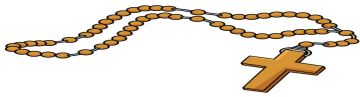


During May we shall be reciting the rosary before 10.00 am Sunday Mass so please aim to be seated by 9.45 am.



31st May 2026
The Most Holy Trinity
Celebrated by
Padre Jose Camilleri

The mystery of God as Father, Son and Holy

First Reading Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

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 Daniel 3:52
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(R) To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
To you glory and praise for evermore.
Blest your glorious holy name. (R)

You are blest in the temple of your glory.
To you glory and praise for evermore.
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R)

You are blest who gaze into the depths.
To you glory and praise for evermore.
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R)

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♪ **Hymns for Today** ♪
160 Father in my life I see
259 Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty
268 How Lovely on the Mountains

Second Reading Corinthians 13:11
-13

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

Alleluia, Alleluia !

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation

He is Lord. He is Lord.
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

We Pray For

Those in our community and all our relatives and friends who need our prayers especially **Lilian Fitzpatrick who is recovering at home** as well as those who have died

Gospel

John 3:16-18

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

Communion Reflection

For us, the war is the Passion of Christ. There is no need now to dwell on its cruelty, we shall not be able to forget that. To the natural eye it seems that out of this war nothing could possibly result but bitterness, hatred and ruin; and indeed, nothing else could result from it were it not for one Person Jesus Christ, our Lord. Because He made us "other Christs", because His life continues in each one of us, there is nothing that any one of us can suffer which is not the Passion He suffered. Our redemption, although it was achieved completely by Our Lord, does by a special loving mercy of His, go on in us. It is one unbroken act which goes on in the mystical body of Christ on earth, which we are. These things are mysterious, we can't understand them with our brains, but now everyone is going to learn to understand them in sorrow, in courage, and in sacrifice.



After listening to today's readings let us now consider the following :
Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

At first sight this part of the dialogue with Nicodemus seems to mention only the Father and the Son and not involve the Holy Spirit. A chief concern of the Gospel of John is to show the relationship of loving obedience between Father and Son. The love and equality in a perfect relationship between a human parent and a child is the nearest reflection of such divine love which we can envisage. In complete trust and confidence the parent gives to the child everything that is theirs. The parent's only interest is the advancement of the child. The child's only care is to please the parent and to be as close to the parent as they can be, in word, in action and in relationships. Each has a vibrant and continuous bond of love for the other. Such a relationship may be rare in human family life, but it can model for us a pale reflection of the loving relationship between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, love in person, the living bond which unites them. We must, however, appreciate that any such language limps and belittles the divine relationship, which is of a different order of perfection and intensity. Human language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding. We are familiar with St Patrick's clover-leaf image of the Trinity. Are there any other images of the Trinity which you find helpful? How are Father, Son and Spirit presented in this Gospel passage? How does the Holy Spirit bring us close to the Father? How can we respond to God's love for us?

And from Fr. Robert Draper

When we approach the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity, it is important to remember that today is not about trying to 'solve' or sort out the mystery of the Trinity. The feast is given to us to help us reflect on what we know about God and how that is important. The Dominican theologian Herbert McCabe used to write that God was always dressed in second-hand clothes, because what we say about God is always analogous - we use human language to try and express the inexpressible - but we do so because we need to communicate something of our understanding and experience of God. Today's readings are not the answer to a mathematical conundrum, but a way of opening up significant truths. The first reading is an incident in the Exodus when Moses brings the tablets of the Law to the people. This is the second time he has done this, because the first time he discovered to his horror that God's people had apostasised and made themselves a golden calf to worship. Despite his anger, God does not bring disaster to his 'headstrong people' but renews his covenant and agrees to journey with them. This is expressed above all in the title he gives: 'Lord, Lord, God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness'. That is the nature of God as revealed to Moses and the Hebrews. Jesus offers a similar teaching to Nicodemus - except that it is broadened and applies not just to the Hebrews, but to anyone who believes: 'God so loved the world that he gave his only son' God who only does not hum his anger on the disobedient, but who offers himself: 'so that through him the world might be saved'. The reading from St Paul concludes with the prayer that is often simply called 'the grace' - a summary to remind us that our relationship with God is gift, it is love and it is communion with the Trinity. All that we can know of God is ultimately revelation - we are not asked to unravel the mystery of the Trinity, but recognise we are invited into the loving communion of the Trinity who is opened to us.

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for May

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Commencing **Wednesday 6th May**, and on the 15 Wednesdays up to the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady on Saturday 15th August, there will be a **Mass in English at Ta Pinu at 11.15a.m.** Readers are needed for these masses please.

11th June 2026 3.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in English at Ghasri church followed by refreshments.

Birthdays in June

17th Johanna Marks

28th Francesca Coen

Money Matters



The collection for last Sunday was € 135.37

All monies collected are deployed to cover the costs of running our community and for good causes

Eucharistic Ministers

31-May-26	Ben Miltenburg	Mary Newman
07-Jun-26	Johanna Marks	David Felice Pace
14-Jun-26	Ben Miltenburg	Iain Dando
21-Jun-26	Johanna Marks	Monique Sant Georges
28-Jun-26	Mary Newman	David Felice Pace

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31-May Readings	Angelika Camilleri	Prayers	Johanna Marks
07-Jun Readings	Johanna Marks	Prayers	Stella Woodgate
14-Jun Readings	Vince Vella	Prayers	Mary Newman
21-Jun Readings	Stella Woodgate	Prayers	Andy Young
28-Jun Readings	Andy Young	Prayers	Johanna Marks

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