



# St Mary's Cathedral

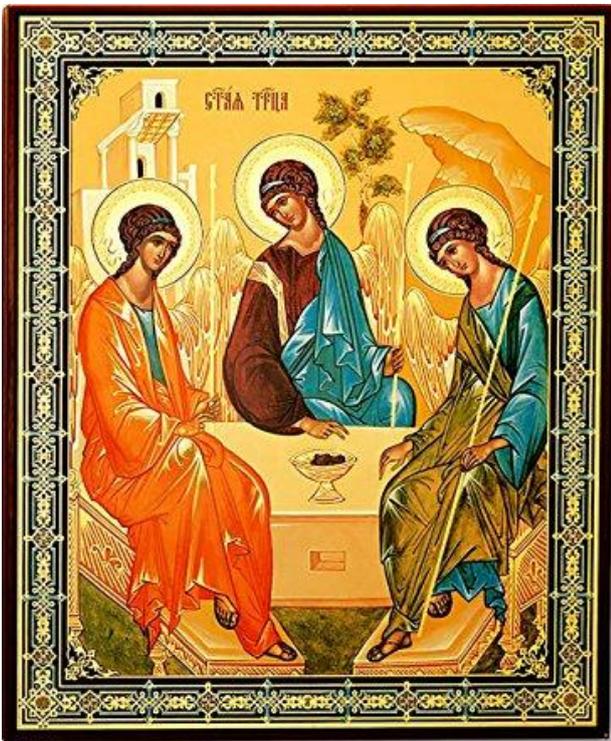
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**Sunday, 27 May 2018**  
**The Most Holy Trinity – Year B**

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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

St. Augustine of Hippo, one of the great contributors to Trinitarian theology, explained in his essay *De Trinitas* that ‘The Trinity is one God and it is exactly true to say, believe and think that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are of one single and the same substance or essence.’ We find this sameness in substance expressed by the term ‘consubstantial’ in the Nicene Creed. By ‘substance’ we do not mean physical substance but essence or nature, which makes a thing what it

is – e.g. human beings are essentially made of body and soul. When applied to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit share the same divine nature, meaning each Person of the Holy Trinity is equally God, with none being lesser than the other.

But then, shouldn't this mean we have multiple Gods? For us creatures, sharing one nature produces multiple entities. However, consubstantiality in God doesn't necessitate separate beings. When we say the Son is consubstantial with the Father, it means he is ‘one only God with Him’. The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit share the same divine nature, but unlike creatures, are one in being rather than being separate. Therefore, “we do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the ‘consubstantial Trinity.’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 253)

So how can we distinguish the three divine Persons? The Catechism explains: “It is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds.” (CCC 254) The First Person of the Trinity is called ‘Father’ in relation to His Son, who is sent by the Father. The Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son. So they are distinguished in relation to one another – e.g. ‘Father’ is a relational identity and one only becomes a father when he has a child. In the case of the Holy Trinity, all three Persons are eternal. So the Father is eternally Father to the Son; the Son is eternally the Son of the Father; and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of them both eternally, since this relationship is ‘as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be’.

Still confused? Don’t feel alone. Fully understood? Don’t be so sure. After all, a divine mystery will always be beyond our finite human intellect. Even St. Augustine himself found it impossible to grasp. There’s a famous story of the saint contemplating the Trinity while walking on the beach. Struggling to understand the mystery, he repeatedly shook his head and said to himself, “Father, Son, Holy Spirit; three in one!” Then he spotted a little boy, who dug a hole in the sand and was going back and forth, trying to fill his pool with water. Curious, Augustine asked, “Son, what are you doing?” The boy replied, “Can’t you see? I’m emptying the sea into this pool!” Augustine retorted, “Son, you can’t do that!” The boy then turned to the saint and said, “I will sooner empty the sea into this pool than you will manage to get the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity in your head!” Then the little angel vanished, leaving Augustine, and indeed the rest of us, to ponder still.

Fr. Emmanuel Seo



*Liturgy...*

**First Reading Dt 4:32-34. 39-40**

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

***The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.***

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.**

**Response: Thanks be to God!**



Liturgy...

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12**

***(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.***

1. 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.)
2. 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.)
3. 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.)
4. 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 Rom 8:14-17**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

***You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!***

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, 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.**

**Response: Thanks be to God!**



*Liturgy...*

**Gospel Acclamation Rv 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!**



**Gospel**

**Mt 28:16-20**

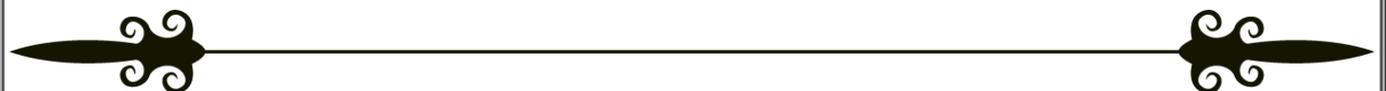
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

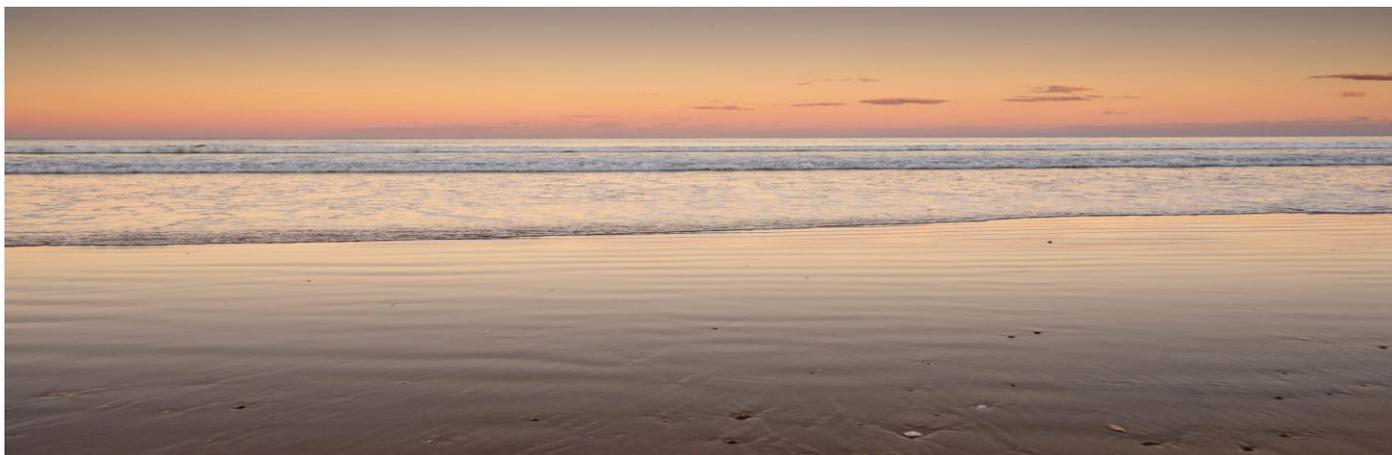
***Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.***

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 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**

**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



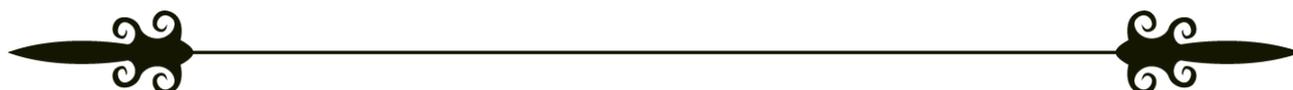


**CATHEDRAL CLERGY**

*Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP  
 Father Donald Richardson, Dean  
 Father Brendan Purcell  
 Father Emmanuel Yoon Jae Seo  
 Father Pierluigi Passoni*

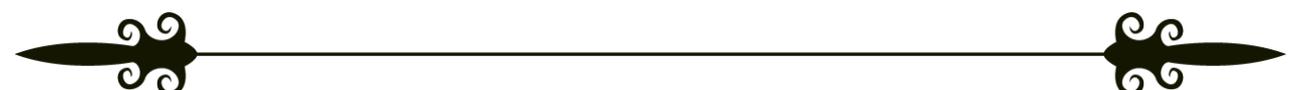
**CATHEDRAL STAFF**

*Chris Backhouse- Cathedral Sacristan  
 Thomas Wilson – Director of Music  
 Helen Morassut – General Manager, St Marys  
 Cathedral Precinct*



**A COPY OF THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$2**

<b>Weekend Mass</b>	Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass); 12noon Latin Mass in the extraordinary form; 6.00pm Mass
<b>Weekday Mass</b>	Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon Public Holidays: 9am (or as advertised)
<b>Reconciliation</b>	Monday-Friday: 12noon -1.00pm & 5.00pm to 5.25pm Saturday 11.30am- 11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm
<b>Vespers      (Evening Prayer)</b>	Monday to Thursday: 5.00pm; Saturday 5.30pm; Sunday 5.00pm (with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)



**\*\*COELIACS: Special Provision is made for Coeliacs at the Cathedral. Those who are gluten intolerant may receive communion either from the Chalice or with a gluten low host. Application should be made to the Sacristan before Mass.**

## CATHEDRAL NOTICES .....

**HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Men – What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018? Full Registration Cost: \$199 (See our website for other registration options) Register: <https://heart.thecatholicguy.com>. Email: [heart@TheCatholicGuy.com](mailto:heart@TheCatholicGuy.com) Phone: **1300 734 880**. Date: **7-9 June**. Venue: **Fairfield RSL**.

**WALK WITH CHRIST – 3 JUNE 2018**. All are invited to participate in this year's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, **Sunday 3 June 2018**. Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the **Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt** with Adoration and Benediction. If you are unable to join us for the Procession, you are more than welcome to join us for Adoration and Benediction from approximately **3.30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt**. The event will conclude at approximately 4:30pm. The procession will help mark the 200th anniversary of a little known, but most heroic and faith-filled time in the history of the Australian Church. In 1818, the Government forcibly removed the only Catholic priest in Australia, Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn, from Sydney. Fr O'Flynn's last pastoral act was to leave the Blessed Sacrament reserved in a faithful Catholic's home so that the colonists and prisoners could come to adore Christ present there. For two years, the Blessed Sacrament, in this lay Sydney home, was the source and centre of worship and consolation for the priestless Catholics of the Australian colony.

Please look for the Books of Life in your parish to write your prayer intentions that will be offered at the end of the procession.

**NO CATHEDRAL TOUR** Please note there will no public tour of the Cathedral on **27th May and 17th June 2018** as the Eastern Deanery Confirmations will be celebrated at the Cathedral on those days. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

**CHANGE - ST MARYS CATHEDRAL SERVICES** please note that the Latin Mass on **27th May and 17th June 2018** will be celebrated at the **Cathedral Crypt** as the Eastern Deanery Confirmations will be celebrated at the Cathedral on those days. **Please note, there will be NO ADORATION OR VESPERS** held on both these days.

**YEAR OF YOUTH BLOGGERS WORKSHOP** The Australian Catholic youth website [www.Xt3.com](http://www.Xt3.com) is hosting a Year of Youth Bloggers Workshop. If you want to improve your writing skills and share your faith online we encourage you to register. Date: **Tuesday - 5 June 2018** .Time: **5.30pm – 8.30pm**. Venue: **133 Liverpool Street, Sydney (The Polding Centre)** Who: This event is for those 18-35 years of age. \*You will need to submit a piece of writing before the workshop. To find out more: [www.bloggersworkshop.com.au](http://www.bloggersworkshop.com.au)

**EMBRACE, YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**. Embrace is St Mary's group for young people of 18-35 yrs old from all cultures and backgrounds. We **meet every Sunday after the 6.00pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral House**, adjacent to the Cathedral. Our activities and youth projects are designed to support spiritual development and encourage active practice of our faith. For **27 May**, Embrace will reflect on God's Word with a Lectio Divina (or 'Divine Reading' of Scripture). You are welcome to join: please call/text Embrace Coordinator on **0404 008 870** or write to [embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:embrace@stmaryscathedral.org.au).

**CARDINAL FROM MYANMAR AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL** Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, S.D.B., Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar will be celebrating Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday 10th June 2018 at 10:30am**. The Cardinal is an official guest of Catholic Mission who will be holding their annual mission appeal over the weekend of 9th and 10th June. Please join us in warmly welcoming Cardinal Bo to St Mary's Cathedral as we look forward to hearing more about the 'education revolution' in Myanmar. For more information, Freecall: **1800 257 296**, [catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar](http://catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar)

**CATALYST FOR RENEWAL :‘SEEKING TRUTH AND RENEWAL THROUGH CONVERSATION’** “What are the implications for the people of god arising from the royal commission?”. Robert Fitzgerald AM was a Commissioner on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to child Sexual Abuse for 5 years. Robert has a diverse background and extensive experience in commerce, law, public policy and community services, including extensive involvement in numerous not-for-profit agencies. Date: **Sunday 27 May 2018. Time: 1.30pm – 3.00pm.** Venue: **The crypt St Patrick’s Church, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks.** Cost: \$10 per head or donation. For more information please contact: T: **02 9990 7003 (MESSAGE BANK),** E: **catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au** or **www.catalystforrenewal.org.au**

**POSITION VACANT.** Youth and Young Adults Ministry Coordinator, All Saints Catholic Parish, Liverpool. Part-time position, 30 hours per week. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on **0402 210 055.** Applications close **Friday, 1 June 2018**

**MGL VOCATIONS DAY - Saturday 2 June 2018.** The Missionaries of God’s Love Priests and Brothers invite young men to come and see what our life is all about. Kicking off with 8:00am Mass followed by bacon and egg breakfast, the day will also include short talks and the opportunity for sharing and personal prayer. Finishes at 9:00pm. Held at **St Declan’s parish, 55 Penshurst St, Penshurst.** Bring sports gear and \$10 to help cover meal costs. Enquiries/RSVP: **Fr Chris: ceatonmgl@gmail.com/0410935621.** The MGLs are a homegrown missionary congregation of priests and brothers serving the Church in Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines. Find out more at **www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org**

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**POSITION VACANT:** Web Developer, **Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.** Full-time, permanent position. Ideal for someone with some experience but looking to grow in the role. For further information please contact Nevine Piperides at REACH Human Resources, on **0418 698 327.** Applications close **Thursday, 7 June 2018.**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY** Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in **January 2019.** Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on **15 January 2019, which** will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website **[www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd)**

**CATHOLICCARE SYDNEY** Helping families thrive: Are families in your community struggling? Parenting Education groups can help parents develop positive strategies to manage these concerns in a friendly environment with other parents. Call our friendly **CCareline** team on **13 18 19** to find out more or email **[connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT.** For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life’s changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. **Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm** Morning tea provided. For further information, please contact **96466908** or email **[bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au)**

**FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Archdiocese value the contribution that our volunteers make but more are needed to assist us from time to time. Our volunteers help us with the mailing of appeals and notices about our pilgrimages and special events as well as other duties. Please phone Elizabeth on **1800 753 959** or email **[fundraising@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:fundraising@sydneycatholic.org)**