



St Paschal's, Wavell Heights & St. Gerard Majella, West Chermshire

18TH / 19TH JUNE 2011
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HOLY TRINITY

Forthcoming Events

JUNE

- 19th FAMILY MASS (9.30am)
22nd Sacred Heart Anointing
Mass (9.30am)
24th OLA Ends - Term 2
24th St. Paschal's Winter
Solstice Dinner & Dance
at St. Gerard's Church

JULY

- 6th Sacred Heart Mass & Mtg
(9.30am)
12th OLA Starts - Term 3
20th Garden Settlement Mass
24th Children's Liturgy (9.30am)
24th Official Blessing &
Openings of St. Gerard's
Child Care Centre

AUGUST

- 3rd Sacred Heart Mass & Mtg
(9.30am)
6th / 7th Feast of Holy Mother of
God & St Alphonsa (See
Notice Board)
8th St. Mary McKillop Day



Reflection

The readings for this feast do not directly explain the doctrine of the Trinity as we have come to know it. Rather, they offer us glimpses into the nature of our Triune God. The psalm response suggests that our primary response to God should be one of praise for the love that God has for us.

The God who is beyond our comprehension is also the God who has saved us. We see this theme in both the first reading and the gospel. The covenant language in the reading from Exodus underscores God's unfathomable goodness. God's graciousness and mercy are not rewards for our fidelity. They are extended to us in our sinfulness. It is God's saving grace that transforms us, not any merit on our part. In the gospel we are assured that Jesus was sent into the world to save it, not to condemn it.

The Trinitarian phrase found in the letter to the Corinthians is so expressive of the love that God has for us that it has been incorporated regularly into the liturgy. It declares that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened for us the treasury of divine grace. It also proclaims that the love of God has forged the bonds of community that unite us. Created in the image and after the likeness of this God, we are called to unity among ourselves. As incomprehensible as it may seem, it is primarily through the unity that we share that we will manifest the unity that exists in God.

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St. Paschal's Parish Office is on the move....

The Parish Office will be re-opening at its new location - 'Presentation House', 38 Ferguson Road, Wavell Heights on or around the 20th June.



However, Mary (*our Parish Administrator*), will be taking 2 weeks holiday from the 20th June – 4th July, so any urgent enquiries you may have, please direct them to St. Gerard's Parish Office, on 3359 0088 (*Office Hours*) or catch up with me after Mass.

Also, there will be no St. Paschal's Newsletter during this time, only St. Gerard's Newsletter, so if you wish anything to be mentioned in their Newsletter it must be forwarded to Kate at St. Gerard's Parish Office no later than Tuesday morning.

Thank you Fr. Gerard

What's on in and around the Parish!



WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEKEND THE BAPTISMS OF

Oliver Mafi'Leo Fua
Mana Charlotte Fua
Sophia Anne Tattersall

Baptisms at St. Paschal's are held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after the 9.30am Mass. Please contact St. Gerard's on 3359 0088 to arrange a booking.



THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

25th/26th June 2011

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

Psalm: 147:12-15. 19-20

1 Corinthians: 10:16-17

John: 6:51-58

The Voice of Angels

Changes

Just a reminder that the School's new office is now fully located in what was previously the old preschool building.

You would have noticed the new barriers that went up last week. Preparations continued over the weekend for the demolition of the Hall toilets, end of the Parish Hall and Piety Stall that will take place over the next few days. Along with this, the focus has now moved to completing the new Hall/PE centre, with the installation of the court flooring already underway.

Kind Regards

David Cashman,

Principal, OLA Catholic School

Painting the Picture of God

A teacher asked the Grade Threes to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about their task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Johnnie was particularly focused. 'What are you painting?' 'I'm painting God, Miss.' 'Well, that must be difficult because no-one knows what God looks like.' To which Johnnie confidently replied, 'But they will when I'm finished!!'

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because we human beings had the most sublime, most eminent person painting a picture of God for us. It is, as though 2,000 years ago, the world was saying 'It is too difficult to describe God because no-one knows what God looks like.'

And then, like Johnnie in the Grade Three classroom, Jesus of Nazareth says: 'But they will when I'm finished!' Just before he was crucified, saying 'It is finished', Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. So close, so intimate, that we needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short. How do we 'see' God? Of course, we don't take seriously the old man with a beard or the little white bird. The other monotheistic religions conceive of God as a single unflickering white *light*, like a fluorescent tube shining brightly through the mist. No, God is Divine pulsating shimmering *light* dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other.

What does this mean for us?

We are baptised into this Triune Divine Life in the name (not names) of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each time we bless ourselves – be careful!! – we are invoking the threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life.

How often have you heard 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? The Jews and Muslims believe that too. But because of the picture painted by Jesus Christ, only we know what that really means: God is 'Being In Love' and love is always relational.

So, if you and I are images of God, we are made to live in relationship – not in solitary. We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient / autonomous.

When we live wholeheartedly with

- as much self-giving as is possible
- as much un-self-ish-ness as is possible

we are closest to the Divine Life. That is why the feast of the Trinity is such a great Feast.

Other religions have great prophets and gurus, to varying degrees trying to respond to glimpses of the Divine. They, like Johnnie, have tried to paint a picture of the Divine, or the Absolute, and our relationship to the Absolute Beyond.

But it was The Divine Artist, Jesus of Nazareth, who unveiled the perfect picture of the threefold dynamism of the Divine – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and invites us to share in that imaging of the Divine Dynamism. Let us now prayerfully celebrate that invitation every time we sign ourselves:

'In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.'

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What's on in and around the Parish!

St. Paschal's Parish, Wavell Heights



Winter Solstice Dinner & Dance

Friday 24th June

7.00pm onwards...

Venue: St. Gerard's Church & Atrium
Maudrell Terrace, West Chermside

Cost: \$25 per head which includes
a Buffet Dinner - BYO Drinks

*Keep this Evening Free - lots of fun
Live Music - Cam's Band - Super Raffles and FUN!!*

Tickets are available after all weekend Masses at St. Paschal's &
St. Gerard's, from the Parish Offices or you can contact
Kay Corcoran direct on 3260 7447

Attention!!



As our 1st Fundraising event for a while, we are encouraging everyone, young and old, to join in the fun and organize their tables (*any size group will be accommodated*) and purchase their tickets soon for this fabulous event.

Dance and Raffle tickets will be sold at all weekend Masses, and at both Parish Offices. We are hoping to have free child minding facilities available through Majella Care (next to St. Gerard's) – will keep you posted. So there is no excuse, get in early and reserve your places for a fun night!!

Don't forget that all monies raised will go towards improvements to our Parish Church and surrounding area.

Got time for a smile?

A salesman from KFC walked up to the Pope and offers him a \$1 million dollars if he would change "The Lord's Prayer" from "give us this day our daily bread" to "give us this day our daily chicken." The Pope refused his offer.

Two weeks later, the man offered the pope \$10 million dollars to change it from "give us this day our daily bread" to "give us this day our daily chicken" and again the Pope refused the man's generous offer. Another week later, the man offered the Pope \$20 million dollars and finally the Pope accepted.

The following day, the Pope said to all his officials, "I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is, that we have just received a check for \$20 million dollars. The bad news is, we lost the Wonder Bread account!"

What's on in and around the Parish!



RECENTLY DECEASED

Edi Pinter, Harold Lane, Sr. Janice Robertson OSb, Phyllis D'Souza, Matt Guttler, Howard Lane, Simon Clapperton.

ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR DEATH

Denis Coutts, Connie Scerri, Francis Lydement, John Gregg, Brenda Dale, Noel Hogan, Daniel Hooper, Moyra Kyle, Veronica Kenny, James Kissane, John Martin, James Maloney, Henry McNamara, Emma Purcell, Clare Keogh, Beatrice Crowley, Veronica Roberts, Anthony Andersen, Dawn Bulfin, Veronica Kenny, Francis Mulhall, Ellen Smith, Brenda Dale, Jillian Mulcahy, Cecil Case, Laura Cinello, Agnes Lacey.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Ann Carbone, Archie Whyte (5yrs), Annette Salter, Aniello Rizzo, Betty Fitzgerald, Betty & Rem Rafter, Carol Jeffreys, Calista Begley, Dorothy Eather, Dorothy Smith, Derek Marchant, Erica Cassingham, Ellen Welsh, Faye Walsh, Gabrielle Butler, Gabrielle Emery-Reece, Gerard Jeffries, Joy Smith, Judith Nightingale, Judy MacAndrew, John Grigson, Karen Campbell, Kathleen Taylor, Lesley McLean, Michael Mucsh, Marie McCarthy, Margaret McGill, Maureen Kirk, Maureen Long, Melaine Shaughnessy, Merv, Morrie, Jim, Bernie & Merle Kinnane, Monica Faulkner, Maura Tuite, Mini Pinter, Nancy Freier, Norm McClaud, Noela & Mick Smith, Pat Donohue, Pat Cawthorne, Ray Pascoe, Palmerino De Felicis, Sarina Conte, Simon McNair, Tracey O'Brien, Vera Raymer, Vonnie & Julie Gant.

ST. PASCHAL'S PARISH DETAILS

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Office Administrator: Mary Williams

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8 am – 4 pm

MASS TIMES

(Note Front Page for changes)

Weekend Masses

St. Paschal's: Sat 6.00pm – Sun 9.30am

St. Gerard's: Sat 4.00pm – Sun 8am & 5.30pm

Weekday Masses

St. Paschal's: Wed 9.30am – Thurs 9.00am

St. Gerard's: Mon 9.00am – Fri 9.00am

Liturgy of the Word or Prayer of the Church:

St. Paschal's: Mon, Tue & Fri 7.45 am

St. Gerard's: Thurs 9.00am

Reconciliations: St. Paschal's - Sat 5.30pm

Children's Liturgy:

St. Paschal's - 1, 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month (During School Terms) FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ONLY.

SPECIAL EVENTS

All Bookings for the following are to be made via St. Gerard's on 3359 0088

Baptisms: Every 1st & 3rd Sunday

Weddings: By appointment

Funeral Masses and Liturgies:

By arrangement



St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal *Wavell Heights Conference*

Please 'help someone see a better future' through your generous gifts to the Winter Appeal 2011. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Around the Archdiocese

Assist a Student



In many Asia Pacific countries poverty means talented individuals lack opportunities. Education is a key to enabling an individual to support themselves, their families and their communities. The Assist a Student program gives you the opportunity to provide funding for a scholarship to educate a student for 1 year.

Your donation of only \$70 will be matched to a student from one of our partner countries. You will be informed of the student's name and country.

For details or an application form, please contact a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society before or after Mass or at their State Office on (07) 3010 1023.

All Hallows' School **Celebrates 150 Years**

There will be a special celebration week-end on 23/24th July for the School's 150th Anniversary and all past pupils, past staff and their family and friends are warmly invited. On Saturday 23rd July, there will be Welcome Back to All Hallows' Day starting with Mass at All Hallows' at 11 am celebrated by Archbishop Bathersby and Fr Ken Howell. On Sunday, 24th July, the School will host a Celebration Music Concert in Loretto Hall from 2.30 - 5 pm. For registration and more details please visit: www.ahs.qld.edu.au