

perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

■ 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!**

### GOSPEL

Jn 16:12-15

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

*Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## UNITY OF LOVE

There is a famous icon of the Trinity by Rublev in which the three persons of the Trinity are depicted gathered around a table. Each of the figures looks toward the others and while each is painted in different colours each one is difficult to distinguish from the others. Rublev chose this graphic means to depict the uniqueness and unity of the Triune God. Similarly, the New Testament writers sought to express what they understood about the nature of God as Father, Son and Spirit. Each has a particular role in the unfolding of salvation history and yet they are united in a community of love.

For Paul, it is through our faith in Jesus that we are judged to be righteous, a righteousness which comes through his death and resurrection and enables us to look forward to the future glory of God the Father. The Spirit, for his part, has poured the love of God into our hearts. Certainly, Paul would not have claimed to have fully plumbed the depths of God, and yet like other first-generation Christians, he knew that you could not speak about God without coming to terms with God as Father, Son and Spirit.

The unity of Father, Son and Spirit is strongly expressed in the Gospel of John where all that the Father has is also the Son's, and whatever the Spirit will speak to the Church is an expression of what comes from the Father and the Son.

Christopher Monaghan CP

# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / C

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## FIRST READING

Prov 8:22-31

**A reading from the book of Proverbs**

*Wisdom was born before the earth was made.*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,  
before the oldest of his works.  
From everlasting I was firmly set,  
from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,  
there were no springs to gush with water.  
Before the mountains were settled,  
before the hills, I came to birth;  
before he made the earth, the countryside,  
or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,  
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,  
when he thickened the clouds above,  
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,  
when he assigned the sea its boundaries  
– and the waters will not invade the shore –  
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,  
I was by his side, a master craftsman,  
delighting him day after day,  
ever at play in his presence,  
at play everywhere in his world,  
delighting to be with the sons of men.

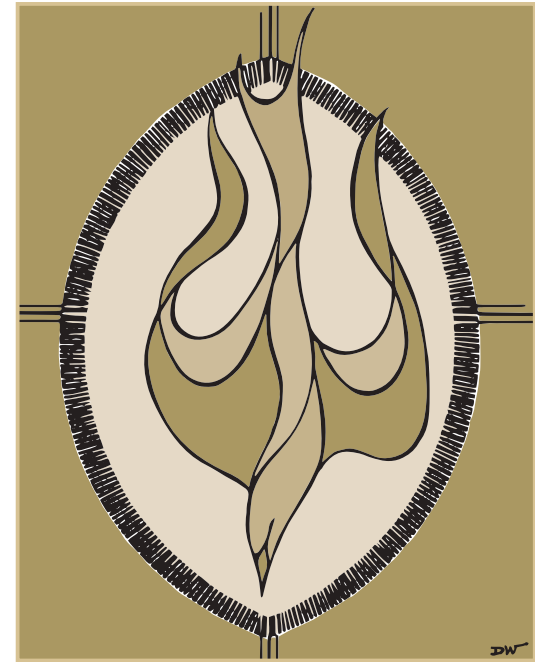
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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 8:4-9. R v 2

**R. O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
/ the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
/ what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
/ mortal man that you care for him? **R.**



2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
/ with glory and honour you crowned him,  
/ gave him power over the works of your hand,  
/ put all things under his feet. **R.**

3. All of them, sheep and cattle, / yes, even the savage beasts,  
/ birds of the air, and fish / that make their way through the waters. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 5:1-5

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

*To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings



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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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



### Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

**Recently deceased** Ronelle Knowles (Michael Ford's sister), Barry Blundell, Mary Ige, Susanna Peruzzi, Caroline Jones AO, John Ireland OAM (President of Catholic Club, Sydney), Robyn Fletcher Grace Abela and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the sick and dying, the poor and the homeless (that they continue to walk in the light of God's love, mercy & compassion), the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus, and victims of mass murder of children and teachers in Texas.

**Deceased:** Agnes Brisbane.

**Anniversary:** Carmelo Borg, Antonio Lopes, Anthony Bujeya, Joseph & Lydia Bujeya, Aldo Viselli, Tony Gauci, George Kerbage, Leonie Kerbage George Gennaoui, Jesvina Sarmento, Aida Cruz, Jacinta De Sousa, Humberto Soares, Renato Lobo, Altino Aravjo,

**The Sick:** Angelo Portelli, Anton Snashel, Ellie Carter, Mary Lau, Lilly Weekes, Brian and Colleen Maguire, Max Fenech, Marc Bakusic, Metilda and Jacintha Mary, Fran Evans and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying poor and homeless in our parishes and those suffering from Covid.



### Where will Fr John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Saturday, - 18 June, 5.30pm St Agnes'  
 Sunday - 19 June, 9.00am St Andrew's (Livestreamed)

Please scan the QR code to watch on Youtube



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**Greetings to all Parishioners & Visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes, Twinned Catholic Parishes, Malabar-Matraville.**  
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Last Monday we entered back into Ordinary Time of the Church, but for the next two Sundays we will have two Solemnities. This Sunday

the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity and next Sunday the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).

The Most Holy Trinity is our essential relationship with our Trinitarian God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, 3-persons one God, an indeed a mystery for us with our finite brains. It is part of our belief system; without it our identity and mission would be nothing.

As next Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi, it has been a tradition to have a procession through the streets of Sydney—'Walk with Christ'. All are invited to gather at Martin Place & Pitt Street next Sunday with a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Cathedral where Benediction will be given by the Archbishop. The Procession commences sharp at 2.30pm, there will be entertainment from 1.30pm. Let's walk with Christ and show our faith and devotion to our Eucharistic Lord. A video will be played at all our Masses of previous processions and interviews.

We continue to make improvements to our Churches, at St Agnes' a new storage facility is nearing completion, Fr James Munday, 1<sup>st</sup> Parish Priest of St Agnes' Parish, Chalice has been restored and will be blessed at our 10am Mass this Sunday. A new set of Rose Vestments are being purchased. At St Andrew's our damaged blue vinyl pews are being restored and St Andrew's doors are being given a once over, so they are compliment with WHS protocols.

Your generosity has been amazing in our restoration fund and the finance committees are indeed very grateful for your giving. Envelopes are available in the pews if you wish to further contribute to our restoration fund.

**Joseph Medcalf Funeral Services** not only give sterling service in their Funeral Care, they have also generously sponsored our Weekly Planned Giving weekly envelopes (Please collect your new set of envelopes) and are funding our St Andrew's door compliance program. We are indebted to their generosity. It is interesting to note that Joseph Medcalf Funerals is an independent Australian Funeral Service and are not part of the American/Australian Funeral conglomeration, that many of the funeral homes are today.

Next Friday 17 June it is St Andrew's turn to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep the 51 of parishioners in our community who will be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in this sacrament. Bishop Umbers has been called to Rome and will not be able to confirm or any other Sydney Bishops. I have been given the delegation to Confirm our parishioners. Please keep them, their families and myself in your prayers this week.

Nest weekend we will have the SVDP (Vinnies) Winter Appeal at St Andrew's and St Agnes'. Because St Anthony's Feast day falls on this Monday, we will transfer the Feast to this Thursday, 16 June at our 9am, St Agnes' Mass. In this Mass there will be the blessing of St Anthony's Bread, which will be distributed and money collected will go to the poor.

**God Bless,**

**Fr John**

As Twinned Catholic Parishes of Malabar & Matraville we can use resources together. Every 3 years volunteers are required together with new volunteers to enter into Archdiocese Child Safeguarding Training. All volunteers would have received a letter informing them of the times and dates. The Refresher Training courses will be all at St Agnes' Matraville on 15, 17 & 18 June. If you have already completed the course, please forward your certificate to the Parish Offices.



We welcome **Olive Ognjenovski** and **Leyton Stack** into our Parish Community who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this Sunday, 12 June 2022 at St Agnes'.

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.