

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.

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

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GRACIOUS AND FORGIVING LOVE

The blessing 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you' is one familiar to us all. It may come as a surprise to know that it was originally the conclusion of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. The community was bitterly divided, and Paul wrote the letter to reconcile himself with a community that had become estranged from him and one another. He saw that they were all called to model their lives on the living God's gracious, loving, and unifying nature.

The graciousness and life-giving character of God's love have been seen throughout all of salvation history but seldom clearer than in the episode of the golden calf. Face to face with the living God on the holy mountain Moses feels it necessary to plead for the people of Israel and their idolatry. He knows their desperate plight but before he even pleads for the people God reveals that Israel's God is one of compassion, tenderness, faithfulness, and mercy.

For people of faith there is always the danger that people hide from the living God because of fear in the face of failure and sin. Nicodemus is invited to understand that the power of God is most clearly seen in a love that will risk everything to bring us back, even the most precious gift of all, Jesus Christ. On this feast of the Trinity, these readings lead us to reflect on the nature of God that we celebrate - creative, saving and forgiving love.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.

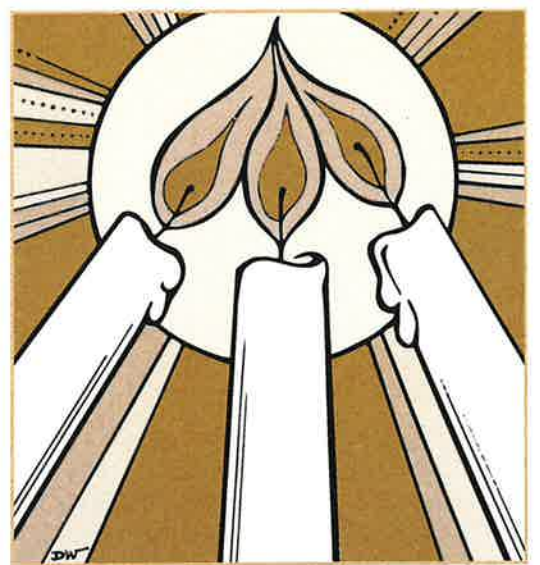
He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come 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

- 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!
- 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!
- 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 1:8

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

PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL THROUGH GREECE AND TURKEY

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently Deceased: Dawn Schiller, Brian Harvey, Stjepan Cavolic, Joyce Bennet, Fabian Lo Schiavo, Litzia (Letti) Aramini, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane. All the souls in Purgatory.

Anniversary: Ronelle Knowles, Grace Abela, Aldo Viselli, Tony Gauci, George Kerbage, Ida Rotta, Joseph Rotta, Dr Ralph Baccash, Giselle & Nasri Baccash.

The Sick: Marcus O'Dean, Mick Hall, Angela Beveridge, Marie Cullen, Merley Nate Fien, Patrick Sargent, Gina Buchan, Ethan Sharpley, John Sarniak Thomson, Pam O'Grady, Heracleo & Mamerta Dela Torre, Santa Viselli, Ellie Carter and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes, and those suffering from Covid.



Where will Fr. John be celebrating Mass next weekend?

Saturday - 10 June 2023 - 5.00 pm St Andrew's (Livestreamed)

Sunday - 11 June 2023 - 10.00 am St. Agnes'



Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes of Malabar-Matraville. Last Sunday evening we concluded our Easter Season for 2023. We have now moved into the Ordinary Time of the Church's Year, but our Ordinary Time Sunday's will not commence until 18 June with the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time.

These next two Sundays are two Solemnities within Ordinary Time, Trinity Sunday this Sunday, and Corpus Christi the following week.

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God three person, undivided existing before all time. It is in the Trinity that we are baptised and begin our pilgrimage of Grace to our true home in heaven. It is wonderful today that at St Andrew's we baptise 5 children and one adult, Darren Scott into the Church.

This Thursday we will have a Confirmation Retreat Day for all candidates of our parishes from State and Catholic Schools. The retreat will take place at St Andrew's Malabar with Mass at 9am. The 9am Mass of St Agnes' will be transferred for this week to St Andrew's.

Next Sunday all are invited to assemble at Martin Place for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi with entertainment at 1pm and walking through the city with the Blessed Sacrament at 2.30pm Sharp! During the procession there are prayers and hymns, then arriving at St Mary's Cathedral there will be Benediction.

The ACT Government are planning on taking over The Calvary Hospital in Canberra. Calvary Hospital has played a vital part of Canberra for 44 year and still had 76 more years to go in its agreement. Please go our Parish Website so you can email the Prime Minister to tell him of your concerns for this important Catholic Hospital been taken over by The ACT Government.

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart, may Jesus's Love be received and given to all and everywhere blessed.

God bless you all, Father John



We welcome into our Parish Community
Annabelle Catherine Ryan, Darren James Scott,
Georgina Hazel Tuttlebee and Hugo David Tuttlebee, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend at St. Andrew's. **Congratulations.**



Available at the Piety Stall (\$20) both parishes. Bob Cameron a parishioner of St Andrew's has published a book about his journey back to God—**21 Days Back to God**. You can also purchase online Coventry Press at: <https://coventrypress.cm.au/index.php?route=common/home> Just enter the title in the search box. Or order through Catholic bookshops such as: <https://www.paulinebooks.com.au/location/index.shtml> and <https://mustardseed.org.au/>.