



St Michael's Parish Nowra

Incorporates the Church communities of St Michael's - Nowra, St Patrick's - Berry, Sacred Heart - Bomaderry
Mary Help of Christians - Culburra, Holy Spirit - Vincentia & St Joseph's - Kangaroo Valley

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Trinity Sunday
June 7th 2020



THE FEAST OF THE BLESSED TRINITY:

Today we seek Liturgically to celebrate the Greatness, the Goodness, and Love of

God. A God who cannot be really defined,-- whom St. John describes as "LOVE".

We speak of God in the light of the Gospels and Christian Tradition as "the Blessed Trinity." However we don't have language to adequately describe this Truth of Christian Faith, - in this regard St. Thomas Aquinas spoke of "the misery or poverty of language".

The mystery of the Blessed Trinity is not simply a doctrine to be believe, and verbally referred to in prayer, and otherwise held at arm's length, rather we reflect the richness of this teaching in the communities in which we live, our families, parishes, neighbourhood, and places of work; we reflect it in endeavouring to be loving understanding, tolerant, forgiving, our inclusion and our outreach. We are brought into this divine relationship in our Baptism. Today's Feast declares that we are always and everywhere linked to and destined for One who is infinitely greater than ourselves.

We are celebrating in this Feast the intimacy and dignity to which we are called.

All faithful in the diocese are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Sunday Mass at present.

At this time, please consider attending one of the weekday Masses.

The faithful can continue to keep holy their Sunday by setting aside time for prayer at home, reading the Scriptures of the day, or watching Mass on television or online, and asking God for the graces they would normally receive in Holy Communion.

Mass Registration

- + To register for Mass at Berry, Bomaderry, Culburra and Nowra, please call **0477 427 396**. This number will take registrations between 10am and 5pm Monday to Friday.
- + To register for Mass at Kangaroo Valley, please email ronankangaroo1@gmail.com
- + To register for Mass at Vincentia, please call 4441 5723.
- + At the current time, Mass is limited to 10 parishioners, (plus clergy & essential assistant). ****Additional Masses offered.****
- + The Church is NOT open for private prayer

Mass Times

St Michael's Nowra

Monday to Friday	8:00am
Wednesday	8:00am and 5:30pm
Friday	8:00am and 11:30am
Saturday Vigil	5:00pm
Sunday	8:00am, 9:30am & 5:00pm

St Patrick's Berry

Tuesday - 5:30pm Sunday - 8:00am

Sacred Heart Bomaderry

Friday - 5:30pm Sunday - 9:30am

Mary Help of Christians Culburra

Thursday - 5:30pm Sat Vigil - 5:00pm

St Joseph's Kangaroo Valley

Sunday - 11:00am

Holy Spirit Vincentia

Monday to Friday	8:00am
Saturday Vigil	5:00pm and 6:15pm
Sunday	9:00am and 10:15am



Each Sunday at 9am, the Diocese currently broadcasts Sunday Mass with Bishop Brian. You can view it on the Diocesan website www.dow.org.au or [YouTube Channel](#) or [Facebook page](#).

Clothing needed for Inmates -

inmates released from prison often do not have suitable clothes to wear. This could be because of change in size over time, seasonal changes etc. Male clothing of all sizes is needed, no undergarments. We are willing to collect the clothing from each person's residence. Please call Robyn Presdee 0438 207 394.



Catechist Service Awards:

Please take a moment to consider how many years you have served as a catechist, children's liturgy and/or a volunteer for RCIA. Including this year, are you due for a service award? Service awards are for 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30+ years of service. Please contact Frances at the Parish Office.



We prayerfully remember **Frank Walsh of Berry** who died unexpectedly this week. Frank was a life long parishioner of Berry, a Catechist, a member of St V de Paul and a welcoming face as a Greeter at St Patrick's over the years. Also **John Baumann, Margaret Casson, Ian McKinnon** and all whose anniversaries occur. We pray for all who have died from the Covid-19 virus, in Australia and worldwide. May they rest in peace.

Accommodation needed - single man, looking to rent house. Requires a secure yard for collection of bonsai and large dog. Current lease has expired and rental required ASAP. If you can help or know someone who can help, please call Tim Coffey on 0478 071 066.



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First Reading - *A reading from the book of Exodus*

Ex 34:4-6. 8-9

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name. (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading - *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

2 Cor 13:11-13

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.

Gospel - A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 3:16-18

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.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost – both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was, and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.' Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God's Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God's love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.