

LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ Trinity Sunday has its origins in the Arian controversies of the 4-5th centuries (denying the divinity and humanity of Jesus). These arguments resulted in the Nicene Creed being formulated and an increase in preaching and devotion to the Holy Trinity arose. By the year 1000 the Feast of the Trinity was celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost.
- ❖ The passage from Proverbs is a unique reference to the Wisdom of God personified, playing, creating ‘beside God’. At times it has been interpreted as reference to the Word of God (Jesus) or the Power of God (Holy Spirit). Have you ever considered Jesus having a pre-existent life before being ‘born of Mary’? What does this mean for Jesus’ relationship with the Father?
- ❖ What strikes you about the image of God in the passage from Proverbs? Have you ever considered God ‘delighting day by day’, ‘playing ... ’? How might this help you relate to God?
- ❖ St Paul shares with his community in Rome that the experience of Christian faith brings peace and hope. Sometimes we can only know what we have by imagining what life is like without it. What would life be like for you without Jesus?
- ❖ Jesus knows that his disciples are not ready to know the complete truth immediately. Have you experienced the gentle guidance of the Spirit into a deeper truth and freedom? Is there any area of your life where you desire more freedom? Do you recognise the desire for a deeper freedom is the sign of the Spirit? What is the ‘truth’ – desired in you by the Spirit – that you would like to live?
- ❖ Reflecting over the past week, consider any ‘God moments’ where you have felt God speaking to you through experiences, people, books, prayer time, emotions... in a sentence, what do you think God is trying to ‘speak’ to you?
- ❖ Consider entering a time of prayer with each person of the Trinity. What would you like to pray in thanks and praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? What would you like to ask for?
- ❖ The work of the Holy Spirit is to ‘glorify’. Have you experienced your mind and heart being turned to wonder and awe at Creation, salvation, the sacraments of the Church, the gift of heaven? When was the last time you experienced a deep sense of rejoicing and praise / glory to God?

— Bishop Erik Varden reflects on the Trinity —

Abba Peter said: ‘I questioned [Abba Isaiah] saying, “*What is the fear of God?*” He said to me: “*A man who puts his trust in that which is not God, such a man has not the fear of God in him*”. What is ‘the fear of God’? It may seem a contradiction in terms. Are true believers not supposed to be fearless? Does not perfect love cast out fear? Fear is a humiliating sentiment. We associate it with the trembling of a cornered mouse before a fat cat. Is that an appropriate spiritual attitude for people having put their trust in God?

Of course not. The fear of God stands for something else, not a nervous anxiety, but an existential consciousness of reverence. Fear of God stands for the natural response of a creature, a thing made out of nothing, faced with divine, uncreated Being.

Abba Peter’s criterion of discernment, therefore, remains relevant. He answers the simple question put to him, ‘What is the fear of God?’, by setting in motion a process of self-examination. He asks: ‘Do you in fact trust God?’ People of faith easily assume that they place their trust in God. It is one thing to stand in church on a Sunday and recite the Creed; it is another to confront circumstances that threaten to turn our existence upside-down.

Do I trust God when confronted with illness, the loss of a job, betrayal in marriage or friendship? To show trust in hardship and in situations of risk is not being fatalist; it is not about expecting God to just sort everything out. Things do not always get sorted out; illness is not always healed; sometimes fractured relationships cannot be mended. To trust God is not to assume that I will be alright. It is to know that, whatever happens, sense may emerge from senselessness, redemptive purity from destructive contamination.

We make progress on this path when we come to appreciate how utterly *other* God is. For being God-with-us, God remains utterly beyond our notions. His thoughts are not our thoughts, his ways not our ways. There will be times when all we can do is bow down deep and adore uncomprehendingly. Sometimes the purposefulness of present hardship takes time to be revealed. Sensing God’s greatness, we learn to revere him in a healthy way, astonished that such Majesty should, for love, have come so close to us, drawing forth our love, which in turn casts out for good all undue anxiety. To balance childlike trust with reverent worship, knowing that underneath all life’s misfortunes are the everlasting arms: this is what it means to know the tremendous fear of God, which at once pierces and heals human hearts.



CALENDAR

MONDAY

June 16
Weekday
2 Cor 6:1-10
Mt 5:38-42

TUESDAY

June 17
Weekday
2 Cor 8:1-9
Mt 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY

June 18
Weekday
2 Cor 9:6-11
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

June 19
Weekday
2 Cor 11:1-11
Mt 6:7-15

FRIDAY

June 20
Weekday
2 Cor 11:18,
21-30
Mt 6:19-23

SATURDAY

June 21
St. Aloysius
Gonzaga,
Religious
2 Cor 12:1-10
Mt 6:24-34

SUNDAY

June 22
The Most Holy
Body and Blood
of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
Gn 14:18-20
1 Cor 11:23-26
Lk 9:11b-17

COMMUNION

We are the Body of Christ. This is who we are as Church. It is our profound mystery that we take and eat, take and drink at Communion. In doing so, we give expression to our identity.

If we are not in communion with the Catholic Church, it makes no logical sense for those to receive because simply, it is not their identity.

If you are Buddhist, from another Christian tradition or just our welcome guest, please feel free to come forward, not to receive communion but to ask for a blessing.

The simple practice of asking for a blessing is through the bodily posture of bowing one's head and crossing one's arms across one's chest when before the minister distributing communion.

If you are a parent with a child not receiving Communion, please take personal responsibility in asking the minister for a blessing for your child.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.
Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by
mass
Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.
English 10:00 hrs.

BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.
English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).
English before 10:00 am mass.

CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite
the entrance of the Cathedral.

Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.
Sat : 08:30 – noon
Sun & public holidays : Closed

Dear Padre

June 15, 2025

What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the remains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

HOLY (No. 263)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. **PLEASE KNEEL**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (No. 264)

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

DOXOLOGY **PLEASE STAND**

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

GREAT AMEN (No. 374)

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (No. 387)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD (No. 391)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. **PLEASE KNEEL**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION: TAKE AND EAT (No. 950)

FINAL: O GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER (No. 566) **PLEASE STAND**

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year C)

(Solemnity)

Sunday, 16 June 2025

ENTRANCE: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY (No. 567) PLEASE STAND

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Priest: I confess to almighty God,

All: and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

KYRIE, ELEISON / LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kýrie, eléison, (2); Christe, eléison, (2); Kýrie, eléison, (2).

GLORY TO GOD

Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

- 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**
- 2. Lord, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. (R)**

FIRST READING: Prv 8:22-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs:

Thus says the wisdom of God: "The LORD possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and fields were not made, nor the first clods of the world.

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race."

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 8: O LORD, OUR GOD



℟. O Lord, our God, how won-der-ful your name in all the earth!

1. When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you set in place —
What is man that you should be mindful of him,
or the son of man that you should care for him? (R)
2. You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him rule over the works of your hands,
putting all things under his feet: (R)
3. All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fishes of the sea,
and whatever swims the paths of the seas. (R)

SECOND READING: Rom 5:1-5

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:

Brothers and sisters: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA (No. 326) PLEASE STAND

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Repeat)

**All: Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.**

GOSPEL: Jn 16:12-15

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Good News according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

Priest: The Good News of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED PLEASE STAND

Priest: I believe in God,

All: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:
"Trinitarian God, hear our prayer."**

PLEASE BE SEATED

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY: UBI CARITAS (No. 500)

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND

Priest: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**