

Living in unity and love with God

Most of us know the story about St Augustine who, on seeing a small boy at the beach collecting water from the sea and pouring it into a hole in the sand, asked the boy, "What are you doing?"

The child answered, "I am going to pour the entire ocean into this hole." Augustine replied, "That is impossible; the whole ocean will not fit in the hole you have made."

"And you cannot fit the Trinity into your tiny little brain," said the boy. The story reminds us that, when it comes to talking about the Trinity, we must face what St Thomas Aquinas called "the misery of language." For the mystery of the Trinity will always be beyond the understanding of the human mind in this life. However, we, like the many Christians before us, profess it each time we sign ourselves in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And we profess it each time we recite the Creed and profess our faith in one God who is Trinity – the Father, the Creator; the Son, the Saviour; and the Holy Spirit, the Giver of life.

Belief in the Trinity has been the core profession of faith in the faith-life of the Christian community since the beginning. God, the Creator and Father of all, was revealed to humanity through the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son in the person of Jesus, and in the breath of the Holy Spirit to give birth to a community of love and sharing. We are reminded that God, who is these three divine persons in one God, is a perfect community – a community of love and unity, of complete sharing and self-giving for the sake of the other – all in one.

We can sense this Trinitarian unity in the account of the baptism of Jesus. When Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." We sense it again in the story of Jesus' transfiguration, when a voice from the cloud proclaimed, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

In fact, the Trinity is mystery that we are invited to enter and called to share. In the book of Genesis, when creating humankind, God says, "let us make man in our image and likeness". We are not made in the image and likeness of God as *individuals* so much as *community*. The more our human community grows in love and unity, the more it mirrors the unity and love of the Trinity. Indeed, St Paul insists that the love and unity of God, the Trinity, should inspire us to live together in unity and love.

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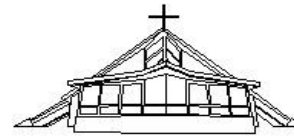
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Trinity Sunday Year C

9th June 2019

Today's Reading:

Proverbs 8:22-31;

Romans 5:1-5;

John 16:12-15

Next Sunday's Readings:

Corpus Christi Year C

Genesis 14:18-20

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Luke 9:11-17



Weekend Mass times:

Saturday vigil	6:00 pm	Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne,
Sunday	8.30 am	John Paul II, Rokeby
	10.30 am	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
	6:00 pm	Corpus Christi, Bellerive

Weekday Masses

Tuesday	11:00 am	Funeral Mass, Corpus Christi, Bellerive
		No Mass at Lindisfarne
Wednesday	12:00pm	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
Thursday	10:00 am	John Paul II, Rokeby
Friday	9:30 am	Corpus Christi, Bellerive

Dear Parish Family,

Our parish "homelessness think tank" last Sunday evening gathered some knowledge, enthusiasm and ideas around our community's response to this issue. We considered the fact that a number of teenagers in our community find themselves "couch surfing"; that a number of people in our community are "sleeping rough"; that St Vincent de Paul do an enormous amount of work to keep at-risk people in their homes, to provide shelter to the homeless and to provide support through initiatives such as Loui's Van.

We resolved to pursue the following actions:

- 1) Provide high profile support to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, and to encourage more volunteers to join this wonderful community service organisation.
- 2) To generate a list of essential items for homeless teenagers which can be donated through the parish and distributed to local secondary schools, including MacKillop College. This list includes: toothbrushes and toothpaste, mascara, deodorant, razors (boys and girls), skin and face moisturizer, cleanser, mouthwash, chapsticks, soap, pads, tampons, shampoo and conditioner, Bonds brand undies for boys and girls in differing sizes, bras in differing sizes, black, white or thermal socks, black or white thermal tops for under clothes, scarfs, beanies, hairbrushes, hair bands or scrunchies, metro cards, drink bottles, backpacks, rubik's cubes or stress balls, shoelaces, stationary such as pens, pencils, rubbers, calculators, phone and iPad chargers. These items can be brought to church and placed in the plastic tubs provided and they will be distributed to local secondary schools.
- 3) To explore the possibility of our parish volunteers staffing Loui's van for an early morning outing near Eastlands shopping centre where a number of people sleep out at night.
- 4) Encourage advocacy where possible, especially through the Clarence Council and State Government to provide basic low cost accommodation as a matter of urgency.

Can I ask that you prayerfully consider these four action points and respond to any or all of them as you are able. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Fr Richard

WALK WITH CHRIST

Sunday 23rd June 1:15 to 3:00 pm. Celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ by processing through the city of Hobart. Be at St Joseph's Church (Harrington St) by 1.15 pm, and walk with us to St Mary's Cathedral for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction concluding at 3:00pm. There will be a 'cuppa' afterwards. If you can't do the walk come to the Cathedral at 2:00pm for prayer and Adoration. Prayer intentions can be written in the Book of Life in the church foyer.

BELLERIVE LINDISFARNE COMMUNITY

We invite you and your group to our Winter Wonderland afternoon tea and entertainment. Save the date!

Where: Lindisfarne Activities Centre

When: Wednesday July 24 2019 at 1.30 pm

Further information and Poster to follow late June.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Your donations by envelope contributions and by providing blankets, doonas, coats and general clothing will be greatly appreciated and can make a real difference to the lives of the people we support. Please return your contribution in the envelopes provided to the collection plate over the next week or so. Plastic bags for clothing donations are also available for return to the church foyer over the next few weeks.

EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE

A conference featuring keynote speaker, Robert Falzon, from MenAlive will be held at St Bernard's, Claremont on 30th & 31st August. Cost \$65 including lunch, dinner etc. Registration: www.eventbrite.com.au or Diana Batchelor on 6210 8805. Leaflets in the foyer.

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