

TRINITY NEWS

Christ the King and the Confirmation of our Faith

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. ... You know him because he abides in you and he will be in you (John 14:15-17).

Those who love us always want the best for us. We have to trust that they will do and teach and exemplify all that will be helpful on our pilgrimage, and especially in our formative years.

They also have to take care to allow us to grow into our own personhood, not a duplicate of theirs. God made us in his image and we have his light in the depths of our being. We are not alone in the world even when we are alone on a vast plain one night without a light in sight. We have an inner light that nothing can put out. Only God can make us in his image and no one else has that right.

The Holy Spirit comes today to ignite a flame of love and hope in that image to further sustain you in your pilgrimage in life. It is a sign from God that he really loves you and will never forsake you. The Bishop comes today to offer the sacrament of Confirmation. The outward and visible sign in confirmation is the laying on of the Bishop's hands when candidates come up to be confirmed. They are not just candidates, they are part of the flesh and blood of this community. They will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion today and begin what should be a long pilgrimage that is marked by the tiny pilgrimage every Sunday to the church and then forward to receive Communion. It is an act of obedience before the Presence of the Spirit of God, but it is also a fresh experience every time we come to extend our hands to receive the sacrament.

We come today to **confirm** a number of things.

1. We come to **confirm** our faith in the Lord's Christ. We say that we will turn to him. This is indeed a decision for Christ, to follow him and to love him all of our life. As the inspiring words in the gospel tell us, it is all based on deep love. That is, the love of God for us, our love of God, our love of those at first who are nearest and dearest to us and then love to the whole world.

2. We come to **confirm** our own self-respect and our obedience to the commandment to love our neighbour as ourselves. It is a long hard road to human personhood that we undertake in our first steps of faith and discernment. But on earth it is the most wonderful journey of all because it sweeps into our heart all of the aspects of our life.

3. We come to **confirm** our commitment to Christ and his Church. We confirm that we trust in this part of the body of Christ, the Church, to teach the faith of Christ, to instruct clearly from the instructions of Christ in the Scriptures, to administer the sacraments reverently and lovingly; and to care for all the people without exclusion.

4. We come to **confirm** our trust in the guidance of God through the Spirit who dwells within us and gives us the light of Christ. We pray that we will be faithful followers of the Lord and live our life in faith and trust, love and hope.

Whatever the stirring of God that occurs in us this day and other days, let us not be afraid to share our faith and bring others to the light of Christ. We are all sent to make disciples, to baptise and teach in accordance with the great prophecy and commission of Christ at the end of the Gospel of Matthew. Go into the world of your life and live out the love given to you by those who have nurtured you, by those who have nurtured you in the Church and by those who have taught you all manner of good things to enhance your life. “Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven”!

Bishop Arthur Jones



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY CONFIRMED
MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY!**

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THIS WEEK:

Nov. 27(Wednesday).

- Bible Study, 10:00am

Nov. 28(Thursday).

- Midweek Eucharist, 10:00am,
Chapel

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
(Year A)**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 24:37-44

TO PLAN:

December 22, 6:30pm. **ADVENT
LESSONS & CAROLS**
