

SUNDAY PLUS

Celebrate God!

God in all things

by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ

The God whom we worship and follow is in the very midst of the world: right under our noses; in those we love; in the beauty of nature. Yes, in all things, including our struggles in life and also in seemingly hopeless places. The God who, above all, is love, gives us hope. Belief in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit embraces the mystery of this God: God in human flesh, breathing and moving among us. And in us, baptised in the name of a God who creates, lives, breathes: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are called to live out what is deep within us, the very presence of a God who is our creator, our life and to whom we return, who experienced every human emotion

and thought, and whose power is a force of spiritual energy in the world.

The mystery of the Trinity is a mystery: simple and real and yet God is so great we can never express God's full grandeur. God's absence may be felt keenly. And here we touch the mystery of a God we cannot describe. We stand before that mystery we cannot fathom. Again today, as Christians, we profess a God beyond, yet whom we know is here among us. That God is moving in our lives and in our world right now. Rather than define God, we are called today to discover where this mysterious God is real in the midst of a troubled world.

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Joy comes in threes

by Liam Sheridan

Life changes when a baby arrives. Suddenly, nothing is more important than the needs of the new arrival. The power of parents' love at that moment is so intense that it seems immovable. Yet will they feel the same when asking that baby to tidy its room for the umpteenth occasion in seventeen years' time? God's love for us, on

the other hand, is a flame that never flickers – as today's readings show. First, God gives guidance for life – not only on stone tablets, but in our hearts. Secondly, God brings family unity between believers, whatever their background – not only in Corinth but throughout the world. Thirdly, and supremely, God gives his Son – not only at the cross, but as a continued intercessor on our behalf. Take time today to reflect on how God's blessings have transformed our lives, and may our joy lead to thankful hearts.

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Dance for God

by Jim Cargin

Of all the various impossible things Catholics endeavour to believe before breakfast, the Holy Trinity surely comes out top. One God, yet three persons: whoever dreamt that one up? No one! It wasn't dreamt up at all. The belief originally sprang up because, like us today, the early Christians found themselves praying to Jesus as if to God. That meant either they were sadly deluded, or they were blaspheming, or... it was actually true. What convinced them about Jesus was this: extraordinary new life was transforming both Church and individuals. This could only be the eternal life Jesus himself promised to those who believe in him. And also as promised, his Holy Spirit was teaching them. Let's not get sidetracked into some divine mathematics. Mysteries are for savouring, digesting, living. Yes, we contemplate – but from the

inside. Whoever filled their belly by just reading the menu? Let's tuck in, and dance together the life of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

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“ I have a dogmatic certainty: God is in every person's life. God is in everyone's life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs or anything else – God is in this person's life. You can – you must – try to seek God in every human life.

Pope Francis

“ You are holy, Lord, the only God and your deeds are wonderful... You are good, all good, supreme good, Lord God, living and true... You are love. You are wisdom... You are all our riches, and you suffice for us.

St Francis of Assisi

Today:
Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

Monday:
2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday:
2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday:
2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday:
2 Corinthians 3:15 – 4:1, 3-6
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday:
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 5:27-32

Saturday:
2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Matthew 5:33-37

Next Sunday:
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58