TRINITY SUNDAY—YEAR B
3rd June 2012

First Reading:
Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Responsorial Psalm
Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading:
St Paul to the Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
Alleluia!

Gospel:
Matthew 28:16-20

YEAR OF GRACE—PRAYER
Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a
new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church
may be transformed, our relationship be healed, and our nation grow in
compassion and justice.
We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us
new ways of living the Gospel.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.
www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/

MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Baptisms
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Marriages
(6 months notice)
Arranged by appointment.
[Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office]

Reconciliation
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.
**COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

**WE PRAY FOR...**

Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries are at this time, especially Chris Shannon and Rose & Eric Welch and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

**CHURCH ROSTERS**

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Mosses reminds the people of all the wonderful things God did for them, by drawing them to himself with great signs and wonders. We need to be reminded sometimes of how God has drawn us also along the path of Love, and confirmed this by giving the Spirit to encourage and sustain us. The indwelling Trinity of love beckons us to stay and rest within, and find peace.

**ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES**

These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’s world.

*All depends on prayer. Begin with it and end with it.* 1890

_The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane_

**VOCATION VIEW**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. When we go out to make disciples of all nations we have a lot to tell. God is Lord in Heaven above and on earth below. Having received the Spirit that makes you God’s own children, you are called to proclaim “Glory to the Father, to the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was and who is to come.” Alleluia
LETS SING IN THE YEAR OF GRACE

That’s right, in the Year of Grace, proclaimed by Australia’s Catholic bishops, the music liturgy has been given special emphasis. Accordingly, St Ambrose Saturday Music Ministry appeals for more singers and musicians to join us in leading our people in song, now a feature of our celebration of Mass each Saturday at 6:00pm. You still get Saturday night out or at home, and you don’t have to get out of bed Sunday Morning! Now that something to celebrate: “How can I keep from singing?” You don’t have to be a winner on Australian Idol. If you can hold a note your in! Call Frank Donovan on 54272217 or 0402710768, or sms and I’ll call you back.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome into our Parish and Christian community Brooke Pearse daughter of Clayton & Christelle.

May God Bless their family always.

CATHOLIC MISSION—Propagation of Faith Annual Appeal

This weekend we will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. This year we are invited to feed, in body and soul, our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia as they face drought, hunger and famine. You can act in partnership with our brothers and sisters by supporting dedicated missionaries like Australian Sister Maureen Elliot, local priests, catechists and faith communities.

Together we can feed them...body and soul.

Freecall: 1800257296 catholicmission.org.au/feedme

MARY MACKILLOP TRAIL

A 4 day pilgrimage to Hamilton, Portland and Penola will be conducted (numbers permitting) from 19th October to 22nd October with pick-up points at Bacchus Marsh and Ballarat. Cost will range from $500-$600 twin share (all included except 3 lunches) with $120 extra for a single. All sites connected with St Mary MacKillop and her family will be visited with Mass on Sunday at Penola. Contact: Sr Mary Fermio rsj PO Box 37, Bacchus Marsh 3340 or Ph 5367 2078 or email: mary.fermio@sosj.org.au before end of June. The more who travel the cheaper it will be!! Itinerary available on request.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

Palms Australia is a Catholic organisation that has been preparing, placing and supporting Australia volunteers to exchange skills to assist the sustainable development of communities across Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Join Palms on a 12 day Encounter journey across Timor-Leste to experience Timorese culture, learn about its history and learn about social justice and development from our Australian volunteers in the field. Travel with a small group of 8-10 participants, a member of Palms staff and a local guide. Spaces are available for 24 Sept -6 Oct 2012 Encounter, with more Encounters to be held in 2013. For more info contact Sarah on 02-95189551 or sarah@palms.org.au or visit www.palms.org.au

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably experienced people for the positions of:

- Curator Heritage Centre Collections, MacKillop Family Services, South Melbourne.
  - Youth Minister, Penola Catholic College, Broadmeadows
  - Youth Minister St Christopher’s Parish, Syndal
  - Catholic Homes—Board of Management vacancies.
- Donor Information Officer—Development Office. Full time working in East Melbourne.
- Executive Support—Development Office. Full time working in East Melbourne.
- Executive Assistant—Vicar General’s Office. Full time working in East Melbourne.

Further details can be found at: www.cam.org.au/jobs.

FAITH & CULTURE LECTURE SERIES

With the support of the Sidney Myer Fund, the Wheeler Centre is proud to present Melbourne’s first Faith and Culture lecture series which brings together philosophers and theologians, historians and writers, believers and non-believers to consider what it can mean to be religious. Curated by celebrated moral philosopher and author Raimond Gaita, the series explores what role the voice of faith may legitimately have in the conversations of citizens in a multicultural, democratic, secular state and in the community of nations.

Thursday 14th June—Sunday 17th June at BMW Edge at Federation Square, Melbourne.

This is a free event but RSVP required to wheelercentre.com or contact Tamara Zimet 90947806.
First Reading  Dt 4:32-34. 39-40
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: ‘Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?’

‘Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12
(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading  Rom 8:14-17
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
You have received the Spirit that makes you God’s own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’ The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation  See Rv 1:8
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel  Mt 28:16-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
The twelve disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up to and spoke to them. He said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter

The Easter season celebrates some of the most important events and beliefs in Christian tradition. In the last seven weeks, we have remembered Jesus’ Last Supper with his friends (regarded as the institution or establishment of the Eucharist); Jesus’ death on the cross; the discovery of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday; the appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples; the Ascension into heaven; and finally, the Holy Spirit filling the disciples at Pentecost. They are events that have shaped Christian belief for nearly 2,000 years. They provide the basis of beliefs and teachings such as: Christ present in the Eucharist; the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of resurrection for all people; the divinity of Jesus; and the ongoing action of the Holy Spirit in the world. The period of Easter-Pentecost celebrates these truly momentous events, beliefs and teachings.

Almost to round off this extraordinary focus on Christian beliefs and teachings, the Church this week celebrates the central doctrine of Christian faith: the Trinity. The belief in the Trinity is the belief that there are three ‘persons’ in the one Godhead: Father; Son; and Holy Spirit. The understanding and articulation of this doctrine occurred over time and was not until well after the writing of the gospels and other New Testament letters. Consequently, there are no specific scriptural passages that identify explicitly the doctrine of the Trinity. This week’s gospel passage, the commissioning of the disciples from the Gospel of Matthew is perhaps the closest any New Testament writer comes to an expression of the Trinity when Jesus instructs the disciples to baptise ‘in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’.

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St Boniface was born in c.675 in Devonshire and was educated at a Benedictine monastery. Ordained a priest at the age of thirty, Boniface became a missionary to Germany and in 722 was consecrated Bishop of Hesse. A popular story of his evangelisation tells of his encounter with a pagan tribe that worshipped the Norse god Thor in the form of an oak tree. Boniface walked up to the ancient tree and cut it down with an axe, then stood on the trunk and said, “How stands your mighty god? My God is stronger than he.” This led to widespread conversions and with the timber from the oak, he built a chapel dedicated to St Peter, Prince of the Apostles. He became an Archbishop in 732 and died in 754 after being attacked by a band of pagans while evangelising in Holland.

Colour in the Trinity stained glass windows.