

# TRINITY NEWS

WEEK 40  
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## **The humility of faith.**

**T**oday's Gospel is a little strange and seemingly absurd: on the one hand, we are told of a faith capable of uprooting trees and performing wonders and on the other hand, Jesus invites us to the humility of the servant. How can the omnipotence of faith be reconciled with this humility which is demanded of us?

Faith, dear brothers, is indeed an encounter that upsets an existence. If God exists, if Jesus, His only and beloved Son is indeed my Savior and my brother, if I have fully received the filial spirit with the forgiveness of all my sins, then how can I not put myself at the service of God's glory? Faith also reveals to me my place in the plan of salvation, since God inspires my cooperation for the salvation of my brothers and sisters, whether in marriage, by fulfilling my professional vocation with as much love as possible, in consecrated life or in the priestly ministry. But faith also reminds me that without Jesus I can do nothing valid, effective, fruitful for the Kingdom. We are simple servants, useless servants, ordinary servants, but who serve the best of masters, the greatest of kings. Faith requires spiritual combat, but it arouses in us humility, the simple joy of knowing that we accomplish the will of God daily by renouncing vanity, appearance, misplaced ambition, pride.

Saint Paul invites his disciple Timothy to revive in him the gift received from God by the laying on of the hands of the apostle. It is the sacrament of Holy Orders which made Timothy a priest in the image of the apostles. But we can make this wish for each other, since we all received the gift of God on the day of our baptism and our Confirmation. What Saint Paul describes is for each of us a beautiful program of life: to bear witness to the Lord, to keep the deposit of faith, to manifest a spirit of strength, love and balance, to take part in the sufferings linked to the proclamation of the Gospel.

So what does it mean to live by faith?

To live by faith is to learn to trust God in all situations. To live by faith is to have a positive attitude towards life.

*-Fr Bert*

## **Psalm 37:1,3-10**

**Response: *Put thy trust in the Lord and do good.***

FRET not thyself because of the ungodly; \* neither be thou envious against the evil doers. Put thou thy trust in the LORD, and be doing good; \* dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

**Response: *Put thy trust in the Lord and do good.***

Delight thou in the LORD, \* and he shall give thee thy heart's desire. Commit thy way unto the LORD, and put thy trust in him, \* and he shall bring it to pass.

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He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light, \* and thy just dealing as the noon-day. Hold thee still in the LORD, and abide patiently upon him: \* but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

**Response: *Put thy trust in the Lord and do good.***

Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: \* fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil. Wicked doers shall be rooted out; \* and they that patiently abide the LORD, those shall inherit the land.

**Response: *Put thy trust in the Lord and do good.***

## **SAINTS:**

**Francis of Assisi, Founder of the Friars Minor.** *4 October.* Francis was born in Assisi in central Italy either in 1181 or the following year. He was baptised Giovanni but given the name Francesco by his father, a cloth merchant who traded in France and had married a French wife. There was an expectation that he would eventually take over his father's business but Francis had a rebellious youth and a difficult relationship with his father. After suffering the ignominy of imprisonment following capture whilst at war with the local city of Perugia, he returned a changed man. He took to caring for disused churches and for the poor, particularly those suffering from leprosy. Whilst praying in the semi-derelict church of St Damian, he distinctly heard the words: "Go and repair my church, which you see is falling down." Others joined him and he prepared a simple, gospel-based Rule for them all to live by. As the Order grew, it witnessed to Christ through preaching the gospel of repentance, emphasising the poverty of Christ as an example for his followers. Two years before his death, his life being so closely linked with that of his crucified Saviour, he received the Stigmata, the marks of the wounds of Christ, on his body. At his death, on the evening of 3 October 1226, his Order had spread throughout western Christendom.

**William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures.** *6 October.* Born in Gloucestershire in about the year 1494, William Tyndale studied first at Magdalen Hall, Oxford, and then at Cambridge. He became determined to translate the Scriptures from the Greek directly into contemporary English but was thwarted in this by the Bishop of London. So William settled in Hamburg in 1524, never returning to England. When the first copies of his translation arrived in England in 1526, it was bitterly attacked as subversive by the ecclesial authorities. He spent much of the rest of his life making revisions to his work, but also writing many theological works. His life's-work proved good enough to be the basic working text for those who, at the beginning of the following century, were to produce what became known as the Authorised Version of the Bible. He was eventually arrested in 1535 and imprisoned in Brussels on charges of heresy. He was first strangled and then burnt at the stake on this day in 1536. His last words were, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes."

### **REMINDER:**

**All the youth of Holy Trinity are invited to take part in the youth assembly next Sunday 09 October 2022, after the 9:30 service.**