



## Not from the Pulpit: Fr Michael Stoney SJ



We've all heard the Blessed Trinity referred to as a central Christian teaching. Yet many would easily dismiss it as a puzzling piece of religious mathematics with little relevance to our ordinary lives. Let's think then of the family life familiar to all of us. A number of quite distinct individuals: parents, children and perhaps grandparents too – but just one family. Why? Surely love is the binding force in a functional family. Thank God, the latter is far more common in our world than our sensationalist media would have us believe.

So the Trinity too speaks of three distinct persons whose whole essence is selfgiving love. One, eternal God, therefore, makes real sense. For me, the mystery is not the mathematics of three in one, but the awesome, limitless intensity of love that exists divinely in God.

Indeed, just as the love of parents for each other often bursts beyond themselves to produce their children, so the infinite Love of the Trinity generates our vast, extraordinary universe, including human persons sharing God's creativity.

A final thought. We use images (a family, a nation, a church) to help us understand how the three Persons in the Trinity can exist as one God. In reality, however, the reverse is the case: our human communities draw their loving energy from the divine love of the Trinity. Selfgiving love is very real. Over to us!

## Parish Notices

**The Father Factor** – Wed 14 June @ 7.30pm Parish Hall, 3 Mary St, Hunters Hill.

Robert Falzon, acclaimed co-author of *The Father Factor*, will address the critical importance of fathering for success & happiness, and provide practical info on intentional fathering & recovery from poor to absent fathering. More Information: <http://www.credosydney.org/news/events/father-factor> Free entry.



### St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal – 17/18 June

Next weekend St Vincent de Paul members will speak at all parish Masses outlining their ministry and asking for donations for the Annual Winter Appeal. Please be generous so they can continue their work, assisting the vulnerable and needy. Donation envelopes can be found at the back of all churches. All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible. Thank you.



### St Aloysius' College Milsons Point - Bursaries 2018

Now open: for further Information: [www.staloyusius.nsw.edu.au](http://www.staloyusius.nsw.edu.au) | 9936 5535

### Confirmation 2017 – Information Evening

Wed 21 June @ 7.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre

Registration for the parish based Confirmation Program is open until 30 June. Those interested in being part of this sacramental program should register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/PSKS> and attend the information evening. Full Details: [www.northsydneycatholics.com](http://www.northsydneycatholics.com)

### Centre for Christian Spirituality

Lectio Reflections with Bishop David Walker et al available weekly on YouTube: type Lectio Reflections

### Ecology Group: Climate Justice Petition

The support last weekend was overwhelming. Apart from our community, people walking by on Miller Street signed. Many electorates and many postcodes. We will report in full next week.

So for those who could not sign last week, the Ecology Group volunteers will be back at all Masses this weekend. Do what you can for Creation and the Poor. We will make a difference.

### Lawrence Freeman in Conversation with Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr

Fri 7 July @ 3.30pm - 7.00pm Register now at [www.acu.edu.au/awakeningthesacred2017](http://www.acu.edu.au/awakeningthesacred2017)



Christian Life Community  
Australia

**Parish Retreat** (organised by CLC). Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Aug – Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. A Retreat for Busy People. Stay at home, continue working and go on retreat by putting aside some time for prayer each day. Enquiries: Phone Kay Hooper 0428 830 482

## Young Catholics North Sydney

### Pope Francis' letter to young people in January 2017

"A better world can be built as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity. Do not be afraid to listen to the Spirit who proposes bold choices; do not delay when your conscience asks you to take risks in following the Master. The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities".



### OMG Years 5 & 6

OMG is about Friends, Fun and Community for Years 5&6 students in the area from all parishes and schools. OMG is a time to get together with friends and the chance to make new ones too, as well as assisting in that junior school/high school transition by creating a larger, safer

circle of friends. Next OMG: Friday 16 June- 6pm to 8pm - Winter Sleepout

You will get a feel for what it means to be homeless in winter, for 2 hours.

Book your spot at: <https://www.trybooking.com/QGKC>



### Inigo Youth – Years 7 - 12

A new initiative this year, the Inigo Youth fills a gap of pastoral formation for high-school aged Catholics in North Sydney. The Inigo Youth focuses on *Experience, Reflection, Action*. The youth socialize with old and new friends over loaded hot chocolates in Winter and water fights in Summer, we then talk about an issue facing young people of today – not always specifically religious, but at times deeply reflective and tied into our Ignatian examen. We aim to participate in outreach once a term, last term we headed to Bupa Retirement Home to deliver our Easter gifts to the residents. All High Schoolers are welcome. We meet @ 4pm every second Sunday during school term. Contact Michael at [youth@northsydneycatholics.com](mailto:youth@northsydneycatholics.com) to come along!



### Spirit Band – 12-35's – Every Sunday 6pm @ St Mary's

The Spirit Band community is overwhelmingly loving. Spirit Band is a portion of St Mary's youth that love to sing/play an instrument. We animate the 6pm youth mass every Sunday evening. I've always felt welcome, and the way each person works together to create beautiful music inspires me. No experience is required and yet we've all helped each other become the best we can be. Spirit Band is not simply a church ensemble, it's really become a close family. I love seeing the other members every week, celebrating our achievements together, and singing as one body with the freedom to add our own harmonies. *Adeline K*



### Young Adults – 18-35's

We meet fortnightly for dinner or drinks in North Sydney. While there is no obligation to attend each time, we regularly have 15-20 people along. There's no agenda or structure, beyond catching up on the news of the week over a meal and a drink. We range in age from those straight out of school to early 30s, both students and professionals. Some of us grew up locally, but others have come from different parts of Australia and the world. Some of us continue to come along to St Marys, even after moving from the area, because of the community that exists in this parish. Unlike in most of my other groups of friends, being Catholic is something we have in common, and not something we need to explain or justify. I really value having friends who are broadly on the same page as me on the big issues, who understand what it's like to be a young Catholic, and who can share a laugh along the way. If you are interested in joining us, please come along one Sunday for a drink. *Laura J*



### Australian Catholic Youth Festival Registrations Open

December 7-9 – ages 14 (Year 9) to 30

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is open to all young Catholics from Year 9 through to 30 years old. Celebrate your faith with 15000 other young people, while making new friends from across the nation. The Parish will be also running an Ignatian Reflection Program alongside the festival, integrating our Ignatian roots. North Sydney will host young people from Jesuit Parishes across Australia. Register with Michael at [youth@northsydneycatholics.com](mailto:youth@northsydneycatholics.com).

#### Sunday's Readings

##### First Reading

[Ex 34:4-6. 8-9](#)

Moses meets the Lord on Mt. Sinai.

##### Responsorial Psalm

[Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52](#)

##### Second Reading

[2 Cor 13:11-13](#)

Live in peace with one another.

##### Gospel Acclamation [Apoc 1:8](#)

##### Gospel

[Jn 3:16-18](#)

Jesus tells Nicodemus of the Father's love.

#### In Our Prayers

##### Baptisms

Maxwell McMahon, Zayne Lopez

**Sick** Christine Mitchells, Andrew Dyer, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Donna Lukas, Margaret McDonald, Frances Boyle, Brian McClosky, Sr Anna Gaha IBVM, Craig Chase, Rosa Maria Santos, Vedran Simunovic, Bill Peatey, Rosa Pessaro, Bruce Horsfield, Juliana Siow

**Recently Deceased** John Taylor

##### Anniversaries

Terry Wilson, Irene Gestier ( nee Quarrell ), Marie Younie ( nee Quarrell ), Carmel Smith, Tom Margaritidis, Sheelagh Scahill, Pina Sindone