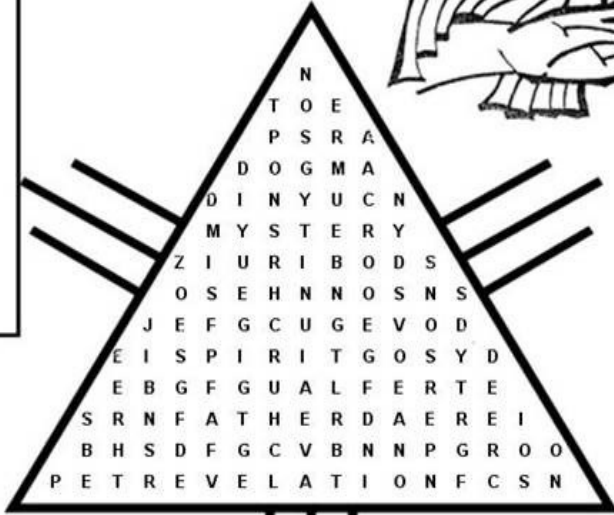


The Blessed Trinity



- Persons
- Dogma
- Mystery
- Three
- Unity
- Father
- Son
- Spirit(Holy)
- Church
- Revelation
- Creed
- Jesus
- Dove
- God



Find the hidden words



Happenings

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TRINITY SUNDAY, YEAR A - 4 JUNE 2023

Living a Trinitarian Life

I HAVE BEEN TO prison a number of times. From July until December as seminarians, we would do prison visits every Sunday to talk to the inmates about the Faith.

Since our visits coincided with family hours, we were unable to use the communal hall and so one or two seminarians would be locked up in the cells with about 30 other inmates. It was not scary, to be honest. They were very welcoming and respectful. Each cell has an elected "mayor" who kept order and discipline. Philippine prisons are different from other countries. Not everyone in jail are guilty; some are in due to false accusations, political beliefs, poverty (unable to pay *fianza*, or bail bond).

To most of the inmates, the hardest punishment was not the physical labour or discomfort in the crowded humid cells. It was solitary confinement. No contact with fellow prisoners or family visits.

Seminary life is sometimes mistaken as a quasi-prison. Some young people would say to us, "I don't want to be a priest because it must be a lonely life." I always reply, "Any person, priest or not, can feel lonely at times even if surrounded by family and friends. It is what you do with your life that could make all the difference."

These sentiments underline one of the basic needs of humanity: we need community. Of course, an introvert can be a priest or can raise a family if he knows what real love is, which brings us to this Sunday's **Solemnity of the Holy Trinity**: God is love (1 Jn 4:8, 16). For love to be real, it has to *proceed* away from itself. Love has to have an object other than itself. Thus, we say in the Creed that the Holy Spirit *proceeds* from the Father and the Son. As the Gospel today shows, a person who loves is a person who serves and is willing to sacrifice. That is why we say God, the Holy Trinity, is *the* community of love. That, too, is the life we must live as a parish.



Blessings,
 Rico Angelo

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Cor 13:13 [Second Reading]



EVEN THE GIFTS that the Spirit dispenses to individuals are given by the Father through the Word. For all that belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son, and so the graces given by the Son in the Spirit are true gifts of the Father. Similarly, when the Spirit dwells in us, the Word who bestows the Spirit is in us too, and the Father is present in the Word. This is the meaning of the text: *My Father and I will come to him and make our home with him.* For where the light is, there also is the radiance; and where the radiance is, there too are its power and its resplendent grace.

This is also Paul's teaching in his second letter 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.* For grace and the gift of the Trinity are given by the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Just as grace is given from the Father through the Son, so there could be no communication of the gift to us except in the Holy Spirit. But when we share in the Spirit, we possess the love of the Father, the grace of the Son and the fellowship of the Spirit himself. - **St Athanasius, Letter to Serapion**



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Council will meet on *Thursday 8 June, 7.30pm* at the Tawa Presbytery. If you have any matters you would like discussed, please contact Marie Prescott: (04) 232 7679 or the.mothership@xtra.co.nz



Reconciliation is available before Vigil and Sunday Masses or after 9am Mass on Saturday mornings (9.30-10am).

Daily Readings 5-11 June

Monday: Mark 12:13-17; *Tuesday:* Mark 12:13-17; *Wednesday:* Mark 12:18-27; *Thursday:* Mark 12:28-34; *Friday:* Mark 12:35-37; *Saturday:* Mark 12:38-44; **Body & Blood of Christ, Year A:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16; Psalm 147B; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58



ANNIVERSARIES: Austin O'Carroll (6); Bridget & Carmel Hynes (7).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Mabel McErlain, Harold Webster, Thomas Sharp, Robert Thompson, Rosalie Duncan (5); Jack O'Halloran, Sarah Murphy, Michael Gilligan, Stephen McErlain, Austin O'Carroll (6); Theresa Tohill, Michael Huggins (7); Thomas Elliot (8); Peter Shakesby, Ellen James, George Edwards, Frank Boyle (9); Francis West, Nora Petersen, Josephus Van Schijndel (10); William Brown, Brian Bradshaw (11).

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

5-11 JUNE: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
Tuesday	9am Mass	
Wednesday	9am Mass 9am-9pm Adoration	
Thursday	9am Mass	10am Mass
Friday	9am Mass	
Saturday	9am Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am and 10.30am Mass	

Weekday Masses may be replaced by a Funeral Mass

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	Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-12 noon	
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Parish Finance Committee Chairperson: Graeme Hansen		Ph: 232 4360
Marist Sisters: Srs Francine McGovern & Margaret Vaney		Ph: 232 5151
St Francis Xavier School: Joan Woods, Principal		Ph: 232 8927
St Pius X School: Nenah Kelemete, Principal		Ph: 236 7006
Bishop Viard College: Chris Theobald, Principal		Ph: 237 5248
Filipino Chaplaincy	Web: www.filchap-adw.nz	

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

28 May 2023 - \$2,000.90

This amount does not include Bank Automatic payments or direct debit payments.



Thanks to the flower donors and parents of children who offered flowers during our May Marian floral offerings.



JUNE MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING

The next Marian Mother's meeting will be held on *Monday, 12 June at 10.00am.*

It is a reflection from Amie Fouhy who is part of our group, on the topic: I Thirst (a reflection on the Woman at the Well and Jesus' last words on the Cross).

We are a group of mother's who share what is going on with our lives and families and use the material provided as a guide.

Any new or expectant mothers are welcome (as well as pre-schoolers). For more information, please contact Mary Rayner 021 120 4717.



DO YOU HAVE MEDICAL OR FIRST AID SKILLS?

Fr Rico would like to have suitably skilled people available who can assist, until paramedics arrive, if people take sick during Masses.

Can you please email your name, contact details and which Mass you attend to ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz.



FUNDRAISING FOR ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

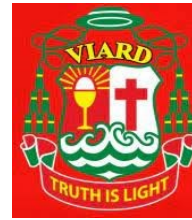
The Parents and Friends fundraising group are excited to once again offer Family pies from Centra Bakery, Lower Hutt. We are offering the opportunity to buy them at a great price and have them delivered to school.

The Google form for the pie fundraiser is now open. Hard copies of the pie order forms can be found in the Church foyer.

Orders close on Friday, 9 June and can be collected from the school foyer on Thursday 22 June between 2.30 and 3.30pm.

To place your order, please click on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/ukbUJDEwAmSz43YG7>



BISHOP VIARD COLLEGE - OPEN DAY

Whanau looking to enrol their sons/daughters into a Catholic faith based education in 2024 are invited to our **Open Day on Wednesday, 7 June from 9am to 12pm.** A learning environment that pushes all learners to grow in their culture and faith while attaining excellence in all pursuits.

For more info, please contact Bishop Viard College - (04) 237 5248.

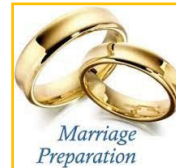


PARENTING FOR FAITH SEMINAR

Dr Andrew Mullins from Melbourne will talk about integrating character and faith education within the context of raising children and encourage us with practical ways to ensure that we parents are empowered to pass on the taonga which is our faith.

Sunday, 4 June 2-4pm at St Mary of the Angels Church hall, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. \$20 per individual or couple. Afternoon tea included. Childminding (with movie and snacks) available for \$10 per family.

For more information or to register, email Monica Devine at devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com



THE PATHWAY TO PREPARE FOR YOUR SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

All Catholic marriages require a marriage preparation course to be taken by the couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. The upcoming course will be held on *Sundays: 11 and 18 June 2023.*

Please check our website: www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/ for registration, course availability, or email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on *Thursday 15 June at 7.30pm at the Loaves and Fishes next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, cnr Hill and Molesworth Streets* followed by supper.

Theme: "Be light shining out of darkness".

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027 447 7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com