

✠ *Trinity Tidings* ✠

23 June 2020

*including Order of Service for Mass
for the 4th Sunday after Pentecost (28 June)*



Anglican Parish of Fortitude Valley

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URGENT!

COVID SAFE WARDENS NEEDED

Last week, I described the current state government requirement for a “**COVID Safe Warden**” for each Parish event, including Sunday Mass. Unfortunately, we shall have to **postpone resumption of Sunday Masses** unless and until there is a COVID Safe Warden on the roster for **each Sunday of the month**. At this time, we have no volunteers.

In conjunction with the Churchwardens and Parish Priest, the COVID Safe Warden is responsible for ensuring:

- safe capacity numbers for each room/space;
- physical distancing and hygiene;
- attendee details collected and stored – but Nicole in the Parish office will look after storage; and
- thorough cleaning after activities – which, for Holy Trinity, will entail simply cleaning the greeter’s desk and chair and a couple of other small items; and, on third Sundays of the month, cleaning a small number of pews (the clergy will help with this).

COVID Safe Wardens will be given training, which will be very light. They will need to be in attendance by 15 minutes before the start of a service, and to remain on duty for the entire service. Under revised guidelines issued by the Diocese, **conditions have been relaxed** on the age and other attributes of a person to perform this or other volunteer roles. However, see “**RELAXED RESTRICTIONS ON VOLUNTEERS**” in the adjacent column for clarification.

Please email admin@trinityvalley.org.au or phone 3852 1635 if you are willing to volunteer for this role. Please contact me on 0426 287 283 if you have any questions.

HEALTH ADVICE

We are obliged to **advise strongly that you stay at home** if you are:

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

This is the advice of the Australian Government Department of Health and Queensland Health.

RELAXED RESTRICTIONS ON VOLUNTEERS

The Diocese has advised a relaxation of restrictions on volunteering by those who have any attributes listed under “**HEALTH ADVICE**” (above). All people with such attributes are now welcome to resume volunteering duties. We shall need to induct each volunteer in health and safety protocols for each Parish activity prior to resuming. Please bear with us as we work on these protocols in a changing regulatory environment.

People who have any attributes listed under “**HEALTH ADVICE**” (above) are **strongly advised:**

- to seek medical advice and clearance from your GP in relation to your specific volunteering role; and
- to have an up-to-date ‘flu vaccination prior to volunteering.

There is no need to provide medical certificates or vaccination certificates.

MELISSA'S MUSINGS: RETIREMENT

As Father Rodney mentioned during Sunday's service, I officially retired from the public service last week, after taking leave for the first semester of 2020 to study full time. Within 2 weeks of starting my leave, we were reeling, as a nation, from the impacts of COVID-19, social distancing and strict health regulations. This afforded me all the study time I could wish for, as well as plenty of time for personal reflection.



I had a 39 year career of public service, starting with the Qld Dept of Health in January 1981 and then transferring to the Department of Social Security (now Services Australia) in October 1983. Ultimately, working for those organisations has been about caring for the people of Australia, and particularly for the most vulnerable in our communities. It has also been about relationships. I have long believed that relationships are the most important thing in life.

We exist in relationship, and for me this is a vital way in which we are created in the image of the Trinitarian God.

It is this aspect of relationship that is leading me at this time in my life; I am now going deeper into a liminal space between full time public service and eventual ordained ministry. I was called out of my community, by my community, into a new kind of service. I am moving from serving the people of Australia to the people of God; the amazing learning is that they are the same people. God has treated me with unstoppable kindness and patience and it is time for me to open up to a new way of loving and serving. In taking retirement now, I have deeply committed to that transition. There is now only going forward.

– Melissa

Melissa Conway is our Priest-in-Training.

A PRAYER DURING THIS PANDEMIC

God of searching and knowing, your people Israel faced famine and wilderness, and your church has known persecution and hardship. Be close to all your children in this time of bewilderment and fear. Make this time of cessation and isolation one in which your Spirit reveals new ways to be together, fresh discoveries in worship, different gestures of care, and innovative forms of compassion. Encourage the vulnerable, comfort the impoverished, inspire the anxious and give wisdom to those who govern. Lift up our hearts that we may see the abundance of what is still beautiful and true, not be captivated by what is lost and absent, and find new gifts in ourselves and one another. In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, who knew what it meant to be alone. Amen.

– The Rev'd Dr Sam Wells
(Vicar, St Martin in the Fields, London)

ISOLATION JOY

How's this for a beaut boredom buster?

Parishioner Joy Tate recently completed this 1,000-piece jigsaw puzzle. It is a montage of episodes from Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. The photos don't do justice to the vibrant colours of the production.



Joy remembers being read Carroll's book in her childhood by her Mum. What's more, her Mum's maiden name was "Rabbit" and their household was full of pictures and trinkets of rabbits. For Joy, not only is there a fond recollection of being read the book by her Mum, but also of her Mum's "namesake" in the story, the rabbit.

Joy said the most challenging part of the puzzle was assembling the red checked border (see opposite). Can you imagine how painstaking it must have been to sort so many near-identical small pieces into their correct position?



THE PANTRY WISH LIST

Let's make it a Good Hair Day for the Pantry! It would be most helpful to receive donations of:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner

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.

SUE'S SNIPPETS: REFLECTIONS

There is something captivating about reflections, about trying to guess which image is the real one, and which is the reflection. And sometimes it can be fun to imagine that the reflection is real, and that we are in an upside down world. On a still, perfect day, it can be hard to tell which is which.

C S Lewis, in the last book of his Narnia series, wrote of the world in which we live as merely a reflection of the infinitely more wonderful world that awaits us. Do we see the world around us as a reflection of what God intended it to be? Then what happens when the reflections ripple and break up, leaving us with new patterns that make no sense to us?



There are ripples in our world now, making us re-think so much of what we have taken for granted. How we live, how we relate to other people, how we worship changed literally overnight. Will we wait and hope that the old patterns will re-form just as they were, so that we can go back to the world we knew? Or do we look for the beauty and vitality that can come from changing patterns? The “new normal” that is being talked about could be a clearer reflection of what God intends for us.

– Rev’d Sue

RESUMING WORSHIP

Here is the revised plan ...

- Sunday Mass will resume on 12 July 2020, **provided a COVID Safe Warden is rostered for each Sunday of the month** in advance.
- Thursday Mass has resumed: there is no longer a need to register attendance.
- There will be no need to register attendance for Sunday Mass in advance.
- Numbers in church are limited to 88 (and 50 for services with singing).
- All who attend at worship or other Parish activities will need to provide their name, residential address, and phone number, in case of need for contact tracing.
- Arrival at and departure from church will be only via the side door facing the lawns.
- There will need to be physical distancing of at least 1.5 metres at all times.
- There cannot be hand-shaking, hugging, or kissing, including during the Peace Greeting.
- Hands need to be sanitised sufficiently regularly. (Hand sanitiser will be provided.)
- Some pews will be roped off and unavailable at certain services, for hygiene control.
- There will be no offertory collection or procession during the Mass. Gifts may be given in a retiring collection as you leave.
- Holy Communion will be given in one kind only (bread).
- Gatherings before or after worship (e.g., morning tea) are suspended. Communal food cannot be provided.

RAISING HOLY TRINITY'S PROFILE

Please be encouraged to join Facebook, and to LIKE and SHARE Parish's posts. It helps the community get to know Holy Trinity – not just the Pantry, but all that we do here. If you need help getting started on Facebook, please contact Fr Rodney (0426 287 283).

COMING OF THE LIGHT: 1 JULY 2020

There will be a Mass to celebrate the Coming of the Light at 1pm on Wednesday, 1 July 2020. It commemorates the arrival of the London Missionary Society mission in the Torres Strait in 1871 and the adoption of Christianity.

All are welcome, although numbers will be strictly limited to 20, due to COVID-19-related regulations. Please register with the Parish office on 3852 1635 or at admin@trinityvalley.org.au by 10am on the day. Please accept our apologies in advance if we are unable to include you in this service.

Next year, the Torres Strait Islander community will mark the 150th anniversary of the Coming of the Light. A planning committee is working on what will be a tremendous celebration, including worship and re-enactments. In view of that upcoming major event, and present circumstances, this year's celebration will be not be as extensive as it has been in the past. Of course, it remains an important event in our 2020 calendar.

THE WEEK AHEAD ...

DAY	TIME	EVENT	CONNECT
Thursday, 25 June	9:30 am	Mass	in church
SUNDAY, 28 JUNE	9:30 am	SUNG MASS	YouTube
4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	after Mass	Community Hour	Google Meet

GOOGLE MEET

To access Google Meet (a video meeting facility), go to bit.ly/HTgather

- If you use a PC or laptop, you will be ready to go: click on **JOIN NOW**
- If you use a smartphone, iPad, or other device, first download the Google Meet app (no charge). Then, going to bit.ly/HTgather will launch the Google Meet app. When it does, click on **JOIN NOW**. You don't need the app on a PC or laptop.
- If you are prompted to enter a meeting code, use **hro-ezsy-phn**
- If you don't have a computer or device, you can join by phoning **03 8594 6634** and entering the PIN: **877 971 974#**

Google Meet has closed captioning: click **TURN ON CAPTIONS** at the bottom of the screen.

YOUTUBE

To access broadcasts on YouTube:

- Go to www.trinityvalley.org.au
- Click **WORSHIP BROADCASTS: JOIN HERE**
- Click on **ORDER OF SERVICE** to get the service booklet
- Click on **BROADCAST** to go to the worship broadcast on our YouTube page

Or, go straight to our YouTube channel at youtube.com/c/holytrinityvalley. Upcoming "premiere" worship broadcasts are clearly marked.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Click the red **SUBSCRIBE** button on our YouTube channel. We recommend this so that you can get an email alert when:

- a new worship broadcast is set up; and
- a worship broadcast terminates in case of an internet fault, and we need to resume the broadcast with a new link.

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.

NEED HELP CONNECTING?

Please call Fr Rodney on 0426 287 283 if you need help. He may be able to assist with basic IT issues to get you connected.

ORDERS OF SERVICE

Orders of service are available on the parish website www.trinityvalley.org.au

COMMUNITY HOUR

Grab a cuppa and get together online with other parishioners immediately after Sunday Mass.

DAILY PRAYER ON YOUR DEVICE

You can access both Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer on your device using the **ePray** app, which can be downloaded free of charge. When you launch the app, enter the parish code **5848** and choose the NRSV Bible (the translation we use in church). In the app, you can select either Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer, and the entire order of service will be available, including the full text of all psalms and readings.

Our Priest-in-Training, Melissa Conway, often leads Morning Prayer at 8:30 am, and Evening Prayer at 5:15 pm, via the St Francis' College Facebook page at facebook.com/stfrancollege. You can join in these services whenever you like, using the ePray app.

CATCHING UP

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.