



MORDIALLOC MOORINGS

A weekly newsletter from St Nicholas Anglican Church, Mordialloc
Sunday 4th June 2023

TRINITY SUNDAY

Enjoy The Hospitality Of The Trinity

The icon commonly called "*The Trinity*" (also called *The Hospitality of Abraham*) is an icon created by Russian painter Andrei Rublev in the 15th century. The image is very well known, but little understood as to its imagery. *The Trinity* depicts the three angels who visited Abraham at the Oak of Mamre (Genesis 18:1-8), hence why it is called the 'Hospitality of Abraham', but the painting is full of symbolism and has been interpreted as an icon of the Holy Trinity from the moment it was finished. At the time of Rublev, the Holy Trinity was the embodiment of spiritual unity, peace, harmony, mutual love and humility, and divine hospitality. Rublev's Trinity shows us a lovely relational understanding of God as Three-in-One that is beyond trying to "figure out" what the Trinity means.



The late Henri Nouwen, a spiritual writer in his book: *Behold the Beauty of the Lord: Praying with Icons*, (p. 20-22) offers the following meditation on Rublev's Icon (& the Trinity).

"The more we look at this holy image with the eyes of faith, the more we come to realize that it is painted not as a lovely decoration for a church, nor as a helpful explanation of a difficult doctrine, but as a holy place to enter and stay within.

As we place ourselves in front of the icon in prayer, we come to experience a gentle invitation to participate in the intimate conversation that is taking place among the three divine angels and to join them around the table. The movement from the Father toward the Son and the movement of both Son and Spirit toward the Father become a movement in which the one who prays is lifted up and held secure...

We come to see with our inner eyes that all engagements in this world can bear fruit only when they take place within this divine circle... the house of perfect love. Praying to the Lord before Rublev's icon painting can help us to join Abraham in hosting the Lord in our hearts. As we do we discover that the Father, Son, and Spirit were already inviting us to join in their circle of love! "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

When we participate in "The Hospitality of Abraham" to the Lord we discover that really we are responding to "The Hospitality of the Trinity."



THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY - 7.30PM VIA ZOOM - 8th June

The Zoom bible study will gather this coming week to reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. They will be emailed out BEFORE THE SESSION. Anyone is welcome to join the zoom meeting. Please join us using the Zoom link below...

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84953966902?pwd=SFJsRXV5ZlA3SHA0cjhoODd1cjZKUT09>

Meeting ID: 849 5396 6902 / Passcode: 772237

ST NICHOLAS BIKE GROUP - SATURDAY 10th JUNE - 9.00AM

Time to get your 'bike' on and join us for our next Parish bike ride, which is coming up soon.

This will be one of our 'short' rides (we alternate with longer rides).

Not sure where, but that is part of the adventure! Contact Fr Ron if interested.



TRINITY PRAYER

God for us, we call you Father,
 God alongside us, we call you Jesus,
 God within us, we call you Holy Spirit.
 You are the eternal mystery
 that enables, enfolds, and enlivens all things,
 even us, and even me,
 Every name falls short of your goodness and greatness.
 We can only see who you are in *what is*.
 We ask for such perfect seeing.
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. **Amen.**
 (Richard Rohr, OFM)



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ST COLUMBA OF IONA FEAST DAY..... This coming Friday will be the feast day of St Columba of Iona. As is our custom, we will this Sunday, while celebrating Holy Trinity, also remember and offer thanksgiving for all that God had made possible in and through the former faith community of St Columba Edithvale, and also in our present time in our present parish community at St Nicholas.

	READINGS & HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY AND FOLLOWING SUNDAYS
Trinity Sunday 4 th June	<u>Exodus 34.1-8 –</u> <u>Song of Three Young Men 29-34</u> <u>2 Corinthians 13.11-13 –</u> <u>Matthew 28.16-20</u> TIS 466 Peace with the Father TIS 462 Now we come, our Heavenly Father (vv 1,2) From Erin's shore Columba came (tune: TIS 507) TIS 132 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty
Feast of Corpus Christi (Thanksgiving for Holy Communion) 11 th June	<u>Exodus 24.3-8 - Psalm 116</u> <u>1 Corinthians 10. 14-21</u> <u>Mark 14. 12-16, 22-26</u> MP 50 Be still for the presence of the Lord TIS 628 In faith and hope and love TIS 526 Lord Jesus Christ TIS 627 Praise and thanksgiving
Third Sunday after Pentecost 18 th June	<u>Genesis 18.1-15, 21.1-7 –</u> <u>Ps 116.1-2, 11-18</u> <u>Romans 5.1b-8 – Matthew 9.35-10.8</u> (Hymns to be decided)

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WEEKLY USE OF ST NICHOLAS' NARTHEX & CHURCH.....

MONDAY:

Peaceful Living Yoga, 6-7.15pm & 7.30-8.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Ukulele Classes 7.00pm – 9.00pm
 (1st Wed of the month)

THURSDAY:

Peaceful Living Yoga 9.15-10.30am
 & 10.30 – 11.45am
 Parkinson's Support Group 1 - 3pm
 (2nd Thursday of the month)

SATURDAY:

Peaceful Living Yoga 8 - 9.30am
 & 'Restorative' class 3-5pm every 6 weeks*
 * (The 'Restorative' Yoga classes will be held on the following Saturdays: 11th June, 23rd July, 10th Sept, 22nd Oct, 26th Nov)

(Please Note: Yoga sessions use silence as part of their exercise. To assist this, please do not access any part of the church or narthex areas while yoga sessions are taking place.)

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