TRINITY SUNDAY—YEAR A
15th June 2014

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

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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!

Gospel: John 3:16-18

REFLECTION

‘...we will never be able to make the Church’s teachings easily understood or readily
appreciated by everyone. Faith always remains something of a cross; it retains a
certain obscurity which does not detract from the firmness of its assent.’

Para 42 from Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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- Every first Wednesday of the month Mass will be at Woodend Community
  Aged Care at 11.00am
- The Friday Cellgroup meets at 3pm—4.30 each week for bible study, prayer
  and warm fellowship, all are welcome. Where: 247 Central Rd, Tylden.
  Contact: Simone Liebergreen 54248459, David Mercer.

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

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 especially John Bartels 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, especially Helena Reith and for all whose anniversaries are at this time especially Peter Hellard 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.

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Father, Son and Spirit: what a wonderful mystery this is! In these Persons we find the deep love God has for each one of us: creation, death and resurrection, the breath of life—giving spirit. God’s love is manifested in so many ways, all of which woo us into a loving response. The Trinity invites us into a personal friendship in this life, and then for all eternity.

COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)

[This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.] $394

Church (envelopes) collection

[This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.] $926

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES

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

“God will take care of us all.” 1867 The Little brown book too by Sue & Leo Kane

MONDAY AT THE MANOR

Call in at John & Judy Wills house at Lot 6 Adam Close, Woodend at midday each Monday for a sandwich and a chat. All welcome.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love? Are you generous with your time, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you?

VOCATION VIEW

Each of us experiences a story of God’s self-revelation in a unique way. Tell your story. Add to the beautiful mosaic of God’s life in this world by the story of your life.
ST AMBROSE PARISH Woodend

ST AMBROSE SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2015
If you have a child ready to attend St Ambrose School next year (2015) or know of any family wishing to have their child at St Ambrose next year please make contact with the school office ASAP. If you already have the enrolment forms please complete and return to the school.

BAPTISM
This weekend we welcome into our Parish and Christian community Violet Jane Donnelly daughter of Damon and Bonnie. May God bless their family always.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Have you a spare hour for Voluntary Work?
Seeking assistance from the community to help in a therapy program for a brain injured child. The program is based on “What to do with your brain injured child” course by Glenn Doman run by the Institute for the Achievement of Human Potential. If interested please contact Denise Guzman ph (03) 54248029 or mobile 0409013499 or email denisegzm55@gmail.com. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

2014 MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS
Sunday 27 July, 11am
Register now for this year’s Annual Anniversary Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral for couples celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 70th anniversary in 2014. Contact: The Life, Marriage and Family Office at lmf@cam.org.au or 9287 5579.

DEVELOPING PRESENTATION SKILLS: ONE DAY INTENSIVE WORKSHOP
Thursday 24 July, 9:30am – 4pm
This day will equip you with the knowledge and skills to help you capture the magic of engaging participants in group learning. If you work with groups (large or small), make presentations to audiences or would like to freshen up your current skills this is the day for you. Come along and get involved! Bookings are essential. Cost: $185 per person Where: Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne Contacts: (03) 9287 5516 or relationships@ccam.org.au

LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL: LECTIO DIVINA & MASS WITH CARDINAL LUIS TAGLE
Tuesday 5 August, 6pm – 8:30pm
Be uplifted! Gather for an evening of prayer, music and reflection at St Patrick’s Cathedral. Cardinal Luis Tagle (Archbishop of Manila, Philippines) will lead a Lectio Divina (the ancient practice of slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures) and Mass, with music by the Filipino community. All welcome. No RSVP required. Where: St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Pl, East Melbourne Contact: 9926 5761, evangelisation@cam.org.au or www.cam.org.au/evangelisation

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL DINNER
Wednesday 8 August, 6:45pm
You are warmly invited to the CSSV Annual Dinner which provides an opportunity for the Catholic social services community to celebrate our work and to strengthen the links within our broad community of service and with those that we work with. Our guest speaker this year is Professor Maria Harries AM, who is Chair of Catholic Social Services Australia and member of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council which is overseeing the Church's engagement with the Royal Commission. Entertainment will be by artists from The Artful Dodger Studios. Where: ‘Leonda’, 2 Wallen Road, Hawthorn Cost: $85 Bookings: http://www.trybooking.com/EVHU RVP: Wednesday 30 July Contact: Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lbrick@css.org.au.

RESTORING HOPE: REFUGEE WEEK SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON - 18 June, 12:30pm
As part of Refugee week in Ballarat join us for a soup and sandwich luncheon with guest Maggie Lynch OAM speaking on welcoming and assisting families who are new to Australia. All funds raised will assist the House of Welcome which provides short term emergency accommodation for refugees and asylum seekers. All welcome including children. Cost: $20 or $10 concession Where: Nazareth House Hall, 218 Mill St, Ballarat Contact: Carmel 5332 2103 or 0401 175 045

WORLD REFUGEE DAY MARCH - 22 June, 1:30pm
Join us for the World Refugee Day March to seek justice for refugees. This event is organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network, a broad coalition of faith based groups, unions and community organisations. Where: City Square Cnr Swanston and Collins St. Contact: 0409 352 673 or 0404 728 104

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First Reading   Ex 34:4-6, 8-9
A reading from the book of Exodus
The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

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 people, but forgive us our faults

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm
Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52
(R.) Glory and praise for ever!
1. 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!

2. 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!

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.
   (R.) Glory and praise for ever!
   You are blest in the firmament of heaven.
   (R.) Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading   2 Cor 13:11-13
A reading from the second letter of St Paul 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.

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   See Apoc 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   Jn 3:16-18
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
God sent his Son to save the world through him.

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.

Today’s gospel reminds us that there is a seamless continuity between the different experiences of God. Although we sometimes regard the God of the Old Testament as judging and vengeful, today reminds us that God is, was and always will be a God of love. The gospel reminds us that ‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.’ Love is the characteristic of God that is experienced as Father, Son and Spirit. God loved the world into being and loved the people so much that God made a covenant relationship with them and repeatedly drew them back into that relationship when they strayed. God loved the world and the people so much that God became physically present through Jesus as yet another attempt to draw all people into an awareness of the loving relationship God desired for them. When Jesus could no longer remain a physical presence in the world, God’s Spirit became more evident to continue the work of drawing people into that loving relationship with God.

Rather than focusing on the mystery of the Trinitarian God, today is an opportunity to marvel at the single-mindedness of God who is so determined to reveal the length and breadth of God’s love to us. That revelation has been made manifest in different ways throughout time but remains constant and unchanging.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter

The readings selected for Trinity Sunday provide an opportunity to reflect on the nature of God. Over recent weeks, we have celebrated the Ascension and Pentecost - both of which reveal something about the nature of God through Jesus and the Spirit. Trinity Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate the unity of God whom we acknowledge as Father, Son and Spirit.
St Anthony of Padua was born at Lisbon, Portugal in c. 1193. He joined the Franciscan friars around the age of 25 and worked as a missionary among the Muslims in Morocco. Returning to Europe due to ill health, Anthony spent time at an Italian hermitage, where his gift for preaching was soon discovered. Due to his reputation as a biblical scholar, he spent the remaining nine years of his life teaching in France and Italy before dying at Padua, around 1232. Many miracles were attributed to his intercession and to this day St Anthony is regularly invoked by many as a finder of lost items. He is named as one of the doctors of the Roman Catholic Church.

CROSSWORD

Across
1: rescue
5: the planet earth is our _ _ _ _ _
7: not ever
8: humans
10: Jesus was speaking to this man
11: belief in God

Down
1: to pass something to another
2: the opposite of death
3: persecute
4: our Father
6: “For God so _ _ _ _ _ the world that he gave his only Son,“
9: forever and always