Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

The following is a Homily shared by Father Richard Leonard.

The names Christians give to God – Father, Son and Spirit – are both ancient and important. But we should never think they exhaust the possibilities of God's reality. Creator, mother, lover, redeemer, Saviour, higher power or friend all go some way to help us put words around our experience of our God, who is more and beyond all names we can possibly use.

The naming of God, however, is an important, but secondary focus to the feast of the Holy Trinity. There are two other important aspects.

The first is that the Trinity states that relationships are at the very centre of God. We believe that the Father, Son and Spirit are in full communion, communication and relationship with each other at all times, in all places. To know Jesus is to know the Father and the Spirit and vice versa. They are one. This special relationship also indicates to us that nothing should matter more in our lives than our relationships with one another. To be like the God we profess every Sunday is to commit ourselves to our relationships, in all their forms. To work hard on our relationships is, for a Christian, to reach for the divine.

The second extraordinary thing we celebrate on the feast of the Holy Trinity is that the Father invites us into this loving relationship with Him, Jesus and the Spirit. What is especially calming about this is that we are the only world religion that believes our God was made man. So through Jesus' life, teaching, compassion and sacrificial love, we not only discover who he is, but at one and the same time, we find out what God and the Spirit are like.

Some people think themselves unworthy of such invitation. Others argue they have to be a better person to deserve such an offer. While both of these responses to God's invitation are understandable, they fail to take into account that in Jesus we have been made worthy of God's love and if we are waiting to get to a certain level of goodness to deserve God's love, we will wait forever.

God invites us into the compassionate embrace of the Trinity where we are and as we are, so that we can become all that God knows we can be. We don't have to get good to get God. We have to get God before we can get good.

May the blessing of the Holy Spirit be on all our community,

Kevin Mills
Principal

Bishop's Visit

Every few years the Bishop makes parish visits to connect with the local community. Bishop Anthony Fisher will be in our parish on the 30th, 31st May and 2nd June. He will be visiting Holy Trinity and Delany College and we will be celebrating Mass together on Friday 31st May at 9.30am.

Bishop Anthony will be spending the morning with Delany on Thursday 30th May. He will be having lunch with the Holy Trinity Staff and then visiting classrooms. We hope he will be available to meet with parents in the playground after school.
From the Religious Education Coordinator (REC)

Dear Parents

The Visitation

And Mary rising up in those days went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda. [Lk. 1:39]

On Friday the 31st May, we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation. This will be a very special day for the Holy Trinity Catholic Community because Bishop Anthony Fisher will celebrate Mass for Holy Trinity Primary and Delany College.

We all know the story of the Visitation - when Mary, who was expecting Jesus, hurried to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was awaiting the arrival of John the Baptist. As Mary greeted Elizabeth, John moved in his mother’s womb at the sound of her voice.

Take some time to reflect on this wonderful story and the words of the Magnificat ‘My soul rejoices in God, my Saviour. My spirit finds its joy in God, the living God’ and the words of the Hail Mary.

This feast reminds us to be charitable to our neighbours. Try to help some mother (expectant or otherwise), visit the elderly or sick or make a dinner for someone.

Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God,

Mrs Amy Press, Religious Education Coordinator

Year 6 Cubby Project

With a lot of hard work and the help of our carpenter, David Lawrence, and six boys from St Ignatius’ Riverview, the Year 6 students put together a wonderful cubby house for the Friends and Fun Area.

Work was also carried out around the sandpit, the kitchen garden and other areas of the play-ground.

Sunday Parish Mass

All students have been invited by the Parish to attend Mass for the feast of the Holy Trinity this Sunday 26th May at 9.30am.

Student will need to be in full winter school uniform (clean shoes, hair tied back - no school hat required).

Children who wear their school uniform to Mass will be able to wear mufti to school on Monday 27th May.

Students in Stage 1 are to sit on the right hand side of the church. Students in other classes will sit with their families in the main part of the church.

The staff at Holy Trinity look forward to joining with you and your families at this special Parish Mass.
School Photographs

School photographs will be taken next **Wednesday 29th May**. Envelopes were sent home with each child’s name printed on the envelope and this will need to be returned with payment by Monday 27th May. The families that have collected envelopes for family photographs also need to be returned to the school office.

Book Read at Mothers’ Day Mass

A number of parents asked about the beautiful story that was read at the Mothers’ Day Mass. The title of the book is “**Love You Forever**” written by Robert Munsch, illustrated by Anthony Lewis and published by Random House Children’s Books.

More Helpers Needed to Cover Books

We still need more helpers to cover books. A big thank you to the parents who have already taken books: Mr Bollina, Mrs Cakin, Mr Steenson, Mrs Faddoul and Mrs Carniel. Some parents will be coming in on Friday to cover books in the library and you are most welcome to join them.

Kindergarten 2014 Enrolments

Holy Trinity is accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2014. Please call into the school office to collect an enrolment pack. Anyone who has already collected an enrolment form is asked to return it as soon as possible to the school together with your child’s Baptism certificate, Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate and proof of residential address.

Students of the Week

Week ending 10.5.13

Kindergarten  Jack Fitzwilliam
Year One          Neha Nair
Year Two          Ading Ahoi
Year Three        Pieta Pirini
Year Four         Charbel Jebrine
Year Five         Aewyn Mendez
Year Six          Isabella Allegretti

Literacy Hint - From Mrs Tripp

If your child has trouble reading words, you can help in several ways:
* have your child skip over the word, read the rest of the sentence, and ask what word would make sense in the story;
* have your child use what is known about letters and the sounds they make to ‘sound out’ the word;
* or supply the word and keep reading: enjoyment is the main goal.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013

Keep collecting your stickers from Woolworths for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). These stickers can then be placed on a special point sheet and when completed return the sheet to school.

With your wonderful support last year HTG received over $2000 of Mathematical Kits for the children to use.

Dates for the Sacraments

at Holy Trinity Parish

**Confirmation**  30th May 2013
**Reconciliation**  26th June 2013
**First Eucharist**  15th September 2013

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**Responding to Teasing**

* Stop and count to five.
* Think about your choices
  - Ignore the teasing.
  - Say “STOP IT—I don’t like it”.
  - Give a reason for the person to stop.
  - Act out your best choice.

**Parent Links:**

- Acknowledge your child’s concerns about teasing.
- See the teacher if teasing at school is a recurring problem. Encourage your child to think of ways to be strong without hitting out at others.

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**Delany College**

Currently accepting enrolments for YEAR 7 2014.

Enrolment packages can be collected from the College or online at www.delanygranville.catholic.edu.au.

Phone: 9637 7788

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**Canteen Roster**

If you are able to help on the roster between 10am and 2.15pm on a Tuesday or Friday please contact the school office. Volunteers must complete Child Protection Training which is accessed online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au/childprotection.

Paulette Zaiter, Canteen Coordinator

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Thank you to all our helpers without whom we could not run the canteen.

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**It’s not okay to be away … nor to be late for school.**

When children miss school, not only is their academic progress affected, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their mates which can compound issues of friendship and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day - and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it is true.

As a parent we need to make a commitment that our children make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away, but these need to be a rarity rather than a norm.