



We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.
We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16 – 1 – 22

This week: Is 62:1-5; Ps 95:1-3, 7-10. R. v.3; 1 Cor 12:4-11
Next week: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; Ps 18:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30



The Second Reading today contains St Paul's famous words on 'the variety of gifts' given by the Spirit.

While, quite rightly, it focuses us on the Holy Spirit, and the gifts the Spirit brings, it's a passage which also focuses us on ourselves, the recipients of the Spirit:

and the great message that it brings is that we're all different:

*the Spirit brings **different** gifts,
we're not all the same,
we don't have to all achieve the same things,
we don't have to compare ourselves to other people:*

*we only have to reflect on how well **we ourselves** respond to the Spirit's gifts in our own life.*

It's an encouraging message in a competitive world that's always telling us to measure ourselves by other's standards:

COMMUNITY SAFETY AT OUR MASSES

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure our gatherings are as safe as possible:

- ◆ We have temporarily suspended congregational singing once again.
- ◆ Holy Communion will only be distributed by Eucharistic ministers who have had their booster shot or who have been vaccinated so recently they are ineligible for a booster.
- ◆ We ask that everyone sanitises their hands
- ◆ We also ask that if you are feeling even mildly unwell that you do not attend.
- ◆ When coming forward to receive Holy Communion (which will be given on the hand only) please keep your mask on, receive the Host on your hand, step well to the side, then lower your mask to receive the Host before replacing the mask and returning to your seat.
- ◆ And of course public health orders require that all wear a mask at Mass and sign in on entry.

Fr Colin

FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION: THE MYSTERY OF THE TRINITY

The notion of God as Trinity is the foundation of all Christian thought, & yet it never has been—not truly! Our dualistic minds largely shelved the whole thing because we simply couldn't understand it. Most Christians don't consciously deny the Trinity, but as Karl Rahner wrote, "We must be willing to admit that, should the doctrine of the Trinity have to be dropped as false, the major part of religious literature could well remain virtually unchanged." What a sad statement on our fundamental understanding of God!

The Trinity reveals God more as a verb than a noun, but we rarely speak about God that way in either our preaching or our prayers. God is three "relations," which itself is mind-boggling for most believers. Yet that clarification opens up an honest notion of God as Mystery who can never be fully comprehended with our rational minds. God is dynamic—a verb rather than a static name. God is Interbeing itself, and never an isolated deity that can be captured by our mind.

Christians believe that God is formlessness (the Father), God is form (the Son), and God is the very living & loving energy between those two (the Holy Spirit). The three do not cancel one another out. Instead, they do exactly the opposite. Recognising the Trinity as relationship itself opens conversations with the world of science. This surprising insight names everything correctly at the core—from atoms, to ecosystems, to galaxies. The shape of God is the shape of everything in the universe! Everything is in relationship and nothing stands alone. The doctrine of the Trinity defeats the dualistic mind and invites us into nondual, holistic consciousness. It replaces the argumentative principle of two with the dynamic principle of three. It brings us inside the wonderfully open space of "not one, but not two either." Sit stunned with that for a few moments.

The most ancient & solid theology of the Trinity proceeds from the Cappadocian (Eastern Turkey) Fathers of the 3rd & 4th centuries & is then adopted by later Councils of the Church. Trinitarian theology says that God is a "circular" rotation (*perichoresis*) of total outpouring & perfect receiving among three intimate partners. Historically, most of us, except for mystics, preferred the pyramid model with God the Father at the top, which then got imitated & promoted all the way down! This is no exaggeration.

As Catherine LaCugna presented in her monumental study of the Trinity, any notion of God as not giving, not outpouring, not self-surrendering, not totally loving is a theological impossibility and absurdity. God only and always loves. You cannot reverse, slow, or limit an overflowing waterwheel of divine compassion and mercy and a love stronger than death. It goes in only one, constant, eternal direction—toward ever more abundant and creative life! This is the universe from atoms to galaxies.

Ways you can support our parish

- ◆ **DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS from your bank account**

1st Collection: (providing for Frs Colin & Thomas & also for retired & sick clergy)
BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1624

Second Collection: (runs the parish)
BSB 062 784 Acct 10000 1623

OR

- ◆ **CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTIONS** can be made by scanning this code and then selecting each of our two parish collections:



OR

- ◆ **YOU CAN ARRANGE FOR PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD:** simply email Alison (alison@lindfieldkillara.org.au) for assistance.
- ◆ And of course the **TAP MACHINES** are in our two churches.

THE PRAYERS AND RESPONSES OF MASS

GLORIA:

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

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 of the Father,
have mercy on us.

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. Amen

PSALM PS 95:1-3. 7-10. R. V.3

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless God's name.

Proclaim God's help day by day,
tell among the nations God's glory
and God's wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before the Lord.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
God will judge the peoples in fairness.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.. Alleluia!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be 'open' Tuesday, Thursday
and Friday this week. It won't be physically open but
staff can be contacted in the office by phone /email.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow at the following words in bold):

**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

**Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us
the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:**

Recently deceased: Bro. Norman Hart fms, Margaret Ford,
Ross Newcombe, Rebecca Harris, Brian Anthony McGrane,
Shirley Smith, Keith Smith, Marco Lamberti. **Anniversary:**
Freda Mercer, Chris Williams. **And:** Bini Szacsavay.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Trevor Swift, Morna Sutherland, Barbara McMullan,, Sally
Cougale, Nicholas Sutherland, Jesse Langford, Anthony
Ellison, Wolfgang Liers, Cyril Ferriere, Alex Noble, William
Wise, Lise Therese Ferriere, Ian Coffey, Maureen Hobbs,
Russell Adams. **And for all affected by COVID.**

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: 2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday **NO Mass** Tuesday **NO Mass**
Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 10am at Lindfield
(Fri.: Memoria of St Agnes.)

CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

常年期第二主日 16.1.2022

讀經一(新郎怎樣喜愛新娘, 你的天主也要怎樣喜愛你。)

恭讀依撒意亞先知書 62:1-5

為了熙雍, 我決不緘默, 為了耶路撒冷, 我決不休息, 直到她的正義
顯現, 有如光明, 她的救恩燃亮, 有如火炬。萬民都要見到你的正義; 眾王都
要看見你的榮耀。人要給你起一個新的名號, 是上主親口所指定的。你將是上
主手中的榮冠, 是你天主掌上的冠冕。你不再稱為「被遺棄的」, 你的地域也不
再被稱為「荒涼的」; 因為你要被稱為「我親愛的」, 你的地域要被稱為「已婚的」,
因為上主喜愛你, 你的地域將要婚嫁。就如青年怎樣迎娶處女, 你的建造者也要
怎樣迎娶你; 新郎怎樣喜愛新娘, 你的天主也要怎樣喜愛你。——上主的話。

答唱詠 詠96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

【答】: 請在萬民中, 宣揚上主的奇功。(詠96:3)

領: 請眾齊向上主歌唱新歌, 普世大地, 請向上主謳歌! 請向上主歌唱, 讚美他
的聖名。【答】

領: 一日復一日, 宣揚他的救恩。請在列邦中, 傳述他的光榮; 請在萬民中, 宣揚
他的奇功。【答】

領: 各民各族, 請將光榮歸於上主; 各家各戶, 請將威能歸於上主。請將主名的
光榮, 歸於上主! 【答】

領: 請穿上聖潔的禮服, 叩拜上主。普世大地, 要在他面前戰戰兢兢! 請在萬民
中高呼: 上主為王! 他以正義公道, 來治理萬邦。【答】

讀經二(一切神恩都是由唯一而同一的聖神, 隨他的心願, 個別分配給人。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人前書 12:4-11

弟兄姊妹們:

神恩雖有區別, 卻是同一的聖神所賜; 職分雖有區別, 卻是同一的主所

賜; 功效雖有區別, 卻是同一的天主, 在一切人身上, 行一切事。聖神顯示在每
人身上, 雖有不同, 但全是為人的好處。這人從聖神蒙受了智慧的言語, 另一人
卻由同一聖神, 蒙受了知識的言語; 有人在同一聖神內, 蒙受了信心, 另有人在
同一聖神內, 卻蒙受了治病的奇恩; 有的能行奇蹟, 有的能說先知話, 有的能辨
別神恩, 有的能說各種語言, 有的能解釋語言。可是, 這一切都是這唯一而同一
的聖神所行的, 隨他的心願, 個別分配給人。——上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領: 天主藉著福音, 召叫了我們, 為使我們獲得主耶穌基督的光榮。(參閱得後
2:14)

福音(這是耶穌所行的第一個神蹟, 是在加里肋亞加納行的。)

恭讀聖若望福音 2:1-11

第三天, 在加里肋亞加納有婚宴, 耶穌的母親也在那裡; 耶穌和他的門徒
也被請去赴婚宴。酒不夠了, 耶穌的母親向耶穌說:「他們沒有酒了。」耶穌回答
說:「女人, 這於我和你有什麼關係? 我的時刻尚未來到。」耶穌的母親給僕役
說:「他無論吩咐你們什麼, 你們就做什麼。」在那裡放著六口石缸, 是為猶太人
取潔禮用的; 每口可容納兩三桶水。耶穌向僕役說:「你們把缸灌滿水吧!」他們
就灌滿了, 直到缸口。然後, 耶穌給他們說:「現在你們舀出來, 送給司席!」他
們便送去了。司席一嘗已變成酒的水, 他並不知道是從那裡來的; 舀水的僕役卻
知道。司席便叫新郎來, 向他說:「人人都先擺上好酒, 當客人都喝夠了, 才擺上
次等的; 你卻把好酒保留到現在。」這是耶穌所行的第一個神蹟, 是在加里肋亞
加納行的; 耶穌顯示了自己的光榮, 他的門徒就信從了他。——上主的話。

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