



ONE MISSION, TWO CHURCHES

The Most Holy Trinity

Year A - 31st May 2026



Exodus 34:4-6,8-9, Daniel 3:52-56, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

GOSPEL READING: John 3:16-18

Meditation: *When God met with Moses on Mount Sinai and made a covenant with the people of Israel, he revealed the nature of his character and his personal love for them: God is all-loving, faithful, merciful, and forgiving by nature. God's love is supreme because it directs, orders, and shapes everything he does.*

Believing in the Son of God: Do you believe that Jesus personally died for you - for you alone - simply because he loved you? Scripture tells us that God knew each one of us even before we were knit in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13, Jeremiah 1:5). We were created for a purpose - to be united with God and to share in his love and glory now and forever. Augustine of Hippo wrote: "God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love." God's love is complete and perfect because it is wholly directed towards our greatest good - to make us whole and to unite us in a perfect bond of love and peace. That is why God was willing to go to any length necessary to save us from slavery to sin and death.



How does God's love bring healing, pardon, and wholeness to our lives? God's love has power to set each one of us free from every form of bondage to sin - whether it be bondage to fear and guilt, pride and greed, envy and hatred. We can only know the love of God and experience his healing power to the degree that we put our faith in him and surrender our lives to his will. Faith is the key that opens the door to Christ and to his healing power in our lives. But for faith to be effective we must act and do our part. That is why faith requires repentance and obedience - turning away from unbelief and disobedience - and turning to the Lord with a believing heart and listening ear. That is why Jesus said, "whoever believes in me is not condemned" (John 3:18).

To believe that Jesus is the only Son of God who died for our sins is the key that opens the door to his presence and work in our lives. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me" (Revelation 3:20). The Lord Jesus knocks at the door of your heart - will you listen today and open at once?

Triune nature of God: The Lord Jesus has revealed to his disciples the great mystery of our faith - the triune nature of God and the inseparable union of the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus' mission is to reveal the glory of God to us - a Trinity of persons - God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and to unite us with God in a community of love. The ultimate end, the purpose for which God created us, is the entry of God's creatures into the perfect unity of the blessed Trinity.

The Jews understood God as Creator and Father of all that he made (Deuteronomy 32:6) and they understood the nation of Israel as God's firstborn son (Exodus 4:22). However, Jesus reveals that God is eternally Father by his relationship to his only Son, who, reciprocally, is Son only in relation to his Father (see Matthew 11:27). The Spirit, likewise, is inseparably one with the Father and the Son.

The mission of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit are the same. That is why Jesus tells his disciples that the Spirit will reveal the glory of the Father and the Son and will speak what is true. Before his Passover, Jesus revealed the Holy Spirit as the "Paraclete" and Helper who will be with Jesus' disciples to teach and guide them "into all the truth" (John 14:17,26;16:13). In baptism we are called to share in the life of the Holy Trinity here on earth in faith and after death in eternal light.

We can know God personally: How can we grow in our understanding and experience of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? It is the Holy Spirit who reveals the Father and the Son to us and who gives us the gift of faith to know and understand the truth of God's word. Through baptism we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Lord renews the gift of the Spirit in each one of us as we open our hearts with expectant faith and yield to his work in our lives. Jesus promised his disciples that he would send them the Spirit of truth who would be their Teacher and Guide. Ask the Lord Jesus to renew in you the gift of the Holy Spirit who strengthens us in the seven-fold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence, and holy fear in God's presence (Isaiah 11:2-3).

Photo by Fr Alex Chow (Sept 2025): Pietà with Saint Nicodemus and Mary Magdalene, by Ippolito Scalza, 1579, Orvieto, Italy
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Wednesdays,

Thursdays & Fridays

10am – 2pm

SUNDAY MASS

***Saturday Vigil:* 5pm (SL)**

***Sunday:* 8:30am (SL)**

10:30am (ST)

WEEKDAY MASSES

***Tues.* 6:30pm (SL)**

***Wed.* 9:15am (ST)**

***Thurs.* 9:15am (ST)**

***Fri.* 9:15am (SL*)**

6.30pm (ST)

***Sat.* 9.15am (SL*)**

**Rosary after Mass*

RECONCILIATION

SL: Tues 5:30 - 6:10pm

Sat 9.45 - 10.15am

ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:10pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & EVENING PRAYER

SL: Tues 5:30 - 6:30pm

ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:30pm

HOSPITALITY AFTER MASS AT ST. LUKE'S

Second weekend of each month - bring a plate to share (optional)

YOUNG ADULT GROUP -

Wednesday 17th June @ 7pm - venue TBC

LEGION OF MARY -

Friday 5th June @ 10.15am at St Luke's Parish Hall Kitchen. Enquiries to Lucy 0419 591 423

Melbourne
Corpus Christi
Procession

Jesus himself came near and was walking with them.
LUKE 24:15

SUNDAY 7 JUNE, 2PM
STARTS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
CONCLUDES AT FED SQUARE

Together with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, let us bring Christ in the Eucharist—our light—into the heart of the city of Melbourne. Communities are invited to bring their banners!

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

We would love a big group of parishioners to join the procession on Sunday 7th June and represent our parish.

It is suggested to wear comfortable walking shoes, wear warm layers, bring a jacket or umbrella & a water bottle.

If you are able to attend please contact Jenny Marino on 0421 709 681 or Isaac Cheng on 0478 625 580 to arrange meeting up.

Next Week's Daily Readings 01 June - 07 June Ordinary Time

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| MONDAY | June 1: 2 Pet 1:2-7 Ps 90:1-2, 14-16 Mk 12:1-12 St Justin, martyr |
| TUESDAY | June 2 2 Pet 3:11-15, 17-18 Ps 89:2-4, 10, 14, 16 Mk 12:13-17 |
| WEDNESDAY | June 3 2:Tim 1:1-3, 6-12 Ps 122:1-2 Mk 12:18-27 Sts Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs |
| THURSDAY | June 4 2 Tim 2:8-15 Ps 24:4-5, 8-10, 14 Mk 12:28-34 |
| FRIDAY | June 5 2 Tim 3:10-17 Ps 118:157, 160-161, 165-166, 168 Mk 12:35-37 St Boniface, bishop, martyr |
| SATURDAY | June 6 2 Tim 4:1-8 Ps 70:8-9, 14-17, 22 Mk 12:38-44 |
| SUNDAY | June 7 Deut 8:2-3, 14-16 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20: 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58 |

The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 5pm SL
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST

30 and 31 MAY

Edna Lee
Greg McKeown
Anne Lim

6 and 7 JUNE

Melina Barcellona
May McKeown
Sarah Ahmed

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 5pm SL
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST

Lynda Kilroe-Smith
Kana Chelliah
Eleanor Mendes

Godfrey Thong
Margaret Gearon
Chin L Tay

SLIDE OPERATORS

Saturday 5pm SL
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST

Choir
Paul Tierney
Lee Min Yee

Choir
Rosemary Donaldson
Manny Gonzalez

SL WELCOMERS 30 - 31 May.

5pm John Ryan
8.30am Janette Clark
10.30am Volunteer

SL CHURCH CLEANING

20th June - Bianca's team
Bianca Broccio, Libby Theodore,,
& Franca Leo

SL CHURCH FLOWERS

30th May - Edna Lee
6th June - Jo Adams

ST CHURCH FLOWERS

Parishioners

SL WELCOMERS 6 - 7 June

5:00pm Libby Theodore
8.30am Sarah Santilli
10.30am Volunteer

ST CHURCH CLEANING

5th June
Isaac Cheng & Susan Chen

ST COUNTERS

This week Team 1:
Raj Fonn & Harin Perera
Next week Team 2:
Kelvin Chen & Patrick Rajaratnam

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

All who are sick, especially Shirley Prabha, Helen MacKay, Kevin Ryan, Suzy Bookluck, Emilio Moreno Garcia, Agatha Wink, Chris Leach, Dora Leung, Hazel Grealy, Josephine Alexander, Kit Bing Fan, Kathryn Holmes, Stewart Davis, Mark, Margaret Hayes, Charmaine Bancroft, Marilene Japour, Paciencia Cabral and all those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend.

All who have died, especially Terence Thong who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Irene Pereira, Albert Cleary, Kathleen Bingham, Maria Boccaccio, Vita Boccacci, Eloide Leonardi, Anna Boccacci, Felice Boccacci, Laura Ciritelli, Victoria Borg, Athol James William Bryant, Clelia Pase, Catherine Henry, Dorris Beatty, Ernest Paul Monteiro, Verna Dughard, Graeme Mead, Thomas O'Neill, Mark Van Staveren & Donald Kidd. May they rest in peace.

POPE LEO'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.

NEW BLUE CHAIRS FOR ST TIMOTHY'S CHURCH: We have ordered 40 new blue chairs for St Timothy's church as some of the existing pink chairs and benches are very well worn and need to be replaced. This will cost \$4,774. If you would like to make a financial donation to the parish to assist with this cost, please contact Sonya in the parish office.

ANCHORED - RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS:

THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026, 7PM-8PM, FREE ONLINE WEBINAR.

In today's rapidly changing digital and highly sexualised culture, young people face influences and pressures that can challenge their identity, relationships & flourishing. Parents and caregivers are called to help teenagers make choices that foster respectful and virtuous relationships, honour dignity and reflect love. Open to parents and caregivers of children aged 12 and younger. For more information or to book: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1577313>



PARISH & SCHOOL FETE: St Luke's Fete, in partnership with St Timothy's, will be held on **Sunday October 18th**. The next fete committee meeting will be on Thurs. 18th June at 7pm in St Luke's school. We are now looking for donations of prizes or other items for our Silent Auction and potential online raffle. We are also looking for stall coordinators for our Pre-loved Books, Silent Auction, Beer Garden/Wine & Cheese & BBQ stalls. Contact Sonya in the parish office or email stlukesfete@gmail.com. **More volunteers are very welcome to join us, as many hands make light work!**

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: In his first encyclical, Pope Leo XIV calls for wisdom in the age of AI

MAJELLAN MEDIA: Popes A.I. warning

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

The First collection is for the priest and retired priests.

The Second collection is for parish expenses.

Please note that collection totals will no longer be published each week in the newsletter. Presbytery and Church donations will be reported on a monthly basis at all weekend Masses. To donate regularly via envelope, credit card or bank account, please contact the parish office.

Parish Groups & Contacts

Volunteers and Rosters:

Kelvin & Susan Chen (ST),

Margaret Gearon (SL)

Baptism Preparation: *Fr Alex*

Parish Collection Preparers

ST: Barry Silvester &

Michael Kawalevski

Parish Safeguarding Committee

Fr Alex, Sonya O'Farrell,

Darren McLean & Janette Clark

Parish History

SL: Margaret Gearon

Parish Accountant

Bernard Negline

SL & ST: Hall Hire

Sonya O'Farrell @ 9877 2292

Church Sacristan

ST: Roster of Parishioners

SL: Greg Grant

Church Cleaning & Flowers

SL: Megan McLean

ST: Susan Chen

Church Linen: *SL: Beryl Chelliah*

Parish Garden Maintenance

ST: Des Connors

SL: Darren McLean

Parish Choirs

ST: Miguel Ilagan

SL: Fr Alex

Bible Timeline: *Chris Lim*

ALPHA: *Lynda Kilroe-Smith*

Young Adult Ministry:

Sarah Santilli & Jersy Soesanto

RCIA: *David West*

St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

ST: John McCoy

SL: Margaret Gearon &

Steve Kilroe-Smith

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

Response to the Psalm: Glory and praise for ever!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

ST TIMOTHY'S: Sunday 14th June at the 10.30am Mass. This will run on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.



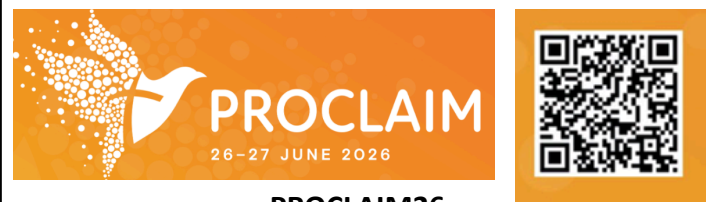
ST LUKE'S: Family Mass will run on the 2nd Saturday of each month starting from June 13th.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2026

Confirmation - June 25th @ 6pm

First Eucharist - August 1st @ 5pm

Parents of children who do not attend Catholic schools are asked to contact the parish office asap to enrol in preparation sessions for any of the above sacraments.



PROCLAIM26

All parishioners, especially volunteers in our churches, are warmly invited to attend the Proclaim26 workshop on Saturday 27th June at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne. It promises to be an inspiring event. We will explore what is really means to lead renewal, and the 'why' of what we do. With **Sherry Weddell**, we will explore how people are drawn into a life of discipleship in Christ and what it takes to walk with people on this graced journey. We are privileged to have **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli** address us.

For more information, scan the QR code or go to melbournecatholic.org/proclaim26

ST LUKE'S FETE in partnership with ST TIMOTHY'S - 18th October '26

We have started to promote the fete on our social media. Please like and share our posts to encourage everyone to attend the fete and support our generous sponsors.

<https://www.facebook.com/stlukesfete2026/>

<https://www.instagram.com/stlukesfete/>



For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy

Please note that:

The Annual Collection for Catholic Mission will be held next weekend June 6 & 7

"SYNOD CORNER"

11. What synodality is NOT



Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable. What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Our pilgrims, following in the footsteps of St Paul, have visited many places in Greece, Turkiye & Rome and are now safely home after their adventures. You can access their blog by scanning this QR code:





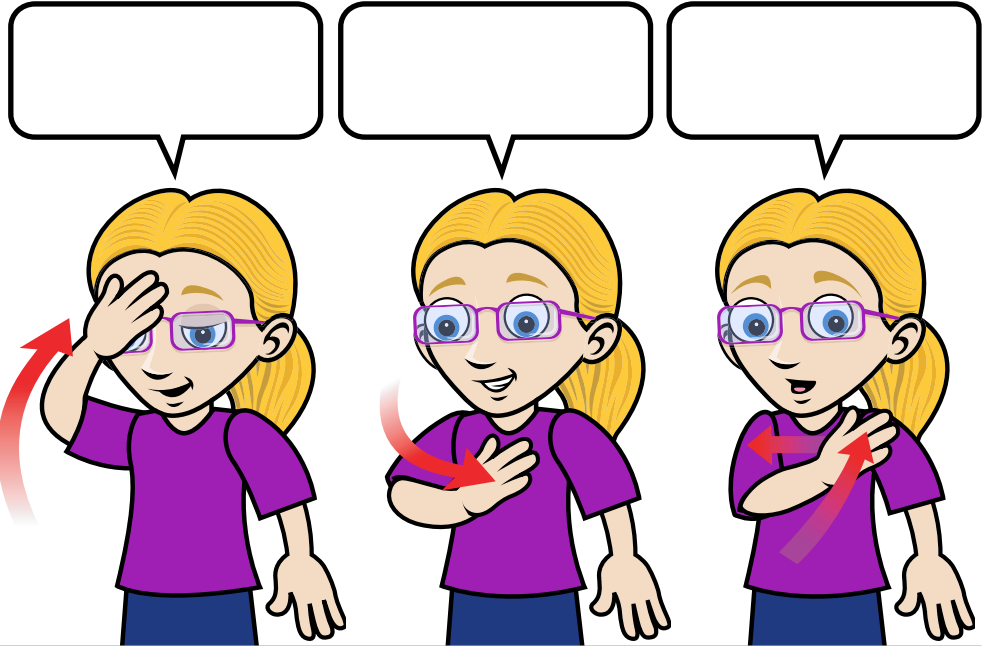
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

Trinity Sunday, Year A

There is a simple prayer that we say almost every day, which reminds us of the Trinity. That prayer is the Sign of the Cross.

How do I make the Sign of the Cross?

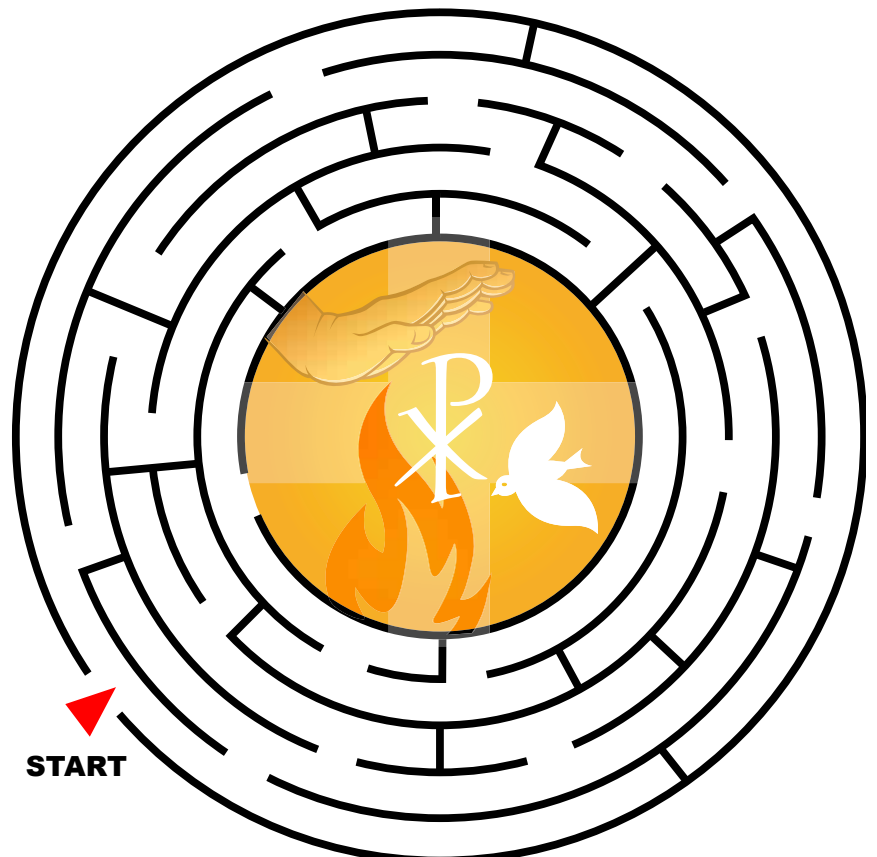
1. Using your right hand, touch your forehead and say....
(fill in the 1st speech balloon)
2. Touch your chest near your heart and say....
(fill in the 2nd speech balloon)
3. Touch your left shoulder, then your right shoulder and say....
(fill in the 3rd speech balloon)



When and where do we use the Sign of the Cross?

Because of God's love for us, he sent his Son Jesus to save those who believe.
How can we return that love?

Find your way to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY— 31 MAY 2026



COLLECT

Let us pray.

God our Father, who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race your wondrous mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

The Preface for today's Mass can really give us the wrong idea about the liturgical celebration of the Trinity. It says, in part, 'one God, not in the unity of a single person, but in a Trinity of one substance... that you might be adored in what is proper to each Person, their unity in substance and their equality in majesty.' Phrases like this give the impression that the feast is about trying to understand a complicated theological concept using medieval philosophical categories such as 'Person' and 'substance'. A glance at the readings shows us that the feast celebrates the great and wonderful mystery of God's tenderness and compassion, God's kindness and love. Understanding the feast in this way creates, not fear in our minds, but love in our hearts!

A reading from the book of Exodus 36:4-6, 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.'

Responsorial Psalm Daniel 3:52-56

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!

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!

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of the heaven.

R. Glory and praise for ever

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the 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.

First Reading

Some time after Moses' encounter with the Lord God in the burning bush and the establishment of the covenant between God and the people, the people are unfaithful – they make and worship a golden calf. Moses pleads with God on their behalf.

God agrees to write the commandments again on new tablets of stone and Moses carries them up Mt Sinai first thing in the morning. God passes before him affirming that indeed he, the Lord, is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.

This renewal of the covenant takes place in mystery on top of Mt Sinai surrounded by cloud. Then Moses worships God and begs forgiveness.

God's self-revelation is the centre of this reading and it should be proclaimed with warm and expansive solemnity. The reader's aim is to open up for people today an encounter with God in mystery.

Responsorial Psalm

This is a 'psalm' which is not a psalm – it is a brief litany from the book of Daniel. This is from the story of three young men who were recommended by Daniel to administer the province for a cruel king. When they refused to worship a golden calf, the king has them thrown into a fiery furnace, but God protects them. As they walk about in the flames, they sing a long litany of praise of which these are the first few verses.

Because it does not follow the usual structure of a responsorial psalm, careful thought will need to be given by the cantor/reader to facilitate people's ready participation in the response.

Second Reading

This is the conclusion of Paul's second letter to the Church at Corinth. It ends with a blessing in trinitarian form: grace, love and fellowship of Christ, God and the Spirit. It is a greeting we use often at the beginning of Mass.

Paul prays that the God of love and peace will be with them. Encountering the God of mystery and love has consequences. We ourselves need to grow and be joyful. We need to be united and help one another. Acknowledging that love is at the centre of the triune God impels us to live in love.

The reader should take care that the short sentences do not become staccato. The intonation of the final greeting should be nuanced so that it does not elicit the response, And with your spirit – it is a reading! The opening should be read as ‘Brothers and sisters’

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to 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.’

Gospel

The most important line in this reading is the first that Jesus speaks – God loved the world so much... Everything else follows from this wonderful affirmation: the gift of God’s Son Jesus, the promise of eternal life, the assurance of salvation and not condemnation. The first line therefore should be pronounced slowly and with emphasis. The rest is a kind of meditation on it.

The first line also takes us to the core meaning of the Trinity. God is love because of the equal mutuality of Father, Son and Spirit. And love is always outward-looking.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Solemn Blessing (Ordinary Time VI)

May God bless you with every heavenly blessing,
make you always holy and pure in his sight,
pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory,
and teach you with the words of truth;
may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation,
and ever endow you with fraternal charity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son,+ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

(Adapted from the Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time VI, Roman Missal p 717)

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