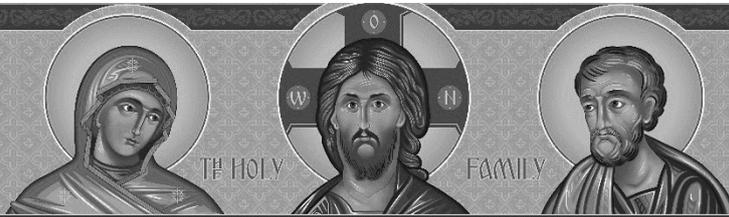


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PENTECOST

YEAR A

28th MAY 2023

FIRST READING : Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34



℟: Lord, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord my soul, Lord God how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord, The earth is full of your riches. ℟:

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came, You send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. ℟:

May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. ℟:

SECOND READING : 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

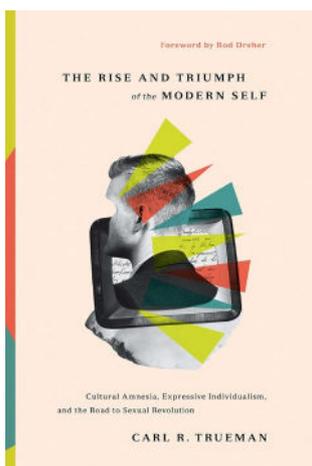
GOSPEL : John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self

by Carl Trueman

Ever wondered how, in the West, we culturally arrived at the point of our current excessive individualism?... with each person making up their own morals?... mainly based on their feelings?... and where they think that personal identity can be entirely fabricated according to their chosen sexual inclination or gender?... and this must be approved and promoted by everyone else in the political body? How did we arrive here? Carl Trueman's book is a tour de force, mapping out the path to this critical point in human history. He masterfully ties together, in a very readable way, the various key philosophies, philosophers, ideologies, psychoanalysts, sociologists, and writers, of the last 250 years, who have shaped the thinking, and the societal institutions, into the lunacy we see today. This is a must read if you are interested in understanding the current chaos.





PARISH *Conference*

Guest speaker

DR PETER HOLMES

Lecturer in Theology & Scripture at Notre Dame University



Thursday	29 June 2023	7pm - 9pm in the Parish Hall	Healthy Sexuality in a Pornified World Living a life of sexual integrity: being the lover God calls us to be.
Friday	30 June 2023	7pm - 9pm in the Parish Hall	Life Hacks for a Happy Marriage Practical skills and daily habits that bring couples together in more enjoyable marriages
Saturday	1 July 2023	10am - 5pm in the Parish Hall	The Mission of Masculinity Authentic masculinity in a time of crisis (4 Talks)

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CONFERENCE TALKS

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## Healthy Sexuality in a Pornified world

*Living a life of sexual integrity : being the lover God calls us to be.*

**Thursday Evening, June 29, Parish Hall, 7pm-9pm**

God created us as incarnate spirits with a sexual drive and resulting passionate desires. He intended us to put these at the service of a healthy faithful and fruitful love, and thereby find real happiness. Meanwhile, today, we are bombarded by unhealthy stereotypes of sexuality, and unreal promises of sexual freedom. Far from being 'liberating', the modern approaches and uses of sexuality are, and have become, a new form of slavery. Sadly, many of us are enslaved to expectations about beauty and appearance, sex appeal and fulfilment, or even clothing, that are unreal and unattainable, and leave us desperate. Some perhaps are even enslaved by the seduction of pornography and its shallow promises of sexual thrills, leaving us empty, unfulfilled, wanting more, and ultimately sad. Sometimes Christians make the mistake of not talking about anything sexual out of a fear of sinning. But a healthy ethics, the Lord Himself, the Bible, and the Catholic faith, are very positive about our sexual dimension - properly understood, and properly presented. We are all called to live a joyful and fulfilling spousal love.

Join Dr Peter Holmes as he helps us discover God's plan for a healthy, exciting and Godly sexuality, as well as some practical tips in dealing with unhealthy habits and moving towards a joyful sexuality.

## Life hacks for a happy marriage

*Practical skills and daily habits that bring couples together in more enjoyable marriages*

**Friday Evening, June 30, Parish Hall, 7pm-9pm**

True love looks easy in Hollywood, but not always so easy in daily life of marriage. Anyone who is married knows that dealing with the busyness of daily life, the kids, tiredness, and all the little annoyances of life, make it hard to keep your marriage alive, joyful, and fulfilling. Sometimes the flame of love seems little more than a smoulder.

Join Dr Peter Holmes, married with eight children, with experience in marriage counselling, for an evening of laughter and light-hearted insights that will help build happy and fulfilling marriages. He will offer a range of practical tips and skills for forming daily loving habits that help couples to grow closer together and make marriages that are more enjoyable, fulfilling and fruitful.

## The Mission of Masculinity

*Authentic masculinity in a time of crisis*

**Saturday, July 1, Parish Hall, 10am-5pm (4 talks)**

As Christians we believe that God made us male and female in His image and our identity is rooted in Him. But what does that mean? What does it mean to be a man? Or even a Godly man? And how do we practically live this out - especially in today's world? Today the world sends confusing messages about men: often mocking men as unreliable fools and clumsy idiots; or outright saying that masculinity is toxic. The patriarchy is apparently evil, and gender differences don't matter anymore. From this, men can be forgiven for feeling a bit confused or wondering about their place in our society. Who am I? Who should I be? How do I fit in? How do I relate to women? Women also could be forgiven for not understanding what real masculinity is. Dr Peter Holmes believes that we need genuine masculinity more than ever today, and that every man can live his masculinity powerfully and passionately, with God's help, for the good of us all! Join us for a series of talks which will lay out the answers that lay out God's intentions for a Masculinity that is an *image of God*. These talks include:

1. The modern problem with men (the patriarchy, toxic masculinity, a biased workplace etc.)
2. Masculinity in the image of God the Father
3. Masculinity in the image of God the Son
4. Masculinity in the image of God the Bridegroom
5. Masculinity in the image of God the Lord
6. Man in the image of God as Prophet, Priest and King.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

Come Holy Ghost, Creator, come,  
From thy bright heav'nly throne,  
Come take possession of our souls,  
and make them all thy own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above,  
The living spring, the living fire,  
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sev'nfold in thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand  
His promise teaching little ones  
To speak an understand.

O guide our minds  
with thy blessed light,  
With love our hearts inflame;  
And with thy strength,  
which ne'er decays  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;  
True peace unto us bring;  
and through all perils lead us safe  
Beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,  
Through thee th' eternal Son,  
And thee, the Spirit of them both,  
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,  
With his coequal Son;  
The same to thee, great Paraclete,  
While endless ages run.

**SEQUENCE:**

*Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.  
Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure  
Come, thou light of all that live!*

*Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow  
Thou in toil art comfort sweet  
Pleasant coolness in the heat  
Solace in the midst of woe.*

*Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:  
If thy take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man would stay  
All his good is turned to ill.*

*Heal our wounds, our strength renew  
On our dryness pour thy dew  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill  
Guide the steps that go astray.*

*Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sev'nfold gifts descend:  
Give us comfort when we die  
Give us life with thee on high  
Give us joys that never end.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

*VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS*

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

Come down, O love divine,  
see Thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with  
Thine own ardour glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
And kindle it,  
Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
til earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let Thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight, and clothe me  
round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner  
clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own short comings  
weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass  
the pow'r of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit  
makes His dwelling.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

Let us sing to you, O Mary,  
disciple first and best,  
Join our voices sing with every age  
that loves to call you blest.  
Blessed you among all women,  
first in faith, in hope, in love,  
Blessed you who believed in the promise  
from above, Chosen Woman, through  
obedience untied the knot of Eve, Holy  
Virgin, fruitful Mother of all who believe.

Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle! Hail  
His Ark! His Shrine!  
Hail His Home! His Throne!  
His Servant! His Mother and mine!  
Consecrated by the Father,  
before time had e'er begun, And  
prepared by the Spirit to mother the  
Son, Spotless Ark, conceived  
immaculate and spared from every sin,  
Full of grace, you won God's favour,  
enfleshed the Word within.

At the cross, a sword of sorrow  
would pierce your loving soul,  
As your Son is opened with a lance  
and Blood and Water flow.  
Hail Model of the Church newly created  
from His side,  
Called to mother Christ's children  
and be His holy Bride,  
And His words: "Behold your mother,"  
And "Woman see your son," Are his gift  
to His disciples while endless ages run.

To the Father, faithful daughter,  
We join with you our praise,  
To your Son, O Blessed Mother,  
Our worship we raise.  
To the Spirit by Whose power you  
conceived The living Word,  
our profound adoration will always be  
heard, Turn your eyes,  
O Holy Mary, Look lovingly and bless, Take  
our prayer, in love transform it, Unite it  
with your "Yes!"

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Most Holy Trinity (Yr A)**

*Ex 34:4-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** M. D'Souza, G. Lao

**Prayers of the Faithful:** E. O'Brien

**Offertory:** D'Lima Family

**Special Ministers:** S. Molloy

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Adoration on Saturday

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Culas Family

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**28 May:** John Hart, Dorris Smith,

Angeline Culas

**29 May:** Margaret Ryan, Margaret Savage

**31 May:** Lino Uava

**1 June:** George Miljak

**PARISH FINANCES**

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| <b>Parish</b>              | \$2,168.33 |
| <b>Priests</b>             | \$1,084.17 |
| <b>Total AP's and Cash</b> | \$3,252.50 |

**HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES**

**24 Hour Adoration - June - Please note:**  
that for June only there will be no  
adoration on Friday night instead  
adoration will start on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
after the 9am Mass to 6pm.

**DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**Free Books:** from the Diocesan library  
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**Look after them the way  
they looked after you.**

There are certain people in life who shape who you are.  
Special people who were always there to give you advice,  
support, comfort and love. When the time comes to bid  
them farewell, make sure you farewell them properly.  
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