



LEVIN-TAITOKO

“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that, “The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself.” It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the “hierarchy of the truths of faith”.

Hence, the “revealed truth of the Holy Trinity” is the root of the church’ living faith. In response to this “revealed truth” is our faith which binds us all as one community. This is our common deep story. Regardless of where we come from, regardless of our colour, regardless of our gender, regardless of our age, we share the same faith in the Trinitarian God. And this faith is what connects us all. This is the faith that brings us together. This is the faith that forms the community to which we belong.

And as our journey as new parish continues, we need to contemplate on the mysteries of the Most Holy Trinity. Gerald Darring describes the mysteries as, “there is absolute individuality within the Trinity, but there is also absolute equality and absolute unity within the Trinity. Looking at these, we can draw some inspirations for our community. The Trinity is for us the model towards which we strive as a community: free individuals with total equality in complete unity. This is the essence of Christianity.

This is our challenge: to build a community patterned after the Most Holy Trinity. As we go on in our journey as one parish, we need to get in touch with the common deep story that binds us all; that common deep story of faith in Trinitarian God. It is only when we are deeply anchored to this story that we can build a community after the Most Holy Trinity.

The Parish Pastoral Council has finished drafting the two-year pastoral plan. It will soon be available in the foyer for you to look and please put your suggestions and comments in the box provided. Should you want to have a conversation, please approach any of the PPC members — Harry, Rasela, Makisi, Kerry, Anna, Maria, Gladys, Hilary, and myself.

Fr. Dennis

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30 pm

Sunday Morning Mass

9:15 am

Weekday Masses

9.30 am Tuesday to Thursday

12:10 pm Friday

Liturgy of the word with Communion

9.30 am Monday

Adoration

11:10 am Friday

Reconciliation

Friday after Mass

P A R I S H N O T I C E S

THE SOCIAL GROUP invites parishioners to the socials every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30pm at the Parish Centre (back of the church)

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION - Thursdays at 5pm at the chapel.

PLEROMA STALL - visit the stall at the back in the foyer.

SCHOOL CARPARK please DO NOT park on the red brick pavers, as the pavers are NOT designed to be driven or parked on.

LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT— if you have or know somebody who has a house for rent, please contact Atina Telea at 0211 423 758. They are in desperate search for a new abode.

CHORAL, POP, OPERA AND CHOIR
St Mary of the Angels Church, Sunday 30 May 2021, 2pm. Afternoon tea provided. Entry by donation/koha.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED for Levin Op Shop Oxford street (Opposite the Council building) 9.30 - 12.30. Or 12.30- 3.30 shifts. This shop divides all profits between four churches in Levin of which our church is a recipient. Please phone Yvonne Leyland at 06 3684111 or call into the shop to leave your name and number and you will be contacted.

MANNA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP will be meeting on Sunday 6 June 2021 for Soup and Buns at Jill's home. Time to be confirmed.

VOLUNTEERS for the office still needed. Please feel free to come anytime on any day except Sunday and Monday. If you also know Xero Accounting, please come.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PARISH ENROLMENT FORMS are available in the foyer.

NEW PARISH BANK ACCOUNT: St. Joseph Catholic Parish (BNZ) 02 0668 0115553 000.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT FORMS are available at our website and in the foyer.

BROWN ENVELOPES for those in automatic payments are available in the foyer.

TAX RECEIPTS are available in the foyer.

BRAIN TEASER 30 May: The Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) have announced "An Ignatian Year". Do you know why they have chosen this year?

Answer: It is the 500th anniversary of St Ignatius suffering a severe leg injury in battle. This confined him to bed for months, during which time he read books about Jesus and the saints, leading to his conversion and eventual founding of the Society of Jesus.

Faith on Line

- **Read: Trinity—Catechism of the Holy Trinity | Catholic News Agency**
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resource/55748/the-trinity-%E2%80%93-catechism-of-the-catholic-church>
- **Watch: Bishop Barron on the Meaning of Trinity** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5l-Lv9tGQwI>
- **You can download a free app on your phone called 'Journey with Ignatius'. It gives you a weekly history lesson about St Ignatius and daily reflections etc.**

S T V I N C E N T D E P A U L C O R N E R

Vincentians work to provide person to person, practical and effective help to those in need; sharing their burdens and joys; sowing seeds of hope, and promoting human dignity, justice and self-sufficiency. Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 3 June at 1.30pm**. If you decide to come along, you may be surprised at the amount of good work that is being done by our relatively small number of volunteers. Perhaps you may even be inspired to join us. (SVdP Levin Bank A/c for direct donations: 11 6932 0308328 11)

THE DOGMA OF THE TRINITY

The Trinity is the term employed to signify the central doctrine of the Christian religion — the truth that in the unity of the Godhead there are Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, these Three Persons being truly distinct one from another.

Thus, in the words of the Athanasian Creed: “the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God.” In this Trinity of Persons, the Son is begotten of the Father by an eternal generation, and the Holy Spirit proceeds by an eternal procession from the Father and the Son. Yet, notwithstanding this difference as to origin, the Persons are co-eternal and co-equal: all alike are uncreated and omnipotent. This, the Church teaches, is the revelation regarding God’s nature which Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came upon earth to deliver to the world: and which she proposes to us as the foundation of her whole dogmatic system.

In Scripture, the Gospel according to Matthew (28:20) explicitly mentions of the trinitarian formula in his great missionary mandate. But the word trias (of which the Latin trinitas is a translation) is first found in Theophilus of Antioch about A.D. 180. He speaks of “the Trinity of God (the Father), His Word and His Wisdom (To Autolycus II.15). In the next century the word is in general use.

NEW ADVENT CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA



TRINITY SUNDAY

The first Sunday after Pentecost was instituted to honour the Most Holy Trinity. In the early Church no special Office or day was assigned for the Holy Trinity. When the Arian heresy was spreading the Fathers prepared an Office with canticles, responses, a Preface, and hymns, to be recited on Sundays.

During the pontificate of Gregory VII (year 460), Office of the Holy Trinity was recited though he declared the Sunday after Pentecost a Dominica vacans, with no special Office. Alexander II (1061-1073) refused a petition for a special feast on the reason that such a feast was not customary in the Roman Church which dai-

ly honoured the Holy Trinity by the Gloria, Patri, etc., but he did not forbid the celebration where it already existed. John XXII (1316-1334) ordered the feast for the entire Church on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

The feast ranked as a double of the second class but was raised to the dignity of a primary of the first class, 24 July 1911, by Pius X. Since it was after the first great Pentecost that the doctrine of the Trinity was proclaimed to the world, the feast becomingly follows that of Pentecost.

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May the souls of our beloved dead and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Ann Sheeran Reg Schou

WHY DO WE... pay stipends to our priests?

A stipend is the income of an ecclesiastical living. In Canon Law, stipend is a general designation of means of support provided for the clergy. In the early ages of the Church, no special provision was made for the maintenance of the clergy. St. Paul, the tent-maker, set the example of earning his own livelihood. Early legislation, which forbade the clergy to take up certain occupations and professions, is an indication that clerics sought to maintain themselves.



Many of the laity, however, were quick to follow the instructions of Christ and his Apostles, founded on the practice in vogue among the Jews who gave tithes of all their goods and produce for the sustenance of priests and Levites. Thus the laity provided for the bodily welfare of the clergy in return for the spiritual gifts received through their ministry. Contributing to the support of the clergy is one of the Precepts of the Church, obliging the faithful to do so within their means.

W E E K L Y S C H E D U L E

Monday , 31th May	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Tuesday, 1st June	9.30am	Holy Mass, St Justin, Martyr
	1pm	Tuesday Social Group at the Parish Centre.
	7pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting, Parish Centre
Wednesday, 2nd	9.30am	Holy Mass, St Marcellinus and Peter.
	1pm	Knitting Group, Presbytery
Thursday, 3rd	9.30am	Holy Mass, St Charles Lwanga and companions.
	1.30pm	SVdP Meeting at the Parish Centre
	5pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition at the chapel.
Friday, 4th	11.10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
	12.10am	Holy Mass with school children.
	2pm	RCIA at the presbytery.
Saturday, 5th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
Sunday, 6th	9:15am	Morning Mass, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Readings at Sunday Mass

(30/05/2021) **1st Reading:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 ; **2nd Reading:** Rom 8:14-17 ;

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Responsorial Psalm: "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

(6/06/2021) **1st Reading:** Ex 24:3-8 ; **2nd Reading:** Heb 9:11-15 ;

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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