



## 7 June 2020 – The Most Holy Trinity – Year A

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## Reminder

Tune into Deacon Trung's Ordination tomorrow at 11am.

The link is [www.pndiocese.org.nz/watchordination](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/watchordination)

# Pastor's Desk

Relationships are necessary because they keep us linked to each other and the bigger world. When relationships break, it is painful, but when they start, it is pure joy!

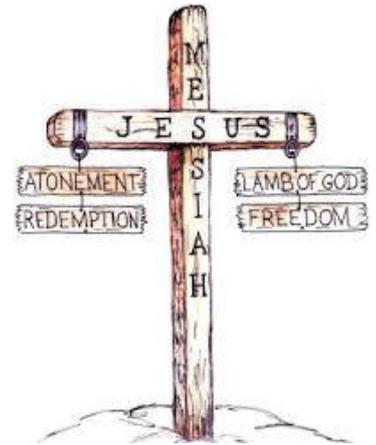
The doctrine of the Trinity expresses the relationship between God and humankind. This relationship is the template for worship and belief: we pray because we have a relationship with God; we believe in God because our relationship gives us confidence to believe.

The Trinity has a work or liturgy that they do on behalf of everyone – God's "work" or liturgy is the redemption of all creation. God sets out to redeem, to save and to make holy - or complete - each human life and the whole of creation. God does this in the Cosmic Christ, writes St Paul.

We enter God's liturgy of redemption and become co-workers with Christ through baptism. Baptism is when each we receive our vocation to be Christ-in-the-world.

Every Sunday, when we come together to worship our "work" is to recall and celebrate God's inclusion of us in the work of salvation.

When we gather at Liturgy our reading of the scriptures, our singing, our praying of the Eucharistic Prayer and our reception of communion all celebrate our participation in God's work (liturgy) of saving people. They renew our desire to serve God more.



Our belief in the Trinity allows us to speak of the Mass as both a place of redemption and as a place of outreach to others. We must talk about the Sunday Liturgy as a place of both redemption and outreach because we need to articulate how God relates to the world. We cannot have one without the other, because then we would be breathing with only one lung.

Relationality empowers the act of worship to speak to a modern, pluralistic world that highly values relationships.

Vatican II's Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum* number 2 speaks of God's self-disclosure as a relationship that God chooses to have with us: "In his goodness and wisdom God chose to reveal Himself and to make known to us the hidden purpose of his will". Then of Christ: "by this revelation...the deepest truth and the salvation of man is made clear to us in Christ, who is the Mediator and at the same time the fullness of all revelation." Jesus does this "through his words and deeds, his signs and wonders, but especially through his death and glorious resurrection from the dead and final sending of the Spirit of truth."

## Ordination of Trung Van Nguyen

The parishes ask abundant blessings on Trung and his ministry as presbyter among us.

We pray that his service to the people of God will be blessed with wisdom and love for all.

May the blessing of Marcellin Champagnat enable him to work with zeal for the people of the diocese.

Fr. Joe Grayland

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# Prayer Intentions

## We Pray for Our Deceased:

### Patricia (Pat) McDonald (5/6/2020) RIP

A long time parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our sympathies go out to Maurice, her husband and family.

### Barney Conlon (A04/06)



**We pray for:** Rebecca Lauvi, Audrey Murphy, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon, Betsy Franssen, Bettie Beech, Chris Kleinsman, Diane Stubbs, Fiona Hurly, Evie Feierabend, Ian Sutherland, John Pepperell, June MacMillan, Kathleen Butturini, Kia Reyes, Marian Carey, Margaret Kersel, Melva Widdowson, Fr Michael Lloyd, Mike Manson, Mikulas Oros, Pat Kauri, Pat McDonald, Paul McRae, Raymond Jones, Romuald Rudzki, Steve Horgan, Tony Murphy, Tony Winchcombe, Vinnie Carroll and William Lemmon



**Farewells** - This coming week, we farewell both Trung and Michele.



Fr **Trung** will be moving onto the sunny Hawkes Bay on Thursday to commence his role in the Hastings Parish. We have loved having you here Trung and loved having you as part of our Palmerston North parish communities. We are inviting you to come back to Palmerston North, when things are back to normal, to say a parish mass (or two) which will give us the opportunity to celebrate your ordination as a parish community.

**Michele** sadly resigned in March and was due to leave at the beginning of April. Fortunately for us, she had to stay on and assist the Parish staff as we worked through lockdown. As with all good things, they come to an end and Michele, Leiv and family will be heading off to Wellington next Thursday. Thank you Michele for everything you have done, for not only

our parish community but your fellow colleagues. Thank you also to you, Leiv and the boys for assisting with the various ministries, Parish Pastoral Council, youth groups etc. You are all going to be missed.

Every blessing to both Trung and Michele as they move on to their next adventures.

## Special Intention:

The Board of Trustees are about to commence the process of appointing a replacement Principal for Kevin Shore, who will be leaving us in September. This is a time when prayer becomes a significant factor to their planning and decision making. Accordingly, we invite all parishioners to mindfully keep this process and the Board Members in your thoughts and prayers please.



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## Congratulations:

Clare and Gilbert Cole celebrated 64 years of marriage on Thursday 4 June. Congratulations Clare and Gilbert from all the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. Blessings on you both and you family.



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# Health and Wellbeing

## The Strength to Change Ourselves (Lolly Daskal)

He was an elderly man whose face had life written all over it. He sat drinking tea as he reflected on his life:



*When I was young, I was full of fire and I wanted to awaken everyone. I prayed for enough strength to change the world.*

*In midlife, I awoke one day to realize my life was half over and I had changed no one. I prayed for strength to change those close around me, who so much needed it.*

*And now, here I am a very old man, and my prayer today is very simple. I pray for the strength to at least change myself*

**In life we must learn to first assemble the inner, than the outer.**

**We must first acknowledge the important rather than the insignificant.**

**We must recognize the great rather than the trivial.**

**We must first lead ourselves, and then only then we can lead others.**

Whether you call it prayer, meditation, or some other name, you can each learn something every day by asking these questions and reflecting on the answers.

### **Who am I?**

Until you identify your authentic self, it is difficult to effectively lead. When you make a conscious commitment to know yourself, develop yourself, learn about yourself, you are allowing yourself to change step by step. Knowing yourself is a process that can only take place internally.

### **What is my purpose?**

There is an amazing sense of empowerment that comes when you identify what you are meant to do. It grows out of learning what matters most to you. Once you have it, it provides direction and focus, it brings clarity, it establishes goals. It helps you achieve results and stay connected to meaningful thought and action.

### **Who do I want to be?**

As Michael Jackson sang, if you want to make this world a better place, take a look at yourself and make the change. Who you are going to be is rooted in your talents and skills and fuelled by your passion.

### **The only place you can truly create change is within you.**

The essence of leadership is not in telling of others what to do, but in being your best self and inspiring those around you to do the same.

**Lead From Within:** Most of us want to make the world a better place. To do so, we must start within ourselves, where we are, making one change at a time, and we must not stop reflecting until we are done.

### **Cathedral Office Hours**

Commencing on Monday 8 June 2020 the Cathedral office hours will be from 9am to 1pm. If you need to contact a parish staff member outside these times, please phone 357-2891 and leave a message and they will be in touch.



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# Reflection – The Most Holy Trinity

## Ascension of our Lord.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 34. 4b-6, 8-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Gospel Reading: John 3.16-18

*Responsorial Psalm:* Glory and praise for ever!

Each of these short readings once again gives us an insight into the mystery of God. In the first, God reveals to Moses the attributes of kindness, mercy, patience and trustworthiness as Moses appeals to his forgiveness on behalf of the people with whom God enters into an intimate relationship.

The second reading explores the fruit of the Spirit that brings warmth to our relationships together.

The Gospel completes the picture as it very simply speaks of God's great immeasurable love and the saving action of Jesus. John writes from the premise that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that this belief would ensure eternal life for his readers. John's Gospel (Ch.14) also tells us that the intimacy of the relationship between the Father and the Son, means that in knowing the Son, one comes to know the Father.

From the earliest times the Church has pondered the relationship between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Doctrine of the Trinity, three persons in one God, is the result of this. Theologians today continue to contemplate the mystery of the Trinity, which is central to the faith and life of Christians. Traditionally St Patrick was purported to use the shamrock in an attempt to explain the Trinity as God who is three in one.



*From:* Auckland Liturgy Centre



We bind to ourselves this day, the strong name of the Trinity, the three in one and one in three, wrapping ourselves in God's presence.

We pray for all who are exhausted, for young people caring for people older than themselves, for those caring for younger siblings. For children who have had to grow up too quickly. We remember the words of Isaiah: even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Be with us, Lord, as we wait for you. Amen

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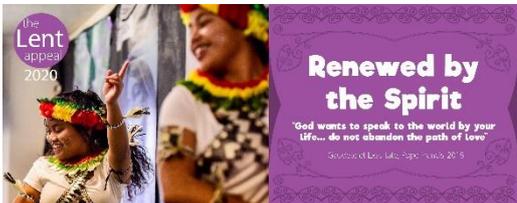
# Church Notices

**Praying the Sunday Gospel** will start again on Friday morning, 5 June. We will meet in the **Cathedral Lounge – Fridays – 11:00am to 11:50am (please note new time)**. This is a time for quiet reflection on the forthcoming Sunday Gospel reading. All welcome. For further information, please contact June (ph. 329 2077 / 021-1779522).

## Our Lady of Lourdes Guild

It has been decided to hold over the June meeting, however our plan at present is to meet the first Wednesday in July if arrangements about gatherings remain the same as now.

**Men's Breakfast.** First breakfast since the lockdown began. Come and be fed, Body, Mind & Soul. The perfect way to start your day. Next breakfast Friday, 5 June, 6:45am to 8:00am. Light breakfast will be provided. All welcome. Info – John Hammond 027 688 7750



**Caritas 2020** – if you still have your envelopes from Lent and still wish to contribute towards the Caritas appeal, please feel free to drop them in the parish collection baskets for processing.

## “Looking for a Superhero for a Super Mum” *Companion Role Available:*

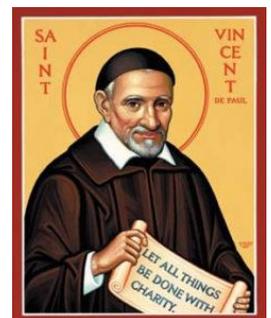
We need a kind and fun-loving person to provide companionship for a delightful older woman who is determined to stay in her own home. As a mother of 9 kids she is fiercely independent and proud, she is frustrated that she can no longer do the things she wants to do. She needs a companion for the times her kids cannot be with or for when they are there but must work. Being the matriarch of the family, she is somewhat reluctant to accept help so you will need a good sense of humour, an ability to multitask along with a keen sense of adventure to keep up.

No personal cares are required, but there is an expectation to stop and chat, to drink tea, to reminisce, to help covertly with crosswords and occasionally flick the vacuum cleaner on without getting caught. We want someone who will do things with mum not just for her. If this sounds like you, please get in touch for more details on 021 078 3324

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** The Opportunity Shop in Rangitikei Street is now open **Mon-Fri 10am – 4pm. Sat 10am - 1pm.**

We are asking for donations of:

- We are desperate for clean, tidy winter clothes including jackets, jerseys, and woolen garments.
- Winter dressing gowns and nightwear
- Bedding particularly warm sheets and blankets.
- For hygiene reasons we are not taking used pillows.



**Please take all donations to the back door – down the drive and into the yard.**

Food parcel requests will also be received on the shop number 06 3576779. Food donations may be put in the baskets at the Church as we return to Sunday Masses. Thank you for your generous donations which will be used to stock up our food store. **Please Note:** if you require emergency food parcels in the Foxton and Shannon area, please contact Eleanor on [foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz) or 021 0644584.

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