

**Rosters for This Week 6th & 7th June 2020**

Mass Readers	5.30pm John Grieve 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
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**Rosters for Next Week 13th & 14th June 2020**

Mass Readers	5.30pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Kate Arnold
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*The mystery of God's life and love by Anne Hunt*

The child was playing near the water's edge at the seaside, doing what children have done for centuries: digging a hole in the sand and filling it with sea water, only to find that each time the water quickly seeps away. It is impossible to fill the hole. A man who was standing by observing this said to the little one: 'What you are trying to do is impossible.' Much to his astonishment, the child replied, 'And so for you too. What you are trying to do is impossible!' St Augustine of Hippo† was in this way reminded by a child that his ardent quest to work out the mystery of the Trinity was impossible even for him – one of the most brilliant thinkers in the history of Christianity. The story of his conversation with the child at the seaside is a reminder to us all to be humble in our quest to understand the mystery of the Trinity, for it is a great mystery. It is not a puzzle to be solved but a mystery to be pondered. What do we mean by the Trinity? As Christians, we believe that God relates to us and communicates with us, individually and collectively, in three distinct personal ways. We believe that God is comprised of three divine persons who together are one God. Like our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters, we are monotheists: we believe that the Lord our God is one and that there is no other. But unlike our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters, we are trinitarian monotheists: we believe that the one God exists in three persons. Most often, following the Scriptures, we name them as Father, Son or Word of God, and Holy Spirit. We do not mean that the one God communicates with us in three different modes at different points, as if wearing different masks at different times, appearing as Father at some times, as Son at others, as Spirit at yet others. Nor do we mean that there are three gods, who work together as a united team or committee; that would be tritheism. What we believe is that God exists for all eternity in three divine persons who together are one God, who relate to us personally, and who act as one in all that they do.

† St Augustine of Hippo, 354–430 CE  
aka Augustine, St Augustine, St Austin,  
St Augustinus, Blessed Augustine, or  
St Augustine the Blessed, was Bishop of  
Hippo Regius (present-day Annaba, Algeria).

Being a Latin philosopher and theologian  
from Roman Africa, his writings were very  
influential in the development of Western  
Christianity.



**IN OUR PRAYERS**

We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Kevin Featherstone, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.

**RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES**



We pray for Terry Holdsworth, Brian McCarthy, Peter Vincent, Terry Winship, Salvatrice Pecora, Brunina Rando, Stepjan Ivelja, Sr. Joan Guiry, Noel Bonnici, Jim Charles, Michael Henry, Leslie Cross, Bernice Mill, Norma Honeyman, Vic Routley, Mavis Reed, Helen Bartlett, Ersilia Portelli, Vera Webb, Helen Kucic, Owen Whelan, Pat Talbot, Doreen Curtain, Helen Ambrose, Leo Wise, Trevor Joseph, Elizabeth Trainor, Maria Corbo, Sr. Joan O'Shea, Antonio Santoro, Gerarda Cordijn, Rosina Bottoli, Jack Rusick, Sebastiano Sirgiovanni, Giuseppina Timpano, Francesco Caputo, Carmela Darmanin, Stella Magri,

Antionetta Azzopardi, Maria Meloni, Carlo Giacomelli, Nadala Sokolic, John O'Neill, Margaret Simms, Louie Tweedly, Cecilia Hctor, Vera Harnett, Loretta Stirling, Bernice Diamond, Nance Tweedly, Harry Hart, Bella Morgan, Joyce Deller, Helen Nahas and Frank Buntz; whose anniversaries are at this time.

# St Mary's Parish



*A community where we bring together our gifts and talents*

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7th June, 2020

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**Parish Office Manager-Secretary**

Heidi Zahra  
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Thursday 8:30am – 4pm  
Friday 8:30am – 4pm

**Wednesday Secretary**

Kylie Skinner  
8.30am–3.30pm

**St. Mary's School**

Principal  
Anthony Hockey

**Normal Mass Times**

Consult bulletin inside for any changes.  
Saturday at 5:30pm  
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am  
Tuesday to Thursday 9:15am

**Reconciliation**

Saturday 10:00am

**Silent Adoration in Church**

2:30pm – 3:30pm  
Wednesday

**Baptism Preparation Night**

Third Thursday monthly 7.00pm at Parish Centre. Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night.

**TRINITY SUNDAY—YEAR A**

**FIRST READING:**

Exodus 34.4b-6, 8-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Glory and praise forever!

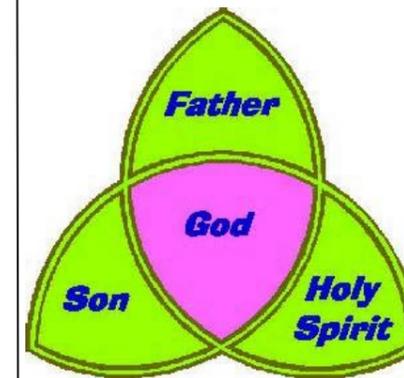
**SECOND READING:**

Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 13.11-13

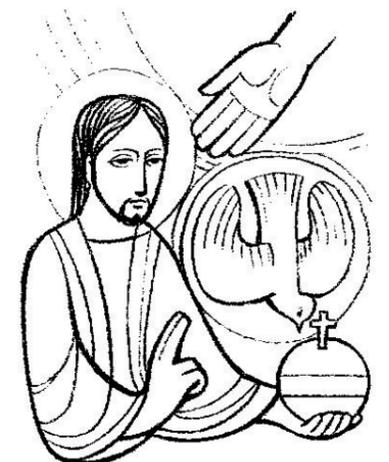
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 3.16-18**



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.



Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Tuesday 9th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 10th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 11th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners

You are still very welcome to text me (0400 524 363) if you have not already secured (through text) a spot among the 20 people now allowed at the four weekend Masses. However, unless someone has indicated to me earlier in the week their inability to attend one of the Masses then I can only put you and your family members on a waiting list until someone else cancels. If that happens I will be in touch immediately. At this stage, I will continue operating the Sunday 4:30pm Mass along with the normal three weekend Masses.

Confirmations this year will take place on July 28th along with August 3rd and 5th with a limited number of people as well as myself and the present regional Bishop Mark Edwards. However, more numbers will probably be allowed by the time of the new Communion Masses on December 6/7th and 13/14th.

I am still operating the YouTube site: fathergreg.online for Masses online, and also for sermon/reflection to give you some variety for your spiritual life –prayer-reflection.

### TRINITY – SERMON/REFLECTION



This weekend we celebrate Trinity Sunday! The feast is more than the assertion of an article of faith. Yes, it does emphasize our belief in one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but the feast is more than a celebration of dogma. The feast is about personal relationships especially the interrelationship of the three persons of the Trinity, and the personal relationship attempted between God and us.

As a young child I was only capable of understanding one person in the Blessed Trinity: God the Father. Somehow as a 16-year-old teenager, I realised that other friends, people and even my parents could not fulfil all my needs and hopes. Fortunately, through the action of a worshipping mother, rather than any heavy preaching at me, I realised the value of Eucharist on a Sunday. Basically through receiving the presence of Jesus in Holy Communion, I came to understand a peace and a strength that no others could fulfil for me. In other words, you could easily say I was starting a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; a Jesus whom I not only received in Communion but in many small conversations at a very basic level over the years, and who I grew to know and love. Only later was I given the real opportunity to serve Him in a meaningful way through priesthood. Years went by and the Holy Spirit was just a mysterious part of that Trinity in the background. I think it is only in the last few years that I have come to have a mature relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is based on my personal experience of the Holy Spirit who has ordained in His own ways to give me a knowledge and experience of many aspects of life, as the windows of my mind and heart have slowly but gradually opened. Through taking some risks on my own part He has led me to discover and enjoy different hobbies, and even more importantly led me to even deeper friendships with various men and women. *Continued.....*



I can't thank the Spirit enough for where He/She has led me. Without side stepping Jesus, I have grown in His friendship as well and cannot but be spell bound by the love that Jesus has shown for humanity. This leaves the Father- not out in the cold – but when Jesus says “the Father and I are one” then I cannot help but be gobsmacked by the utter goodness, mystery, power and creativity of the Father. One cannot explain this relationship in a real deep sense to anyone who has not begun a relationship with the Trinity or wishes to understand the dynamic between them. I think something to bring home that point is well contained in the following story:



A priest was sitting at an airport in America waiting for a flight. A fellow, killing time, struck up a conversation. Said he, “Father, I believe only what I can understand. So, I can't buy your Trinity. Perhaps you can explain it to me!” The priest reluctantly put down the New York Times. “Do you see the sun out there?” “Yup.” “Ok, it's 80 million miles away from us right now. The rays coming through the window,” said the priest, “are coming from the sun. The delightful heat we are enjoying on our bodies right now comes from a combination of the sun and its rays. Do you understand that?” The fellow answered, “Sure, padre.” “The Trinity,” the priest went on, “is like that. God the Father is that blazing sun. The Son is the rays he sends down to us. Then both combine to send us the Holy Spirit who is the heat. If you understand the workings of the sun, its rays, and heat, why do you have difficulty believing in the Trinity?” The man said something about catching a flight and was off!! The priest, a physics professor, picked up the Times with a broad smile. He doubted whether his recent guest understood the workings of the sun. Likewise, he knew no one would ever properly comprehend the mystery of the Trinity this side of the grave. After all, why does God have to tell us everything? In His experience he probably only tells us on a need-to-know basis. Good luck on your own voyage of discovering the Trinity for yourself.



Yours 'in Christ' Fr. Greg 5/6/2020

### St. Mary's Catholic Parish

### SACRAMENT REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM COMMENCEMENT MONDAY 13TH JULY

For children in Year 6 who do not attend St. Mary's school and are in the Parish area who would like to be part of St. Mary's Sacramental program for Confirmation this year, please contact Monique Julian on 0450 789 951 or monique.julian@cam.org.au to enrol by the 19th June.



Confirmation dates: 28th July, 3rd and 5th August.