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The Most Holy TRINITY, Year B 25 - 26 May 2024

HEIRS OF THE KINGDOM

God's revelation of the God-head to humanity unfolds as the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier. Following the incarnation at Christmas, our redemption at the Cross and Easter, and the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost, the Christian community now celebrates the three persons in the God-head. Our celebration today thus highlights the triune nature of God as Father, Son, and Spirit (Matt 28:19).

Moses in our first reading (Deut 3:32-40) reflects on who this God is, not just for him for his nation. Moses draws his inspiration from the people's experiences of God through God's interaction with them. Moses' teaching comes in a question format; questions that call for deep reflection. Moses appeals to the people's experiences of God's presence in Egypt and during their sojourn in the wilderness: God manifested God's presence in Egypt through the various plagues, and at the foot of the mountain God spoke to them from the heart of the fire. In highlighting these experiences of the people of God Moses draws their attention first to the greatness of God, the God who calls them to be God's own people; but more importantly the God who desires not just a relationship with God's people but intimacy. This implies the greatness of God who condescends to establish a relationship with humans and calls them God's own. Moses addresses further something that is at the heart of the relationship between God and Israel: the Law. Hence, Moses states: "Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever" (Deut 4:40). Israel is the people of God, and as people of God they are encouraged to abide by the word (the laws and commandments) of God. It is obedience to the word of God that determines their blessings as children of God.

St Paul implies this in our second reading (Rom 8:14-17), when he affirms that "everyone moved by the Spirit" is a child of God (v 14). Whereas Moses emphasises the keeping of the law, Paul places emphasis on the reception of the Spirit which becomes effective from the moment of our baptism (Mark 1:11; Acts 2:38). In Paul's view, the child of God today has the identity and mark as a "recipient of the Spirit". But much more important than the reception of the Spirit is the "living according to the prompting" of the Spirit of God. Paul refers to this as being moved by the Spirit— "Everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God," says Paul (Rom 8:14). When moved by the Spirit we are able to address God as "Abba", the same intimate term used by Jesus to address God as father (Rom 8:15; cf. Mark 14:36). We become "heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ," conferred with all the rights and privileges of God's children (Rom 8:17). It is the Spirit who implants in us that sense of intimacy. Just as Israel was admonished to keep the laws of God so also Paul exhorts us to live a life "moved by the Spirit".

What does it even mean to be moved by the Spirit? It is to be guided by the Spirit in our daily life; to be under the influence of the Spirit. This passionate and enthusiastic appeal from the apostle Paul encourages us, as children of God, to yield to the leading of the Spirit of God, who teaches and reminds us of what Jesus taught (John 14:17). To be moved/led by the Spirit is to abide by the teaching and the counsel of the Spirit, who though invisible, is our unseen friend. To be moved by the Spirit is to be inspired and guided of the Holy Spirit. It suggests a life of obedience to God. Being led by the Spirit renews and reinvigorates our faith, and thus strengthens communion with God. It is this communion (in the Spirit) that gives us the confidence to cry out: "Abba Father!" thus, calling God "daddy".

May the blessing of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit abide with us now and forever. Amen!

Fr Francis

PARISH CALENDAR.

Sat 25 & Sun 26 May: Trinity Families Leaving Collection
Sun 2 June 10.30am: First Sunday Cuppa
Thurs 6 June 5.00pm: Serra Club Mass
Friday 28 June: Praise & Worship evening

TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL May 2024
Bishop Greg Bennet has urged the members of the diocese to generously support the annual appeal for Trinity Families, in our parishes this year. He said "As good stewards of the gifts that God has given us, we must always find a necessary place for those who need our help. To achieve this, Trinity Families Fund needs to continue to grow its funds so that this mission of service can be more effective. It is important to keep at the forefront of our minds that this is our own charity arm specifically set up to serve and support the needs of families in the Greater Gippsland area. While there are many calls upon our donations at this time, what is both worthwhile and unique about Trinity Families is that it is locally based and supports the particular needs of our area." Bishop Greg urges everyone to give generously to the May 2024 Appeal by donating. Here is the link for people to donate online:

https://sale.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622462
Those wanting a receipt for Taxation purposes are asked to use the envelopes available in the church. There will be a leaving Collection at all parish churches this weekend **Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 May 2024.**

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral we welcome for Baptism **Huxley Brooks** son of Stephen & Haylee. At St Patrick's Briagolong, we welcome for Baptism **Herbie Lanigan** son of Alyssia & Brett; as well as **Elsie, Letti & Nash Cameron** children of Daniel & Kirsten. Congratulations to the families from us all.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 6 June** at 4.40pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Brenda Burditt.

31 CLUB REMINDER 27 May - 2 June. Please pray for vocations.

LOST PROPERTY if you have lost any items in the Cathedral please come to the office and check if we have it. We have a number of items that have been in the office for some time but have not been collected.

PARISH PRAYER.
*God our loving Father,
we give you thanks and praise
for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming
and serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen*

PARISH FINANCE REPORT One of the queries coming out of the recent finance report to parishioners concerns the increase in our annual insurance premium and why has this occurred. Catholic Church Insurances, which had been the insurance provider for parish's in the diocese for many years, was unable to meet it's prudential requirements with the Regulator and, as a consequence, it's board decided that the company would discontinue it's services. This impacted every diocese and catholic entity within Australia. Following a lengthy search for another provider the Sale Diocese, along with most other Catholic Diocese's in Australia, engaged the services of AON Insurance Broker. It became apparent during the negotiation process with AON that Catholic entities were not paying a market rate for their insurance. Prior years premium amounts were not reflecting the increases that were seen in the general insurance market, especially for building and contents and public liability insurance. It also became obvious that parish's were not all paying the same rate of asset value, ranging from as low as \$1.10 to \$2.50 per \$1,000 of asset value. The rate per \$1,000 of asset value all parish's in the diocese are now paying is \$3.98. Hence the significant increase in this year's premium.

AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP: It is always very special and spiritually enriching when brethren come together to express themselves in worship to God in unison. Our friend and brother, Fr. Mark Hughes, who is gifted in music has been invited and he is very happy to lead us in this special encounter with the Divine. The date is on **Friday night, 28 June, starting at 6.30pm.** There will be shared supper afterwards. Please save the date. More details very soon.

SAFETRAC ONLINE TRAINING FOR PARISH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

As part of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy released late last year, parish staff and volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training regularly. The Diocese has released an online training module called Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Sale. Staff and volunteers in our parish who have an email address will shortly receive an email link to complete the training. This training is completed every three years. Other arrangements are being made for volunteers who do not have emails or internet access. We ask for your cooperation to undertake this online training as soon as possible as part of our parish commitment to promoting a safe environment for our children, youth, and adults at risk.

PILGRIMAGE 'In the Footsteps of Mary McKillop' pilgrimage flyers are available in all parish churches. This take place from **15 - 26 October 2024.** Please refer to the flyer if you would like details.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Next weekend, **Sunday 2 June**, the Polish Community and St Thomas' Primary school will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.
At Other times: Available on request
Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.
MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,634.00
Presbytery:	\$1,582.40
Credit Cards	\$30.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$992.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
The Most Holy TRINITY, Year B
25 - 26 May 2024**

Day/Date	Time	Place
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 25 May	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 26 May	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong Cathedral
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday 27 May	<i>No</i>	<i>Mass</i>
Tuesday 28 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 29 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 30 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 31 May		
Exposition & Benediction Mass	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND MASSES		
Saturday 1 June	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 2 June	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

DIOCESAN CONSULTATION PROCESS

Launch of the Diocesan Consultation Process:
Last Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, the Diocesan Consultation Process was launched in all parishes of the Diocese of Sale. The Bishop invites all of us to participate in a two-part consultation process of prayer, and attentive listening, to gather ideas on what pastoral initiatives are needed to help our Diocese to become more Christ-centred, synodal and missionary as we together face the opportunities and challenges of our time. Let's pray to the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide our consultation process.

Diocesan Consultation & Assembly Prayer 2024- 2025

Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come!
Startle us anew with your power and energy.
Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.
Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us.
Light up the windows of our joy and purpose.
Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us.
Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible.

May we listen attentively
to your quiet whisper at our very core.
May we discern your call
expressed in the voices and stories of others.
May we build a Church
that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.
May we be at one with all of humanity
and the rest of God's creation.

May we develop the courage to be people of mission,
alert to opportunities,
always on the move,
bringing Good News to our needy world,
Wind and Fire for one another.
Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Pray for Us.



Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 25 May 5.30pm	Sun 26 May 9.30am	Sun 26 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Gweneth & Angel
Commentator	Emma Morrison	Amanda & Maya	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Christine Lyon	Faye Flint
Eucharist	Carmel Wade	Margaret Shirreffs	Lyn Althaus
Counters	Len Althaus & Lyn Althaus		

Cathedral Date & Time	Sat 1 June 5.30pm	Sun 2 June 9.30am	Sun 2 June 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Brenda Burditt	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Kate Bicknell	Susan Mattson	Adam Collins
Eucharist	Jenny Gunn	Dalia Ellison	Doug Waite
Counters	Theo Smolenaars & Sandra Smolenaars		

MASS INTENTIONS:

Wed 22 May Ashleigh House: Harold & Vera Trew (A)

Sun 26 May 9.30am: Maurice O'Neill (A)

Sat 1 June 9.30am: Ann O'Brien (BA)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: We offer prayers for those who have died **Samantha Rando** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Grace Harvey, Olga Tobar, Harold & Vera Trew, Maurice O'Neill, deceased Clergy of our Diocese.** We pray for those who are sick **Fr Andrew Wise, Teolinda Barrera, Jayantha, Emma O'Hare, Jim Clottin, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, Nimal & Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane.** **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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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.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

With his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of children, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

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:

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20

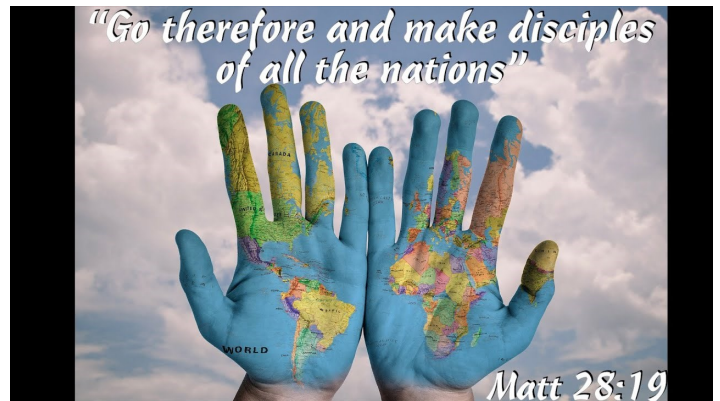
The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up to and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral
Every Friday 10 - 11am
Reconciliation: Cathedral Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST, Year B

First Reading: **Exodus 24:3-8**
Second Reading: **Hebrews 9:11-15**
Gospel: **Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm
Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm
Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.