

Trinity Sunday

31 May 2026



Readings for
this week: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18



Readings for
next Sunday: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58



Liturgical Jottings

Responsorial Canticle

Normally after the first reading the congregation respond to it with the responsorial psalm which takes up the sentiments or character of the first reading and often relates to the Gospel of the day. Listening to the Word of God elicits two responses, one of prayer and praise (the Psalm) and the other of Christian faith and action we take with us after Mass. But the text for the response is not always a psalm, despite the heading printed in the Lectionary. From time to time, it is an Old Testament Song or a New Testament Canticle.

The Response to the first reading in the liturgy today is a Canticle from the Book of Daniel (3:52-56) known as the Song of the Three Young Men. They sang this song in the furnace while under torture by the King of Babylon (see image above). The passage today is the first five verses of a much longer song – 38 verses in total. This song is only found in the Greek and Syriac versions on the Old Testament.

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Looking at the Readings

The readings we have for the Feast of the Holy Trinity do not give us a doctrine on the Trinity or even a description of God's many and wonderful attributes. Therefore, we should not expect a treatise on the theology of the Trinity today. Then what should we expect?

The reading from Exodus is the second time the name of God is given. The name we don't pronounce but what Moses received as the revelation of God, first at the burning bush and here on Mount Sinai. But we do read what the name means for the generations from Moses to now. God is the God of "tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness." The Responsorial Canticle, likewise, is not a treatise of the power of the Trinity but a moment of praise of God (see below). Again, the second reading is really a greeting evoking the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and what the grace of God gives: happiness, peace and love. Our expectation then is a loving relationship with God.

The scene with the Lord, Moses and burning bush is also known as the Gospel of the Old Testament because it reveals God to his people. The first line of today's Gospel is called the Gospel within the Gospel. It reveals God to us: '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.' Thus is the mystery of the Trinity: God is Love. God with us.

Prayer of the Week

The Responsorial Canticle of the Three Young Men: Shadrach, Meshach and Abendigo

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestors.

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed is your glorious and holy name,

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed are you in the temple of your holy glory,

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed are you who look into the depths, seated upon the cherubim,

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

℣ Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven.

℟ To be praised and highly exalted for ever!

(Translation RNJB as found in the 2029 Lectionary)

On the Lighter Side

The serious seeker of detachment will have to embrace the Holy Trinity of solitude, stillness and silence and reject the new religion of commotionism: constant company, movement and noise.



 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	Angelo Perta
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Jim Curtis, Eric Connelly
	Our sick and their carers	Philomena Lo Piccolo, Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Russell Parsons, Rita Fairchild, Harney McKinnon

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday 6th June 5:00pm

Commentator: Domelina Phelan
Reader: Denice Bourke
Gospel Procession: Delphi Hamilton
Gifts: J Caiafa & M Vraca
Screen Operator: Anne Hutchison
Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 7th June 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Marie Nihill
Reader: Gem Reyes
Gospel Procession: Catherine O'Toole
Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
Eucharistic Minister: Ross Kelly
Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: L & D Worm

Sunday 14th June 10:30am

Commentator: Mary Gale
Reader: John Keane
Gospel Procession: Anna Ciavarella
Gifts: S Gregg & D Phelan
Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Worm
Screen Operator: Lou Worm
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: E Worm & C Coulston

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass

Next Baptism Preparation Meeting

Wednesday 3rd June at 5:30pm in the Church.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 3rd June

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 3rd June 9:15am
Friday 5th June 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6th June 5:00pm
Sunday 7th June 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 10th June 9:15am
Friday 12th June 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 14th June 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)

4th Sunday of the month: Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.



The next one will be Wednesday 3rd June.

Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the parish.



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Last week: \$ 710.70

May God bless you always.



Thank You



MULTICULTURAL/PENTECOST MASS A big thank you and congratulations to all who participated with readings, Prayers of the Faithful and brought food to celebrate our shared lunch. It was certainly a lovely opportunity to mingle, share fellowship and celebrate the unity and diversity of our parish community.

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.

John 3:16

Names on Prayer List: Please email or contact the office to add names on the prayer list.

Gluten Free Hosts: Please Trish or Fr Uday know if you require gluten free hosts.

Planned Giving Program: The current Planned Giving Program will renew in June. If anyone would like to either join the program or revise your giving amount please let us know by emailing the parish (tatura@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) or letting Trish know before the new envelopes are ordered. Please note all changes or additions need to be advised by next weekend. Thank you.

Sacred Heart Winter Appeal: Sacred Heart School is taking donations of perishable goods, toiletries, blankets etc. for St Vincent de Paul. These will be collected and delivered to Vinnies on the Founders Day and Feast of the Sacred Heart. If you would like to donate please drop them off at the school by 12th June or into the basket in the Narthex.

Wills & Bequeaths: There is an information sheet on the table in the Narthex regarding Wills and Bequeaths. Please consider your Parish when you are considering your Will.

CatholicCare Victoria (CCV) is the Catholic Church's mission in action. CCV delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help reach their full potential and overcome life's challenges. It's committed to building thriving communities, where everyone belongs, and focuses on real life issues and offers practical support for all members of the community. Services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support, financial and material aid and a variety of courses to strengthen relationships and wellbeing. Office locations are in Bendigo, Shepparton and Wangaratta. Some services are provided remotely while others are location specific. If CCV cannot provide the support service, a referral can be made. For info or support, call 1800 123 228 or visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

As we reflect on the readings for Trinity Sunday Year A, let us remember the importance of unity, love, and relationship with God. These reflections encourage us to think about how the Trinity works in our lives, shaping our relationships and calling us to be more like God in our actions toward others.

Trinity Sunday Year A invites us to reflect on the mystery of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is a time to remember that God is three persons but one in essence, showing us how they work together for our good. Here are some key themes for this special day:

- **God's Loving Nature:** God shows us love through His actions. He is always ready to forgive and shows kindness to all.
- **God's Justice and Mercy:** While God is loving and forgiving, He also brings justice. He helps us understand that mercy and justice work together.
- **Peace and Unity:** Paul encourages the people to live in peace. Unity among believers is important to God, and He calls us to be united.
- **Blessing Through Christ:** Through Jesus, God offers grace to everyone. We are blessed with His love and friendship through the Holy Spirit.
- **Gift of Eternal Life:** God sent His Son to give us the gift of eternal life. Those who believe in Jesus can be saved from death and live forever.
- **The Role of the Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit brings us closer to God. He helps us grow in faith and guides us in living out God's will.
- **Faith and Salvation:** Belief in Jesus is key to salvation. Without faith, we miss the chance to receive the gift of eternal life.

In conclusion, Trinity Sunday Year A highlights the importance of understanding the relationship between God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It teaches us about love, justice, salvation, and unity through our faith in God.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank You for revealing Yourself to us in your perfect unity. Help us to reflect Your love and unity in our lives, working together in peace and faith. Empower us to live out the grace and love You give, sharing it with everyone we meet. Amen.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child safety officer Debbie Turvey on 0407 804 317.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE “GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION”

Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton Building on the success of the 2025 Formation Gathering “Building Communities of Belonging”, Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator, is proud to invite you to the Sandhurst Formation Institute 2026 “Growing as Communities of Mission”. The Institute will explore bringing a mission lens to all we do in our faith communities. With a rich program of prayer, keynotes, seminars and a dedicated youth stream, it's an opportunity not to be missed. More details soon!

BISHOP RENÉ RAMIREZ RCJ INSTALATION

On 11 April Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop René Ramirez RCJ as the ninth Bishop of Sandhurst. He will be installed at Sacred Heart Cathedral on 30 July at 11am. Save the date. All welcome. Until that time, Fr Brian Boyle will continue to serve as Diocesan Administrator.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

“We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!” — Pope John Paul II More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org. World Mission Ros

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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

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

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.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

WE ARE GOD’S BELOVED

In a world of unrest and at a time when many of us could be struggling with uncertainty and loneliness, the readings for this Feast offer us a soulful soothing balm. Each of the readings celebrate God (first reading), the Holy Spirit (second reading) and Jesus (our Gospel); our focus is on the Gospel. The passage’s context is about Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, coming to Jesus ‘by night’, seeking to understand Jesus’ relationship with God. Jesus speaks of the importance of being born ‘from above’.

In typical Johannine misunderstanding—Nicodemus doesn’t understand how we can be born ‘again’ (a confusion with Jesus’ word ‘above’ and a play on the Greek)—John invites the audience (and us) to come to the heart of God’s agenda: God is in absolute love with the world; his Son, Jesus, becomes the fruit of that love through whom believers, even the searching Nicodemus, will be found and have life eternal. This is a powerful witness and clear statement of God’s intention for our world. We, too, need to hear this when there seem to be many contrary and conflicting voices.

John’s Gospel is important for us to know that no matter what, we are God’s beloved; God does not judge or condemn us. This flies in the face of those who think, wrongly, that God is ‘out to get us’ and awaits to chalk up our misdeeds. This is so contradictory to the God revealed to us in Jesus. We, like Nicodemus, find ourselves at times stumbling around ‘by night’ as we seek to come into the light. This is God’s gift to us on this feast as we celebrate God’s beloved intent for us and our world.

Fr Michael Trainor

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

31 MAY 2026

FIRST READING

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

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, ‘Lord, 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.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

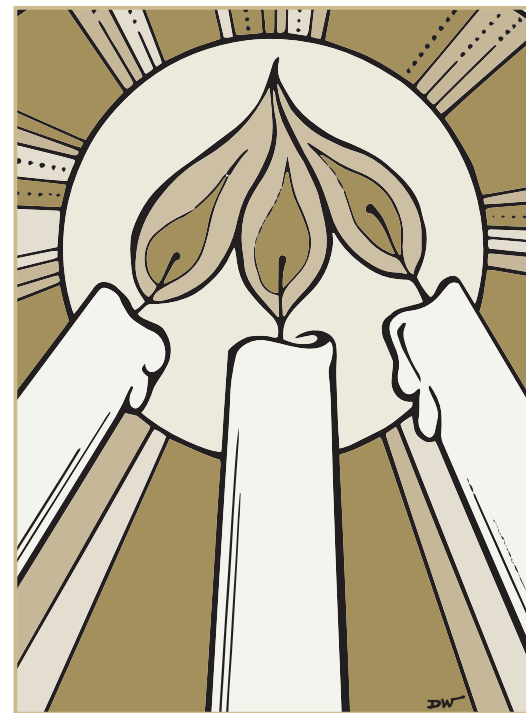
R. Glory and praise for ever!

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

R. Glory and praise for ever!



SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.