



The Trinity Is Central In Our Lives

There is a tendency to regard the mystery of the Blessed Trinity as something remote, mysterious, abstract, and largely irrelevant to our lives. Nothing could be further from the truth. Far from being something that is remote from us, the Trinity is central to our lives as Christians.

This will become clear if we pay attention to what we say and hear in the liturgy every time we attend Mass. Thanks to the liturgical reforms of the Vatican II, the text of the Mass draws attention to the centrality of the Trinity in our lives.

Anyone who seeks to understand this most central mystery could do no better than pay close attention to what is set before us, spoken and heard, at every Mass. Here are some parts of the text of the Mass we might pay attention to.

We begin the Mass by invoking the names of the Blessed Trinity: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

The *Gloria* is a prayer of praise. It is meant to be *prayed*, not just said. In it we address in turn the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge them as possessing equal glory, of being equally deserving of worship, and working together for our salvation.

The Creed is not a prayer but a profession of faith. It is essentially a summary of what we believe about the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and about their respective roles in our salvation.

The Eucharistic Prayer constitutes the heart of the Mass. This great prayer is addressed to the Father. It begins with the *Preface*. Today's Preface sums up for us what the mystery of the Trinity is about. The rest of the prayer deals with the great things the Father has done for us, and continues to do for us, in and through his Son and the Holy Spirit. The Mass ends with a solemn blessing that includes the names of the Blessed Trinity: 'May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.'

These are some of the things we should pay attention to as we celebrate the Mass. If we do pay attention to these things, it will lead us to a better understanding of the Trinity, and of the Mass itself. Each celebration of the Eucharist should deepen our relationship with the persons of the Blessed Trinity.

PARISH NEWS

Blessed Virgin Mary

Would you like the Blessed Virgin Mary to visit your home?

Members of The Legion of Mary can leave her statue at your place for 2 weeks. Gather the whole family and pray the rosary daily. Receive a special protection and greatest blessings through her intercession. If you are interested, please contact [Marilyn on 021 299 4357](tel:0212994357).

International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

Do you believe Jesus Christ is really present in the Eucharist? Come and see our exhibition (in the parish crypt) conceived and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

Saturday 10th June 4pm -7pm.

Sunday 11th June 10am -12pm and 4.30pm -7pm.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

On Sunday 11th June, there will be an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (in the church) from 2pm-4pm.

DIOCESE NEWS

Marriage & Family Life

At M & FL we are again offering the course starting in August and finishing in October. The feedback we had last year was awesome so we've decided to offer it again.

Alpha for Couples via Zoom

Are you dating, engaged or a married couple and want to improve and deepen your communication with your partner/spouse? This is a free course and you don't have to be a Catholic to register. Registration open until 20th July 2023. To register or find out more -

www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/alpha-couples/ or contact Gerry Smith 021 02247442

Approved Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course

Are you getting married? Please book your Diocesan Marriage Preparation Course at www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/

Please book 1 year (if getting married in NZ) or 18 months (if getting married overseas) in advance your wedding date. For more information email marriageandfamily@cda.org.nz or contact Gerry Smith.

Climate Action Webinars

In the spirit of Pope Francis 'Laudato Si' and letter "A Message for our Earth" webinars are to be held from 14 June to 5 July 2023. Organised by the Religious Diversity Centre (RDC) Climate Action Group to mitigate the challenges of climate change and to adapt against future disasters. For further info including registration details please go to <https://rdc.org.nz/rdc-webinar-series-2023/>

MASS TIMES:

Mon: 9am
Tues/Wed/Thurs 6.30pm
Wed: Novena 6pm
Fri: 9am
Sat: 5pm Vigil
Sunday 9am, 10.30am, 5pm

**Reconciliation by appointment,
please contact the parish office.**

Miha Māori - Northcote

The monthly mass for June in Te Reo Māori will be celebrated on Saturday 10 June at 5.00pm at Hato Petera Chapel, 103 College Rd, Northcote. Rosary starts at 4.30pm. For more info, contact [Manuel Beazley via email ManuelB@cda.org.nz](mailto:ManuelB@cda.org.nz)

Miha Māori - Otara

The monthly mass for June in Te Reo Māori (followed by a shared kai) will be celebrated on Sunday 11 June at 1.00pm at Whaiora Marae, 14 Otara Rd, Otara. For more info, contact [Manuel Beazley via email ManuelB@cda.org.nz](mailto:ManuelB@cda.org.nz)

If you wish to place a notice in our parish newsletter, please email the parish office by Wednesday.

Please Pray for our sick parishioners:

Violet Furtado, Yvonne Sommers, Mary Holmes, Kanesi Masae, Ethan Peter Lelo, Rosalen Ahearn, Saulius David Balsys, Kalameli Tauta, Joan Unkovich, Lloyd Ball, Pauline Caffell, Louisa Baptist, Robert Shearman, Siufaga Maileoi Lili, Lee Dunn, Alex Soniega, Barbara Lynch, Fata Peter & Lenora Fuiava, Priscilla Fernandes, Nellie Lemusu-Kea, Aaron Ablan, Joy Rapcsak, Gerard Hoover.

Last Week's Collection:

House - \$ 1,039.70

Parish - \$ 1,667.50

Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for the upcoming week

Mon 05 Jun: Tobit 1:3, 2:1-8

Mk 12:1-12

Tue 06 Jun: Tobit 2:9-14

Mk 12:13-17

Wed 07 Jun: Tobit 3:1-11, 16-17

Mk 12:18-27

Thu 08 Jun: Tobit 6:10-11, 7:1, 9-14, 8:4-9

Mk 12:28-34

Fri 09 Jun: Tobit 11:5-17

Mk 12:35-37

Sat 10 Jun: Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20

Mk 12:38-44

Sun 11 Jun: Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

Cor 10:16-17

Jn 6:51-58

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