

Blessed Trinity, in the relationship of the Godhead you show us how to love, how to give unconditionally, and to reveal your truth. Call us to that model of transforming love. This we ask through Christ our Mediator. **Amen.**

THIS WEEK

Monday	31 May	9.30am Baby Sensory & Mainly Music ; 4pm Ak Girls Choir
Tuesday	1 June	9.30am Communicare; 7pm Alpine Sports Club
Wednesday	2 June	10.00am Holy Communion (BCP 1928) , Kinder Chapel <i>Followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.</i> 1.00pm Ina Yoon - Harpist
Thursday	3 June	10.00am Yoga in the Lounge; 5.30 Girl Guides
Friday	4 June	5.30pm Remuera Jr Chess Club
Saturday	5 June	5.00pm Anglo Catholic Sung Mass
NEXT SUNDAY	6 June	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Choral Eucharist

FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 13 June 12.00pm Patronal Lunch in the Parish Centre. We have a new caterer this year who has been providing excellent dinners for Lions' Social events recently. The cost to the parish for the hearty main and dessert is \$36. Entry will be ticketed and is by donation. Please call or email Diana in the office.

NUMBERS FOR THE LUNCH MUST BE FINALISED THIS WEEK!

St Mark's Patronal Luncheon

Sunday 13 June 2021 - Parish Centre

11:30 for 12pm start

Lavish Buffet Style Main & Dessert

BYO Drinks



ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY

Donations towards Organ Console Refurbishment

The account to deposit your gift into is **03 0104 0109908 02**. Please use 'donation' for the reference and 'organ' as the particulars. Also, if you are not on our Parish Roll, please email Diana in the Parish Office (office@stmarks.org.nz) with your contact details so we can properly thank you and send you a tax-receipt.

Parish Directory

Parish Office	Monday to Friday 9.00am until 3.00pm	09 520 2258
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The Anglican Parish of Saint Mark, Remuera

A Community of Faith for 174 years

30 May 2021 - Trinity Sunday

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.30am Choral Eucharist

The Three-in-One. This Sunday we celebrate the mystery of God who is one yet revealed and experienced as three 'persons' in salvation history, traditionally named as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Christian doctrine or teaching that God is both singular and diverse is one that developed over the course of many centuries of reflection on the scriptures. It holds together statements in the Bible about the co-equality of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, on the one hand, and the unity of God on the other. Jesus' declaration in John's Gospel that he 'and the Father are one' (John 10:30) is an example of the former statement, as is the assertion that, 'the Lord is the Spirit' (2 Cor 3:17), whilst Jesus' affirmation that 'the Lord our God, the Lord is one,' (Mark 12:29) is an instance of the latter. The Trinity is a difficult teaching to conceptualise, and we have to be careful with the models we construct to understand it, lest in our zeal to explain one aspect of it we undermine other important doctrines of God. The model of the Social Trinity, for instance, that has been fashionable in recent decades, sees God as three individuals united in one perfect society – which is fine up to a point, but risks trespassing on long established beliefs that God, essentially, is simple, and not made up of parts ('one' even!). On the other hand, models of the Trinity that present the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as instances of a singularity (say, the different faces of God) downplay the distinctions that are made between these actors in scripture. Even though it resists conceptualisation, the Trinity is a crucial Christian doctrine. Modern science is replete with theories that cannot be conceptualised, as such, but are valued nevertheless because of their explanatory power. The theory that light is both a particle and a wave may be as difficult to visualise as the doctrine that God is both three and one, but it is accepted because it explains the way light behaves. Something similar might be said about the Trinity. People over the last two thousand years have experienced the fullness of encounter with God through the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yet have felt equally drawn to reflect on God as one. It is that mystery and encounter we celebrate today.

Tony Surman