

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 3:16-18

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.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

31 MAY 2026

WE ARE GOD’S BELOVED

In a world of unrest and at a time when many of us could be struggling with uncertainty and loneliness, the readings for this Feast offer us a soulful soothing balm. Each of the readings celebrate God (first reading), the Holy Spirit (second reading) and Jesus (our Gospel); our focus is on the Gospel. The passage’s context is about Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, coming to Jesus ‘by night’, seeking to understand Jesus’ relationship with God. Jesus speaks of the importance of being born ‘from above’.

In typical Johannine misunderstanding—Nicodemus doesn’t understand how we can be born ‘again’ (a confusion with Jesus’ word ‘above’ and a play on the Greek)—John invites the audience (and us) to come to the heart of God’s agenda: God is in absolute love with the world; his Son, Jesus, becomes the fruit of that love through whom believers, even the searching Nicodemus, will be found and have life eternal. This is a powerful witness and clear statement of God’s intention for our world. We, too, need to hear this when there seem to be many contrary and conflicting voices.

John’s Gospel is important for us to know that no matter what, we are God’s beloved; God does not judge or condemn us. This flies in the face of those who think, wrongly, that God is ‘out to get us’ and awaits to chalk up our misdeeds. This is so contradictory to the God revealed to us in Jesus. We, like Nicodemus, find ourselves at times stumbling around ‘by night’ as we seek to come into the light. This is God’s gift to us on this feast as we celebrate God’s beloved intent for us and our world.

Fr Michael Trainor

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

1. 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!

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

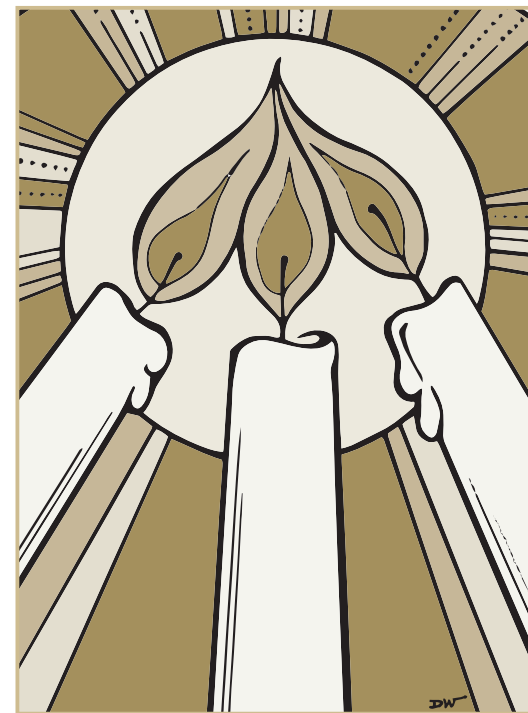
R. Glory and praise for ever!

3. 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.

31 May 2026
The Most Holy Trinity
Year A

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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MASSES Mon: 9am (St Justin) Tues: **No Mass**
WEEKDAY Wed: 12pm (Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions)
MASSES Thurs: 9am Fri: 12pm (St Boniface)

CONFESSIONS
* Sat: 4.30 - 5.00pm
* Before weekly Mass
* By appointment

ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

COMMUNION ANTI-PHON: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jean Wellwood, Julie Mitchell, Pat Jones.

ANNIVERSARIES: Hugh O'Brien (18/5), Noeline Turner (19/5), Sandy Murray (22/05), Rita Sutton (26/5), Paul Karam (06/6), Pat Smyth (07/6), John Haggart (11/6).

DECEASED: We pray for our loved ones now in God's care: Irene Brown, Maurice Bruccoleri, Dean York, Thomas Greentree, Robert Green, Dalis O'Brien.

SICK: Sienna Baker, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Brian Rodway, Lisa Bond, Yvonne Tarrant, Bill Dennis, Barry McNamara, Jeanette Whale, Carmel Koppman, Eileen Hudson, Julie Moran, Elizabeth Coroneos, Michael Jones, Elizabeth William, Veronica Frost, Mary Gallaher, Beryl Flood, Enid Wright, Dallas Fester and retired Diocesan Clergy.



The Most Holy Trinity

At the heart of the Catholic faith lies a profound mystery: the belief in One God in Three Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This is the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the central and most foundational truth of Christianity.

While the Trinity is a mystery beyond full human understanding, it is not a contradiction. Catholics do not believe in three gods, but in one God who eternally exists as three distinct Persons, united in nature and perfectly equal in glory, majesty, and power.

COMING EVENTS:

03 June: Mass for the Sick, 12noon
05 June: Adoration 11am, followed by Mass at 12noon
09 June: First Reconciliation Parent Information Session - 5pm, in the Church.
14 June: Parish Morning tea after 9am Mass (Set-up S. Brown, Sid and Tracey Karam)
30 June: First Reconciliation - St Patrick's Church (further details to be advised)

COLLECTIONS: BSB: 082 105 - For electronic bank transfer donations

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR A WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.

THANK YOU FR JOHN: We sincerely thank Fr John Curran for providing supply during Fr Vic's absence. Please note, there will be no Tuesday Mass on 2nd June. Fr Vic will be returning to Tamworth on that day.

URGENT REQUEST FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL: St Patrick's Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is desperately seeking volunteers to visit the sick and elderly in our Parish. If you are interested in offering your assistance, enquiries can be made by contacting Cheryl Backhouse, Paul Crane or using this link. [Vinnies Tamworth Shop - Vinnies NSW | Vinnies](#)

GROTTO WORKING BEE: The altar in front of Our Lady's statue has been cleared and cleaned. Stage 2 is the cleaning and repainting of the statue and surrounds. Thank you to all those who offered and provided their assistance, so far.

MACKILLOP ROOM: Named in honour of St Mary Mackillop, an area at the back of the Church will be reconfigured to create an enclosed space that can serve as a reflection refuge and an area where our little ones can move a little more freely during Mass. All current functions will be retained. Feedback on this proposal is welcome and should be forwarded to Fr Vic or the Office.

ADIG UPDATE THIS WEEKEND:

Mr George Nulley-Valdés will provide an update on the services provided by the ADIG and how you can assist our parish, simply by using the ADIG for some of your banking needs. He will be available after each Mass this weekend and would be delighted to speak with you.

ADIG



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Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember, also, the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet, in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in Heaven. Amen

**Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of sinners,
Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to Thee.**

ROSTER: 31/05/26

Vigil:
9am Sun: R: M Holland, N Pullman
5.00pm Sun: R: S Brown, D Gowing
Counting Team: R: T Mitchell
Fri Cleaning: M Vella, A Bowden
J Hutt, J Moran

Gifts: A & C Lyons
Gifts: G & U McKay
Gifts: Volunteer
Altar Linen: J Hutt

ROSTER: 07/06/26

Vigil: R: C Ledwos, D Bolitho
9am Sun: R: M Holley, R. Paull
5.00pm Sun: R: S. Brown,
Counting Team: A. Bowden, S. Brown
Fri Cleaning: M. Vella & I. Ullman

Gifts: B & M Watson
Gifts: Michelle & Sally
Gifts: Volunteer
Altar Linen: M. Vella