

Year A - Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

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Jesus told Nicodemus:

"God loved the people of this world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who has faith in him
will have eternal life and never die.

God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn its people.

He sent him to save them!"



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The Father, Son and Holy Spirit

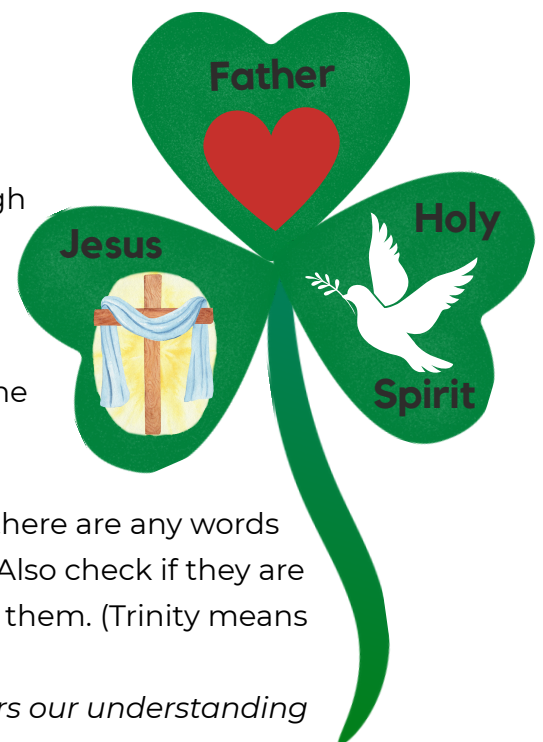


Introduction Today is the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity. It is the feast when we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, one God in three persons.

St Patrick used a shamrock to explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity. He explained that the three leaves grow out of a single stem, just as there is one God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Message

- In today's reading, God is revealed in three persons: God the Father, who out of love for the world, sent Jesus the Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- The mystery of the Trinity is central to the faith and life of Christians.



Discussion

- Begin by checking with the children if there are any words or phrases that they don't understand. Also check if there are any words or phrases that stood out for them. (Trinity means 'a group of three')
- *Today we celebrate a feast that honours our understanding of three persons in one God*
- *I wonder if you can name the three persons that make up the Trinity (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)*
- *In today's Gospel Jesus explains to a man called Nicodemus that out of God's great love for the world God has given Jesus to us.*
- *I wonder if you can remember what the Gospel told us Jesus was sent into the world to do (to save people, not to condemn them)*
- *I wonder if you can think of any prayers that we say when the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are mentioned (Sign of the Cross, the Glory Be, the Creed, the words of our Baptism)*

