

## 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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# Reflections on the Gospel

## GOD OF LOVE

The feast of the Holy Trinity brings the whole long sweep of Lent and Eastertide to an end. It invites us to sit back, as it were, and reflect upon the God who has been revealed in the full scope of the paschal mystery.

As sometimes presented, the doctrine of the Trinity can appear to be nothing but an arid theological puzzle. For the early Christians it was nothing of the kind. They held firmly to the Jewish belief that there was only one God. Yet as they reflected upon what they had experienced in all the events surrounding the person of Jesus Christ and the subsequent gift of the Spirit, they could only conclude that they had been addressed and drawn into a divine communion of love.

Today's feast, then, celebrates the nearness, rather than the remoteness, of God.

Each of the readings explores this in some way. But the Gospel, drawn from the concluding section of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, most clearly brings out the continuity between the act of Christ in the paschal mystery and redemptive love of the Father.

The Father sent the Son, not to 'judge' (= condemn) the world, but to rescue it from its captivity to sin and death, and draw human beings into the communion of life and love that is the Godhead.

Judgement is not so much a future prospect as something that human beings determine for themselves by the way they respond to the revelation of God that comes to us through the life of Jesus and the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

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## 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.

## 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!



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## Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Weekend Masses: Vigil Sat 5:30pm,

Sun 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12noon (Chinese) & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thurs 7:00pm

(Holy Family Chapel)

### The Most Holy Trinity – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020



**Our Deceased:** Helena Curic, Geoff Clarke, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Felix Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, John Davidson, Roy & Bessie Landon and deceased members of Landon, Pigott, Stewart families, John & Bonnie Bowdern, Leslie & Isobel Johnson.

**Our Sick:** Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan and Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy & Nur Gouw and Henry Rheinberger

### UPCOMING FEAST DAY:

St. Anthony of Padua, 13<sup>th</sup> June, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 14<sup>th</sup> June

### PARISH NEWS:

- **Following the easing of restrictions on public gatherings, only 50 people will be allowed in the Church at a time.** Our Church will be open for weekday Masses at usual times, Mon–Thu, 7.30am. Eucharistic Adoration will be held every Friday, 4pm-5pm followed by a Mass. Weekend Masses will be at usual times. Private prayer will continue, Mon-Fri, 8am-9am. Please observe the following when visiting the Church:
  - **Spatial distancing must be observed at all times, at least 1½m from each other, especially when queuing to enter or leave the church & during Holy Communion.**
  - **At-risk parishioners should be exhorted not to attend:** authorities have directed that any unwell priest, staff member, volunteer or parishioner to stay home; they recommend that the very elderly, people with compromised immune or respiratory systems, to stay at home. Everyone should exercise caution when attending.
  - **Upon entering the church, each attendee should record his/her contact details on a clipboard provided at Church entrance door.** This is in accordance to CovidSafe regulations for contact tracing and also for provision of pastoral care.
  - **We ask that you sanitise your hands when entering the Church.** Hand sanitisers will be provided at entrance doors. We use disinfectant spray to clean seating areas.
  - **Attendees may sit only in marked places.**
  - **There will be no hand-to-hand passing of parish bulletins or collection plates.** Parish bulletins are for single use only, take them home after use. There will be collection boxes at designated areas.
  - **The sign of peace should be without any physical contact.** Holy Communion shall be distributed and received on the hand only.
  - **We discourage long chats outside the Church after Mass.**
  - **Attendees must observe good hygiene practices when coughing or sneezing.**
- **With strict limits on the re-opening of churches, Catholics across the country have also been asked to register their attendance via <https://www.massregister.com.au/>.**

- **At present, we are not following the scheduled liturgical roster. Fr Martin will contact Senior Servers and Readers as needed due to strict limitations. Thank you.**
- **Contactless Donation:** We have installed a new contactless donation device in the foyer. Simply tap your Visa, MasterCard, or compatible device and \$5 will be donated to our parish. There is no tax deductibility, receipt or refund available on this donation.
- **Recording of the weekend Mass will continue and will be uploaded on the [parish website](#), [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#), Sundays at 7.30am.**
- **The Sacrament of Confirmation is indefinitely postponed. Sacramental programs are on hold. Parish Morning Tea, Exercise Class and Children's Liturgy, are still suspended.**
- **The parish office is on reduced hours. Please leave a message at 98742533 and we will return your call. Best way to reach us is by email: [parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au](mailto:parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au).**

### FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

#### A GLOBAL OUTLOOK!

Recently a friend sent me this fascinating reflection from the *United Nations* on the state of our world, below are some insights I would like to share;

*\*The population of the world in 1900 was 1.6 billion people, in 2000 it was 6.1 billion, and now in 2020 it is 7.4 billion people. So, in 120 years it has increased 620%.*

*\*If the 7.4 billion people could all be located into a village of a 100 people this is what the breakdown would be; 57 would be Asian (that would include India), 21 would have a European heritage, 14 people from the Americas (central, north and south) and 8 people from Africa and the Pacific Islands.*

*\*80 people would be living in poverty (according to European standards), 50 people would be basically illiterate and yes only 2 people would have access to a computer! Also 1 person would have a university degree.*

*\*There would be 52 women & 48 men, 30 would be Christian (of which 19 would be Catholic) 24 would be Muslim & 16% of people would have no religion. About 89% of the world's population would have a heterosexual orientation & 11% would have a bisexual or homosexual orientation.*

St Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, summarizes God's love for the diversity of the world; 'With all of God's people understand how wide, long and deep is God's love for all creation.'

**On June 26, take part in the [#familywintersleepout@home](#). St Kevin's Primary School and parish are inviting all families in the community to be advocates for the homeless.** Support people who do not have access to safe, secure, and adequate housing. To donate go to: <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/stk-eastwood-family-winter-sleep-out-1>. See posters for details. Enquiries ☎ Alison Khalil 0438 209 500. Upload your photos of the sleepout on social media [#familywintersleepout@home](#)