

✠ *Trinity Tidings* ✠

14 July 2020



Anglican Parish of Fortitude Valley

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RESUMPTION OF CHURCH SERVICES

It is very exciting that we can now resume Sunday services!

This Sunday, 19 July 2020, there will be **one Mass only, at 9am**. It will be a Sung Mass in honour of the Most Holy Trinity ... “take two” at celebrating our feast of title, this time gathered in person. There will be champagne, tea/coffee, and festive cake after Mass.

This Sunday, 19 July 2020, there will also be **Evensong at 6pm**, in honour of St Mary Magdalen, followed by refreshments.

The usual Sunday Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am will resume on 26 July 2020.

We are required to collect **advance registration for attendance at all services**. Please see the adjacent column.

WHAT WILL CHURCH LOOK LIKE DURING THE PANDEMIC?

We are obliged to conduct worship and other parish activities under a mandatory Queensland government COVID Safe plan. The plan’s key requirements are to follow health advice – which includes “social distancing” and good hygiene – and for community members to stay home if they are sick, however mild the conditions.

Things may feel odd or peculiar or even unsatisfactory. Everything that we need to put in place is to ensure each other’s well-being. The happy consequence is that we can be at church, after almost four months of being closed.

More information about what church will look like under COVID-safe procedures appears later in this newsletter.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR ALL SERVICES

**Please register by
12 noon on Friday, 17 July 2020.**

We are required to collect advance registration for attendance at all services, including for choristers, sanctuary servers, and volunteers. Each member of a household should register individually.

You only need to **register once**. This registration will cover all future weeks, until further notice. Registering does not oblige you to come each week! However, it will simplify and speed up the “checking-in” process for services.

If you wish to attend a service then we shall be obliged to record your attendance. This is for the purposes of contact tracing should there be a COVID-19 case at church. We protect your privacy by keeping attendance lists securely, and destroying lists securely 56 days after each service. We shall hand attendance lists to Queensland Health when lawfully required.

Please register online at

<https://tinyurl.com/HTattend>

If you have difficulty registering online, please contact the Parish office on 3852 1635 or **admin@trinityvalley.org.au**

TRINITY TIDINGS NOW MONTHLY

... coming out prior to the 3rd Sunday of the month. Orders of service will no longer be emailed: they can be downloaded from the Parish website each week.

IMPORTANT HEALTH ADVICE

If you are:

- aged 70 years or over; OR
- aged 65 years or over and have underlying health issues; OR
- an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person aged 50 years and over and have a chronic medical condition; OR
- immune suppressed,

then you are encouraged to exercise judgement and consult your doctor for advice about attending church. You are not “banned” from attending. ‘Flu vaccination is recommended.

To protect yourself and other parishioners, please stay home and do not come to church if you have **any of these COVID-19 symptoms, however mild**: fever, a cough, sore throat, runny nose, fatigue, or shortness of breath.

Unfortunately, we shall be unable to admit anyone who displays any of these symptoms.

This is the advice of the Queensland government.

ONLINE SERVICE BROADCASTS AND RECORDING IN CHURCH

We shall continue to broadcast services via YouTube at youtube.com/c/holytrinityvalley , which can also be reached via the Parish website at www.trinityvalley.org.au .

The weekly services which will be broadcast will be the **9:30am Sung Mass** and, on the third Sunday of the month, **6pm Choral Evensong**. We anticipate that these will certainly be live-streamed once we our premises are connected to the NBN in the next few weeks. Until then, we shall attempt to live-stream services, starting from this Sunday, 19 July 2020. Please accept our apologies in advance if network congestion causes a breakdown in transmission. If the problem persists, we shall record services, and they won’t be available online until the next day.

Orders of service will no longer be emailed. They can be downloaded from the Parish website at the page where you connect to the service broadcast.

The camera will be placed at the pillar near the side door of the church facing the lawns. Video image of the sanctuary party, readers, preacher, choir, and organist will be captured as part of recordings. During the Holy Communion, the camera will be pointed upwards to a stained glass window so that members of the congregation will not be videoed receiving Holy Communion. Audio recording will continue throughout the service. Recording will start approximately five minutes before the service and will normally conclude at the end of the organ voluntary.

Past broadcasts of the Mass and Evensong can be viewed at any time after the service. Go to our YouTube channel and browse for the service you want: youtube.com/c/holytrinityvalley .

ONLINE GATHERINGS AFTER MASS

Online gatherings after Mass will now cease. If you are not attending church and would like a visit from Fr Rodney, Rev’d Sue, or Melissa, then please contact the Parish office on 3852 1635 or admin@trinityvalley.org.au and we would be delighted to arrange a visit.

RODNEY'S RAMBLINGS: THE PLAGUE!

Plagues and pandemics are not new in the human story. Before COVID-19, we witnessed MERS (2012) and SARS (2002-4), and these were quickly contained. We are presently looking more to the stories of the "Spanish 'flu" (1918-20), a pandemic of (at least) equivalent proportion to COVID-19, and how society coped at that time. There has been the repeated incidence of cholera, first recorded in Europe in 1642, with seven pandemics occurring from 1817 to 1961. The Great Plague of London of 1665 is recorded in some detail, and the Black Death of 1348 to a lesser extent.

There are the legendary plagues visited by God on Egypt during Israel's captivity (Exodus 7:14-12:32): water turned to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, diseased livestock, boils, thunder and hail, locusts, darkness, and death of the firstborn (which gave rise to the Passover). Pharaoh refused to free the Israelites to let them worship God in the wilderness, and God responded by sending plagues: "By this you shall know that I am the LORD" (Exodus 7:17). When each plague eased, save for the last, Pharaoh "hardened his heart," and reneged on his promise to Moses to release the Israelites.

Did the plagues of Israel's captivity in Egypt really happen? This question is, perhaps, not important. The stories were written to say something about God and God's people, more so than to record historical events. They speak of God's decisive action in human history. They speak of God's unwavering love and compassion for the marginalised and the oppressed. They speak of the patience of God's people in looking for God's redemption. And they speak not only of God's people experiencing that redemption, but remembering it and memorialising it in worship.

These stories do not dwell on – or even mention – how to head off plagues of frogs or flies, or how to cleanse rivers which turn to blood ... and so on. Cures are not the punchline.

Samuel Pepys' observation of the Great Plague of London is indicative: "This day, much against my will, I did in Drury Lane see two or three houses marked with a red cross upon the doors, and 'Lord Have Mercy upon Us' writ there – which was a sad sight to me, being the first of the kind ... that I ever saw." It's an echo of the reactions to the lockdown of tower blocks in Melbourne today. There, and worldwide, we are accumulating COVID-19 stories of suffering, anguish, and despair. We are also encountering stories of compassion, generosity, and hope. These are important stories of the human heart. These do not diminish the importance of discovering medical treatments; rather, they sit prominently alongside them.

We have responsive hearts of flesh, not unyielding hearts of stone (cf. Ezekiel 36:26). We may remember the medical heroes who find a COVID vaccine, but we shall most likely remember longer the human stories of today's plague. Those stories should change our hearts as individuals, should change our heart as a corporate society, and should change our heart as the Church. Through the human experience of this pandemic, we can become more aware of God's decisive action in our world. We can become more attuned to God's love and compassion for the marginalised and the oppressed. And we can become more open to divine redemption, to remember it, and to celebrate it in praise of the living God.

– Fr Rodney

DISPLAY OF RESTORED PARISH BANNER: APPLICATION FOR A FACULTY

Joy Tate has generously provided for the restoration of the Parish Banner, which was made by her sister, Errola, in 1955. The restoration has been done beautifully. A new, replacement Parish Banner stands in the accustomed place in the sanctuary. They are respectively displayed below.



Parish Council has agreed to frame and install the restored Parish Banner. It will be placed on the rear wall of the church at the Baptistry, between the stained glass window and the glass vestibule doors.

In order to place a fixture in church, we need a “faculty” (permission) from the Archbishop. A diocesan committee has recommended that the Archbishop grant a faculty. Before this happens, there is a two-week notice period to the congregation.

Please see the formal notice appended to this newsletter.

GET ONLINE WITH HOLY TRINITY

Help the wider community become aware of Holy Trinity and what we offer. It’s easy. You can do this by:

- subscribing to the parish YouTube page – click the red button at www.youtube.com/c/holytrinityvalley
- signing up to Facebook, “LIKE-ing” the parish Facebook page at www.facebook.com/holytrinityvalley , and “LIKE-ing” and “SHARE-ing” its posts

When you SUBSCRIBE to a YouTube page, or LIKE a Facebook page, or LIKE/SHARE a Facebook post, that activity on those pages is then promoted to the attention of other users.

If you need help getting started on Facebook, YouTube, and other social media, please contact the parish office. We’ll be glad to help set you up and give some tips, including to cover any privacy concerns.

A PRAYER DURING THIS PANDEMIC

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to kindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ’s body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbours, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

– The Most Rev’d Michael Curry
(Presiding Bishop and Primate,
The Episcopal Church)

MELISSA'S MUSINGS: DIVINE INTERVENTION

A couple of weeks ago, my niece, Emma, was in a serious car accident. She hit a stone on the road while travelling at 100km per hour, her car veered off the road, and rolled six times down an embankment, landing on its wheels, in lantana, 60 metres from the road. Miraculously, Emma suffered only minor injuries and was rescued very quickly. The family is of course grateful to God for Emma's safety, assuring each other that angels were watching over her, and recognising all the signs of divine intervention: "We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1)."

Speaking to Emma herself, she is strengthened in her own faith by this experience. She recalls thinking she was about to die and relaxing as the car rolled, but also of being surrounded by a luminescence. Later, after her parents had gone home and she was alone in her hospital bed, she felt the presence of three people, her grandparents, holding her, and the smell of her grandfather's after shave. After many struggles, Emma recently enrolled in a university course, and this incident has convinced her that her change in direction and purpose is the right decision. Emma was very happy for me to share this story with you.



We like to think of ourselves as rational, and use our intellects and our language to explain our faith, but faith is sometimes more than that, and sometimes less than that. I expect that if a bunch of us sat around a table, there would be at least a few stories of what we perceive as divine intervention, things that defy rational explanation or that have a meaning deeper than the observable. I would certainly have a few myself. This is not something that everyone experiences, but these stories can encourage and uplift us in troubled times. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1)."

– Melissa

Melissa Conway is our Priest-in-Training.

COMING OF THE LIGHT: 3PM, SATURDAY, 18 JULY 2020

It was a blessing to hold a special Mass for the Coming of the Light for the Torres Strait Islander community on Wednesday, 1 July 2020. It is a commemoration of the arrival of the Christian missionaries in the Torres Strait in 1871, and the reception of Christianity into islander spirituality.

We were restricted in numbers at Mass, due to COVID-19 regulations. Now we are can celebrate the event as a community, with dancing exhibitions and a shared meal. Food will be shared according to COVID-safe protocols.

All parishioners and friends of Holy Trinity are cordially invited to this event. Please register online **by Friday, 17 July 2020** at:

<https://tinyurl.com/COTL2020>

If you have difficulties registering online, please contact the Parish office on 3852 1635 or admin@trinityvalley.org.au .

TERRY ON TUESDAY: MY EVERYDAY PILGRIMAGE CROSS

This cross is the first cross I made for myself to wear. It emerged when wearing a cross rather than a dog collar became fashionable.

I wear this cross to keep me honest rather than as a badge of office. It is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. I wear this cross to remind me of my baptism and my calling to the way of the cross. A reminder to me alone, that the way of the cross is to live into my true identity of a 'child of God'.

This cross is a physical and visual reminder of my



vocation as a 'fellow member of the body of Christ, as a child of the same heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God' and a further reminder 'to be true to Christ crucified, and not be ashamed to confess faith in him.'

I wore this cross on pilgrimage to the ancient shrine of St James in Santiago de Compostella. As a result, it now supports my pilgrim shell.

When I first entered the cathedral that houses the shrine of St James, I fell to my knees clutching my pilgrim shell and thanked God that I had "arrived" and that my pilgrimage had successfully ended. The raucous laughter that filled my head was a great surprise as were the words, 'Terry you have only just begun your pilgrimage'. I left that place clutching my shell, now conscious of my whole life as "pilgrimage": a pilgrimage home to the garden of innocence and of abundant grace and acceptance. I continue to wear this cross to keep me honest to my vocation as Christian and pilgrim.

"We are (all) pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road. We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load."

Bless you on your way of the cross, your pilgrimage of grace.

– Fr Terry

Fr Terry Booth, a Holy Trinity parishioner, is a retired Priest licensed to our parish.

THE PANTRY WISH LIST

This week, it would be most helpful to receive donations of:

- Canned corn
- Canned potatoes

Bless you for your kindness!

DONATING TO THE PANTRY

Donations to the Pantry, for both food and welfare, can be made to "Trinity Pantry" ...

- by online bank transfer:
BSB 704901, account 00006400
- over the counter at a Westpac branch:
BSB 034844, account 00006400
- by cheque, posted to the parish:
PO Box 1220, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006.

NORTHER REGION LAY RETREAT

A retreat for laypersons will be held 20-22 November 2020, at Maroochydore. There is the option for day attendance on 21 November. Please see the flyer appended to this newsletter.

Q&A: WHAT WILL CHURCH BE LIKE?

Here is what services will look like under COVID-Safe operations. The following arrangements are mandatory under Queensland government and diocesan regulations. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience, especially where measures seem unusual or burdensome.

➤ **Arrival will be through the side door facing the lawns only.**

This doorway provides easiest access without steps. We wish to avoid using handrails at the main door to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission through common touching of surfaces. We also need to ensure we have contact information for all people who are at services. We only have sufficient volunteers to look after this process at one entrance.

➤ **The side door will remain open during the entire service.**

We need to maximise ventilation in enclosed spaces to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. If you are likely to feel cold then please sit away from the open doors.

➤ **The greeter will check/record your contact details.**

Queensland government regulations require us to keep attendance lists with contact details of all individuals who attend our services.

➤ **Please sanitise your hands on arrival.**

Good hand hygiene reduces the risk of virus transmission. Hand sanitiser will be provided at the entry. Our dispensers give very generous helpings of sanitiser! Half a depression of the nozzle will give you enough.

➤ **Please keep a distance of 1.5 metres from other people at all times.**

“Social distancing” reduces the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This means staying at least 1.5 metres away from other people. This includes

gathering before the service, sitting in pews, lining up to receive Holy Communion, leaving the church, and at gatherings after the church. Individuals who live in the same household are exempt.

➤ **Every second pew will be roped off.**

This is to ensure that you are separated by at least 1.5 metres from people sitting in front of you or behind you.

➤ **Only two people may sit in one pew, with one person at either end.**

This is to ensure that you are separated by at least 1.5 metres from people beside you.

Exceptions are:

- 1. a couple from the same household may sit together at one end of a pew, with a third person sitting at the other end; or*
- 2. three or more members of the same household may sit together in a pew, with no other people sitting in that pew.*

➤ **At 7:30 Sunday Mass, only pews on the organ side of the church can be used. At 9:30 Sunday Mass, only pews on the pulpit side of the church can be used.**

Surfaces must be cleaned with detergent and disinfectant after each use, unless they can stay unused and untouched for three days (in which time COVID-19 on surfaces dies). As there is insufficient time to clean all pews in between Sunday services, we are ensuring each pew is used only once on a Sunday. On Sundays where Evensong takes place, pews will be cleaned after morning Masses.

➤ **The Greeting of Peace must be given without hand-shaking, kissing, hugging, or any other contact. In the alternative, a bow or a wave may be given.**

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Q&A: WHAT WILL CHURCH BE LIKE? (CONT'D)

- **At the 9:30 Mass, the Gospel procession will stop at the top of the nave and not proceed into the middle of the congregation.**

This is to ensure that people in the Gospel procession are at least 1.5 metres away from each other and the congregation.

- **There will be no collection of gifts of money or presentation of bread and wine at the offertory. Gifts of money may be offered at a retiring collection at the door.**

The elimination of handling an offertory plate, and shared handling of the bread and wine, reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

- **Holy Communion will be offered in the form of bread intinct with wine.**

The elimination of the shared cup reduces the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Before the Priest drinks from the cup, he or she will intinct the consecrated bread with consecrated wine. The Priest will sanitise his or her hands before handling the bread and wine. The shared cup will not be offered at Holy Communion.

- **Not right now, but in future, the Priest may wear a face mask and protective glove during the distribution of Holy Communion.**

There is unresolved debate over face masks. The recent escalation of cases in Victoria, and in the last few days in New South Wales, indicates that the pandemic is far from over. It is a real possibility that we may have to move to earlier restrictions at some point. The Archbishop wrote today asking clergy to be prepared. When the time comes, we may need to move to using face masks out of abundance of caution. In the meantime, to receive the host, please hold out both hands, and it will be dropped reverently into your hands. If you prefer to receive a blessing, this will be done without touch.

- **Please sanitise your hands before receiving Holy Communion.**

Good hand hygiene reduces the risk of virus transmission. Hand sanitiser will be provided at the sanctuary step. Our dispensers give very generous helpings of sanitiser! Half a depression of the nozzle will give you enough.

- **Votive candles will be distributed by a sanctuary server at the Walsingham altar.**

Elimination of multiple people touching the collection of votive candles reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

- **Departure from church will be through the side door facing the lawns only.**

We wish to avoid using handrails at the main door to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission through common touching of surfaces. Please sanitise your hands on departure.

- **Morning tea will be served after the 9:30am Mass, provided there are sufficient volunteers. Servers will wear gloves to handle tea and coffee pots, water jugs, milk containers, and food items. Individual sugar sachets will be provided, where needed. Please allow the server to serve you, and please do not handle any containers or food at service points yourself.**

Good hand hygiene reduces the risk of virus transmission. Complying with Australian food hygiene requirements is mandatory under Queensland government regulations for shared food at gatherings after worship.

- **At morning tea, tables will be placed in larger configurations and seats will be placed further apart.**

This is to ensure that people remain at least 1.5 metres away from each other. Please do not sit on the pews in the hall: this is to reduce the burden on volunteers for cleaning and sanitising surfaces after morning tea.

Nourishing Our Souls



Image by David Binns - Triptych at All Saints Anglican Church Chermside

Northern Region Lay Retreat Silent Retreat

Nourishing the soul is the process of drinking at the life stream, coming back to one's true self, embracing the whole of one's experience - good, bad or ugly - painful or exalted, dull or boring. Jon Kabat - Zinn

Friday November 20th 6.00pm until after lunch Sunday 22nd November

(Optional to attend Saturday 21st November only 9am – 5pm)

**Where: Maroochy Waterfront Camp & Conference Centre
2-46 David Low Way, Maroochydore Qld 4558**

Facilitator: Father Nicholas Whereat

Introduction by Bishop Jeremy Greaves

**Contact: Caroline at the Aspley/Albany Creek Anglican Church
on 3263 3518 or email office@aspley-albanycreek.org.au for further information**

**Organised by The Northern Region Lay Retreat Team consisting of parishioners from the
Aspley/Albany Creek and Stafford Parishes**

**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY
ANGLICAN PARISH OF FORTITUDE VALLEY
NOTICE**

The Parish Priest and Churchwardens hereby give notice this

.....^{thirteenth}..... day of ^{July}..... 2020

that it is their intention to apply to the Archbishop for a Faculty authorising the:-

**FOR THE RESTORED PARISH BANNER TO BE FRAMED AND MOUNTED
ON THE WALL OF THE NAVE IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
PARISH OF FORTITUDE VALLEY, WITH A PLAQUE WITH THE WORDING:**

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This Parish Banner
was lovingly made in 1955
by Errola Tate
and generously restored in 2020
by her sister, Joy Tate

Any objection must be lodged with the Diocesan Registrar, Diocesan Registry, 373 Ann Street, Brisbane [GPO Box 421, Brisbane 4001] immediately.

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Parish Priest

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Churchwardens

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We hereby certify that the above Notice has been affixed to the Church Door or other prominent place for at least 14 consecutive days.

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Churchwardens

Date: 2020