

Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

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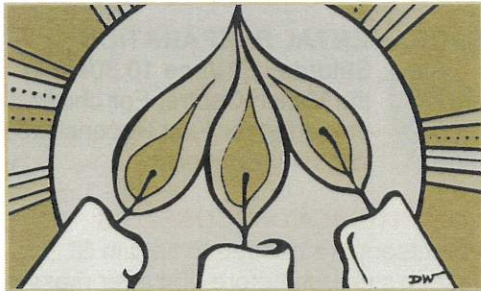
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Apoc 1:8
Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was, and who is to come. / Alleluia!

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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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.

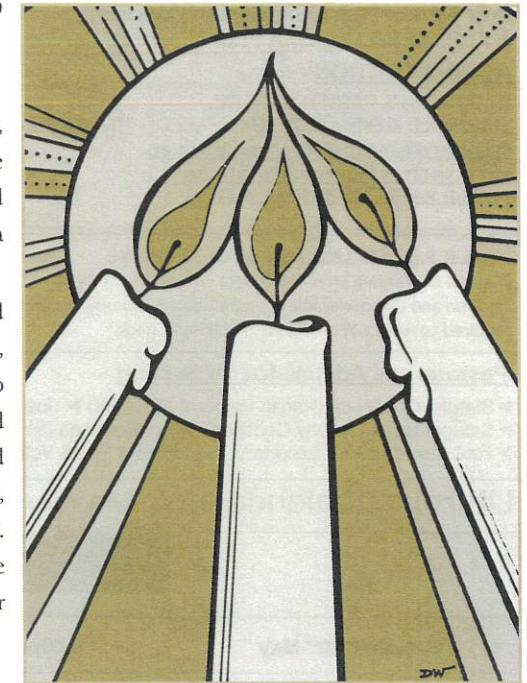
With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

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.

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■ The word of the Lord.



Most Holy Trinity 31st May 2026
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and the vulnerable is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stefphy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stefphy Coosnapa ▶ Aryana Vega (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Thurs)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

MORNING TEA & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month.
 (except school holidays and long weekends)
 St Thomas Aquinas – Morning Tea - last Sunday of the month following 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(*Sacrament of the Sick*) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 31st May 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 30 th May	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 31 st May Most Holy Trinity	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 1 st June St Justin		
Tuesday 2 nd June 9 th Week of Ordinary Time	10am Anointing/Healing Mass	No Mass
Wednesday 3 rd June St Charles Lwanga & Comp	10am Mass	No Mass
Thursday 4 th June Bl James of Viterbo	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 5 th June St Boniface	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 6 th June 9 th Week of Ordinary Time	9am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION APPEAL

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EVENTS AND MEETINGS

▶ **Sacramental Prep:** Sat 6th June 10.30am

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity



Many will be familiar with the story that when Saint Augustine was writing his treatise on the Holy Trinity, he was reportedly walking on the seashore when he noticed a small boy filling a hole in the sand with sea water. Upon asking him what he was doing the boy replied, "I am emptying the sea into this hole." Augustine told him this was impossible, but the boy immediately responded, "I will complete my task before you solve the mystery of the Trinity".

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 12.45pm mass at St Thomas Aquinas church on Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd June. Mass as usual at St Joseph's 10am on those days. Sorry for the inconvenience.

CHURCH CARPARK CLOSURE



There will be no access to the church car park until Friday 5th June while concreting work is done. As limited street parking is available, public transport is advised. Apologies for the inconvenience.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloude-mans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaido, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher, Greg Sutton, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna Slawek.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

- * Gaston Gori
- * Neale Daniher

Anniversaries

- * Lilla D'Angelo
- * Luz Stella Andrade
- * Sheila Bell
- * John Crapper
- * Patricia Ryan
- * Kevin Figley
- * Mark Wettenhall
- * Luz Garcia



HEALING / ANOINTING MASS

Our monthly Anointing/Healing Mass for those who are frail, elderly, mentally or physically ill, will be offered at St. Joseph's 10am this Tuesday 2nd June. If anyone has a friend or relative who is unable to attend but would like to receive communion at home, please speak to one of the priests.

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' MASS

A coffee morning will be held this Sunday 31st May 10.30am at Velvet Bean, 35 Albert Rd.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Saturday 6th June 10.30am in the Parish Centre. For children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

VOLUNTEER AT ST JOSEPH'S

Volunteers are needed to help in St Joseph's church before and after mass on weekends. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office.

MASS COLLECTION 24/05/2026

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 842.50
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 828.85
Envelopes.....	\$ 170.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 645.60
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 510.00
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