Sunday morning for collection for distribution to parishioner compost bins. Reducing landfill and production of methane gas and making soil! Egg shells welcome!

Watch Australia's Ocean Odyssey on Tuesday 8:30pm ABC

Learn, Share and Act ideas for World Environment Day available on the United Nations website <https://www.un.org/en/observances/environment-day>

### *Rest in Peace!*

7th Mignon Spessot (2017)

8th Leonard Kirkham

11th Eric Noble



**MASS THIS WEEKEND** ~ Details in relation to Masses this weekend will be forwarded tomorrow when we have final confirmation.

PLEASE PRAY for the sick and their carers: John & Marion Crowley, Shielagh Kirkham, Maria Slater, Marie Johnson, Pat Frazer, Tatiana Schultz, Trennah Portelli, Ray Wood, Elizabeth Farrar's daughter Emma and Fr Mick Callaghan – former PP of Glenbrook Parish Deanery

