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## **The Most Holy Trinity (YEAR A) - 4 JUNE 2023**

### **First Reading**

**Exodus 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**

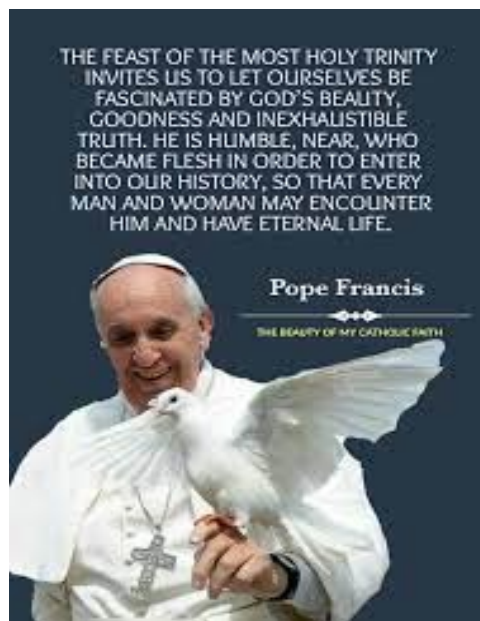
***(R.) Glory and praise for ever!***

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**

**2 Corinthians 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 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**

**John 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.'

### **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE:**

**For the abolition of torture**

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



**Dear Parish family,**

Following the conclusion of the Easter season last week with the celebration of Pentecost, this weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on one of the fundamental aspects of our faith, how we have come to know God as revealed to us through Jesus Christ.

Trinitarian theology was perhaps the most difficult of studies that I undertook while studying in the seminary, but also one of the most fascinating. While it involves concepts debated over centuries regarding the consubstantial nature of the persons of the Trinity, the human and divine nature of Christ (and many more long words!), the central truth about God and how we relate to God is presented to us in the familiar, and most simple, dynamic of family.

The bond of love between the Father and the Son can be seen in the bond that a human parent and their child shares. The love between parents and children can be sensed when visiting their homes – as if it is catching! The strongest of loves that exists between the members of the Trinity is something that flows out and invites all of creation to participate in it. The Holy Spirit as sent by the Father and the Son draws us into the loving relationship shared by the Father and the Son. The source of all life and love is the Holy Trinity, and it is the Trinity to which all love is directed to at the end.

May we all experience something of the life and love of the Trinity in our own relationships, and be open to the fullness of that life-giving love throughout our lives.

This weekend we welcome the children who are being presented to complete their sacramental initiation through Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, together with their families. As we welcome them into our parish community, may they come to know and be a part of the loving family of the Trinity through this important time of preparation.

This week I commence my annual leave and will return at the beginning of July. While I am looking forward to a break for the next few weeks, I am also looking forward to returning to you in July! Be assured of my ongoing prayers.

Have a blessed ~~week~~ month! *Fr Ben Brooks*



### **PRAY EACH DAY FOR OUR FIRST EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**



***Loving God, we ask you to bless these children. May they always feel your presence in their hearts and lives. We take them to our hearts as you take them to your heart. We pray that by our word and example we will help them along their journey of faith. May our Parish community always be a place where they feel welcome and cherished. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.***

### **FAITH SHARING SESSIONS FOR CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST**

***A reminder to our candidates and their families that the first Faith Sharing session will be held this coming Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th June at the Church of the Apostles, 3.30pm - 7.00pm.***

### **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS IN TASMANIA**

All are warmly invited to join the Carmelite nuns for a ***Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving*** to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundation of Carmel in Tasmania on ***Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am***, at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., West Launceston. Archbishop Julian will be Principal Celebrant and preacher, and Mass will be followed by morning tea.

### **YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY**

**FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED** especially ***Hazel Stewart*** (Timothy and Rachel), ***Charlotte Deegan*** (Shannon and Jessica) and ***Leila Newman*** (Joshua and Danielle) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

**FOR THOSE CELEBRATING MILESTONES** Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to ***Ruth McInnes*** who celebrates her ***80th Birthday*** this ***Sunday, 4th June***.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Tina La Palombara, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Myra Conway, Kathy Aldred, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Danielle Evans, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Elizabeth Howell, Ellen O'Dea, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Lawrie Griffin and Juan Orcullo who have died recently, Teresa Durkin, Rita Benedict, Amador, Emeliana, Jacinta and Maria Pechon, Maria Furfaro, Peter MacMichael, Peter Bird, Rex Boxhall, Barbara Helen Barrett, Wanda Tighe, Steven Taylor, Walter Moss, Peter Spinks, Helen Youd, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the Holy souls in Purgatory.

**FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY:** As the COVID virus continues to affect our lives, we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

**ONE HOUR WITH JESUS** *This Sunday, 4th June at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

**ASSOCIATES OF PRESENTATION SISTERS** will gather on **Saturday, 10th June** in the Launceston Parish Centre at **12 midday**. Soup and Sandwich lunch will be provided and this will be followed by Prayer.

**MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY** is being held each Monday night in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

**MORNING MEDITATION** at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am**. Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: ph: 6334 1082

**FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

**THE CARMEL SHOP:** 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

**St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses this weekend.**

**Morning Tea after 10.30am Mass—Church of the Apostles. All welcome**

**Copies of the latest edition of Australian Catholics are available for collection in the Church and the foyer of the Pastoral Centre**

### A VOCATION VIEW

*Each of us experiences a story of God's self-revelation in a unique way. Tell your story. Add to the beautiful mosaic of God's life in this world by the story of your life.*

### SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**150th Year Anniversary, Sunday 18th June 2023**

Mass at 10.30am at Church of the Apostles will be followed with refreshments and a tour of the school. RSVP is essential for refreshments and the tour by 7 June. Enquiries: shsl@catholic.tas.edu.au/ 63311011

**Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:**

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish  
BSB: 067 000; Account No: 1031 6153.  
Reference: "your surname"

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm Vigil</b>	Sacred Heart, Newstead
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	Carmel
<b>9.00am</b>	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
<b>9.00am</b>	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
<b>10.30am</b>	Apostles	
<b>5.30pm</b>	Apostles (April—September)	

### WEEKDAY MASSES 5th—10th June

**7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel**

<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Newstead</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Apostles</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Invermay</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Apostles</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Carmel</b>

### RECONCILIATION

<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9.30am -10.30am</b>	Apostles
	<b>5.15pm –5.45pm</b>	Newstead

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

*Planned Giving Envelopes for the next financial year will be distributed during the next few weeks to those who already donate to the Parish finances in this way.*

*If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program and contribute through envelopes, please contact the Parish Office on 6331 4377 or email: apostles@bigpond.com to arrange for a set of envelopes.*

*Thank you for your continued financial support to the Parish.*

### PARISH GROCERY DRIVE FOR St Vincent de Paul Society



Parishioners are welcome to donate a food item to help St Vincent de Paul Society, Launceston continue to assist many people in need. The grocery drive will be held over the next 3 weekends in June and donations can be left in the church or the Parish Office. Food items such as pasta, rice, sugar, coffee, tinned food, cereal etc are all welcome and must be well within 'Use By' dates.

**Thank you for your support**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - WINTER APPEAL

The Winter Appeal supports some of the most vulnerable in our community during the cold months of winter in Tasmania. The Appeal helps provide for immediate necessities, and offers support and advocacy for hope, peace and justice. If you are able, please take an envelope from the back of the church, all donations no matter how small are appreciated.

### MASS LIVE-STREAMED

**Each and every Sunday at 9am**

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

**Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.**



## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



*My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*



### FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

**Walk with Christ Eucharistic Procession** This annual Procession is happening on the Feast of Corpus Christi, **Sunday 11 June**. For those who are wanting to join the procession, please assemble at St Joseph's Church in Hobart no later than **12.45pm**. The procession will arrive at St Mary's Cathedral at about 2.00pm with Adoration and Benediction, finishing at 3.00pm.

More information: Michael McKenna 0409 178 133.

### GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

**Monday 5th:** Mark 12:1-12  
**Tuesday 6th:** Mark 12:13-17  
**Wednesday 7th:** Mark 12:18-27  
**Thursday 8th:** Mark 12:28-34  
**Friday 9th:** Mark 12:35-37  
**Saturday 10th:** Mark 12:38-44

### NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
**Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16**  
**Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20**  
**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**  
**John 6:51-58**



*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*

### DINING WITH FRIENDS

**An initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society together with the Launceston Parish.**



If you are feeling lonely, would like to make new friends, or would just enjoy a **FREE** home cooked meal prepared by and shared with people who care, please come along to **Dining with Friends**.

**Next gathering: Tuesday, 6th June at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre. Bookings are essential for catering Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551**

### LAUNCESTON PARISH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Enquires: please contact Fr Chatty 0469 661 578



**YOUTH GROUP** for young people from grades 5 to 12 - Music, Sport, Adventures, Social Work, Faith meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6.00pm - 7.30pm St Ailbe's Hall.

**Next meeting 9th June**

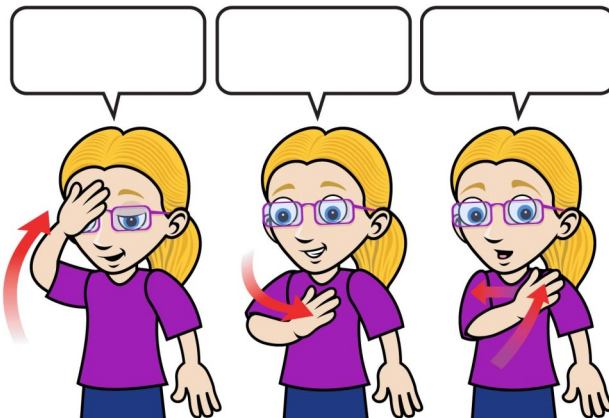
**Young Adults Group: 2nd and 4th Sundays**  
12noon @ the Pastoral Centre

## Children's Corner

There is a simple prayer that we say almost every day, which reminds us of the Trinity. That prayer is the Sign of the Cross.

### How do I make the Sign of the Cross?

- Using your right hand, touch your forehead and say.... (fill in the 1st speech balloon)
- Touch your chest near your heart and say.... (fill in the 2nd speech balloon)
- Touch your left shoulder, then your right shoulder and say.... (fill in the 3rd speech balloon)



When and where do we use the Sign of the Cross?

### The Sisters of Saint Joseph

have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, **"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"** commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. Many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry are visited during the pilgrimage.

Enquiries: Sr Annie Bond  
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or on 02- 89124818.